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News Briefs

Community awareness

As the deadline in the Middle East approaches and with the possibility of a conflict, the threat of terrorism on Americans has been in the news lately.

Those of us that live and work on the Presidio are urged to take a little extra time to make our homes, automobiles and work areas safer by taking the following measures:

- If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary like abandoned packages, don't be afraid to call the Military Police at 586-2251 or 586-2252.
- When you leave your work area, make sure that all areas are secure. Inspect all windows and storage areas for unusual containers, suitcases, and suspicious packages.
- At the beginning and end of each workday and at regular intervals during the day, inspect the exterior of buildings in high traffic areas for suspicious packages.
- If you see an automobile or individual that looks like they don't belong in your area, call the MPs.
- Wherever possible, cars and trash containers should be moved at least 25 meters from buildings and homes.
- When entering and leaving your vehicle, look for anything out of the ordinary. If you feel something is wrong, alert the MPs immediately.

Tax season begins

As the holiday season ends, tax season begins. The Internal Revenue Service reminds all taxpayers to file early *BUT* filing before you receive your W-2 may actually slow down your return and refund. Although you may file your income tax return without your W-2 by totalling the income information from your leave and earning statement, the IRS processes these returns AFTER all the others.

If you need help in preparing your tax return, the Presidio Tax Center will open Feb. 6. There also will be a tax "hotline" at 561-2TAX. Presidians will be able to call this number to make appointments for the tax center and to have tax questions answered.

CHAMPUS information

The new CHAMPUS diagnosis-related group daily cost-share requirement (DRG) daily cost-share requirement for most civilian hospital admissions has been announced.

The daily rate for most hospitals is now \$262. CHAMPUS-eligible Presidians who are not the dependents of active duty soldiers will pay either the fixed daily \$262, or 25 percent of the hospital's billed charges, whichever is less.

Cost-shares for members of active duty families are not affected by the DRG rates.

For more information, call the Presidio CHAMPUS office at 561-4923.

Commissary closes

The Presidio Commissary will close Jan. 22 in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Snack bar closes

Historically the Sixth U.S. Army snack bar has operated at a loss. In order to stop the loss to the Presidio Exchange—who runs the snack bar—and ultimately to the Morale and Welfare Fund, the snack bar will convert to vending machines Feb. 4. In preparation for this change, the snack bar will close Jan. 28.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Martin Luther King Day
will be celebrated Jan. 21

Deployed!



Presidio's Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion receives a standing ovation at the Dec. 19, 1990, farewell ceremony at the Presidio Theatre. See page 6 for story.

PSF employees to receive 12.1 percent raise

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek
Star Presidian staff

Most employees on post will receive a fatter paycheck soon. Pay differentials of 8 percent will be added to the 4.1 percent pay increase for most General Schedule employees and will be effective the first full pay period, which starts Sunday.

This locality pay affects federal workers in three geographic areas: San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. President George Bush signed an executive order Dec. 12, 1990, to help close the gap between federal employees and their private sector counterparts in these three high-cost metropolitan areas.

To be eligible for this add-on, employees must work within the boundaries of the three areas (see list below for areas in California where the add-on will apply). Living in one of the areas but working elsewhere will not qualify you for the 8 percent.

Presidians who already receive local special pay rates of more than 8 percent of the regular general schedule will not see the special add-on. If employees currently receive special pay which does not exceed the GS schedule by 8 percent or more, they will receive an increase to make up the difference between what they already earn and the 8 percent locality pay.

The geographic adjustment will be counted as basic pay for retirement, life insurance and premium pay purposes. This pay is entirely locality based. Employees will lose the add-on when they leave one of the areas.

Federal agencies with employees in the three special rate areas will be required to absorb the cost for this special pay—estimated at \$240 million by Congress. There has been no extra money allocated by Congress to cover the increased payroll.

Non-appropriated fund employees paid on two pay scales—UA and CC—will receive the 8 percent locality add-on. Wage grade and non-appropriated fund employees on the AS, PS, NA, NL and NS pay scales will not receive the 8 percent locality add-on, but will receive the 4.1 percent cost of living increase given to all federal employees this year.

While the increase will be effective in the middle of January, some employees may not see the increase in their paychecks until the Office of Personnel Management issues implementing instructions. These people can be assured that the increase, when received, will be retroactive. For more information, call Joan Gusman at 561-2840.

Special pay areas in California

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San Francisco County
San Mateo County
Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz County
Napa County
Solano County
Orange County
Los Angeles County
Ventura County
Riverside County
San Bernardino
Sonoma County

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Fly a flag for freedom

Dear Presidians —

Happy 1991! I hope that each of you had a happy and safe holiday season. As always Santa was "too good" to me but I must share with you that my very best gift was a fatality and major disabling injury free holiday period. I congratulate each of you for thinking and living SAFETY and helping to insure the Presidio of San Francisco remained a Very Special Place!

And now we have begun a new year—and I know that each of you join me in hoping and praying that it will be a peaceful year. Over the holiday period we shipped a number of units and soldiers to join our forces in Saudi Arabia. We pray for their safety each day and hope they will soon return to rejoin their loved ones. And we pray daily for the families left behind and pledge our best efforts to assist them in coping with the stress involved in this separation. But in the meantime we know that our great soldiers will do their duty to the best of their ability while on active duty. And we know our great supportive family members will cope—because they are good Army families. It is times like these that we need our HOO AH! to help us through.

It has been some time since I communicated with you so I have a pocketful of items for you—

Our thanks again to the OWC for a great visit to our proud Veterans in the VA Hospital. The program was again a great success.

Thanks also to all the ladies from all the organizations who manned the gift wrap at the PX. I know the Enlisted Spouses Club was very much involved in this project. I don't know what other organizations were but to the ESC and any others—thanks for a real HOO AH! effort.

The post Christmas tree lighting went great. A real big thank you to our Presidio Fire Department—for all the decorations at the fire house, for the tree and its decorations, for bringing Santa to visit by fire engine; to Chaplain Northrup and the great Sixth Army Band; to our DPCA who organized everything; and to anyone else who worked to make this affair a success. HOO AH! to you all.

My visits to all the workplaces to see all of you and wish you a happy holiday season was again a fun time. Unfortunately, I didn't have time to get to all areas—but I will—belatedly maybe—but I will get around to see as many of you as possible.

On 19 December we had a super ceremony to send off the troops from C Company, 864th Engineers. For all who worked on this—Headquarters Command Battalion, band, PAO, etc. Thanks. Those soldiers have arrived safely and are now hard at work in the desert.

My visit to LAMC went well. Most of the folks I saw were going to get passes for Christmas. That's good 'cause Christmas in the hospital is no fun. But for those who could not, I know our great caregivers at LAMC went all out to assure them a good time and an excellent meal. One of those who didn't get a pass was Sergeant Gibson, NCOIC of our indoor pistol range. I went to award

him the latest in a number of awards from various governmental agencies for his support and he assured me LAMC took good care of him and all the patients there over Christmas. HOO AH! to all our great LAMC caregivers.

On 20 December a contingent of Kuwaiti citizens of the Bay Area came to PSF and brought gifts for the children of any of our soldiers who were or were about to be deployed to Saudi Arabia. It was a very moving event for all the adults—U.S. and Kuwaiti—and for the children a fun time with Santa, gifts and much joy, cheer and love. A real HOO AH! affair.

The holiday period saw record low temperatures in the area and PSF suffered alongside our civilian neighbors. We had many frozen and busted water pipes, busted heating systems, etc. A very special thank you to our great Directorate of Engineering and Housing for their super human efforts to repair, fix, replace, keep working, etc., all our quarters and offices. I know some of you were inconvenienced—I hope no one really suffered.

The First Run of the Year was again great fun and a super way to initiate the new year. I saw a few of you there and heard even more of you were present. Sergeant Witty from DCST and I had some USASIX/PSF company.

On 4 January I had the pleasure of making my first promotion for 1991 when I got to help pin on new Lieutenant Colonel leaves for Chaplain Bill Hammann's 1991 is off to a great start!

In my final column for 1990 I thanked lots of people for their efforts on the USASIX/PSF Holiday Ball. It has come to my attention that I left out one VERY important thank you—to 2LT Liana Bratland. I assure LT Bratland I did not intend to leave her out but simply did not know of her very significant contribution to that affair. Seems the Lieutenant was responsible for "shopping, coloring name tags and place cards, printing each name, the decorating, the set up and clean up, and just the headaches involved with trying to please every individual involved on the committee." Well, that's a tall order even for a lieutenant, so to LT Bratland—a belated but very sincere HOO AH! for a job well done!

Also, just before the holidays I received a letter from a retiree thanking all the personnel at LAMC for caring for his wife during a recent incident. This writer was very complimentary of an unknown volunteer who had displayed utmost compassion for his wife. Well, my sleuths found out this great volunteer, Ms. Agnes S. Twilley, is a Red Cross volunteer at LAMC. Another of those folks who do so much to make the PSF a Very Special Place. Thanks, Ms. Twilley, from all of us.

Over the holiday period we have witnessed a great outpouring of support for our deploying soldiers and their families. I hope we can sustain this wonderful support—it was important during Christmas and New Years but it is just as important now. So, let's redouble our efforts to Fly a Flag for Freedom here at PSF. this is such a super way to show our support for our country, our



service members and our families. There has also been an outpouring of ribbons—some red, some yellow, some red-white-blue—whatever the color, they are all to show our support of our dedicated, trained and ready TOTAL ARMY. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion of the overall policy—and we respect this right of every American citizen—but we also know our soldiers—as members of the TOTAL ARMY go when called per their oath of office they take when they enter the military. So, we owe them our support while they serve our great nation. Let's continue to write them cards and letters, help their families, show our streamers of whatever color, Fly a Flag for Freedom and pray for peace!

God Bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"It seems to me that the tougher the prospects, the more necessary it is that superior commanders allow no indication of doubt as criticism to discourage the efforts and dampen the morale of subordinates and of troop units." (emphasis added)

—Dwight D. Eisenhower



photo by Adrienne Sims

Santa passes out candy to children at the tree lighting ceremony held at the Presidio Fire Department.

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News/Views

Ask Presidians

by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

"What was your most memorable moment in 1990?"



Edwina J. Tarape, military family member: "I guess when my husband retired. He's home with the family now."



Lt. Col. Gene C. Wilkison, chief of social work service, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Hearing the news about our troops deploying to Saudi Arabia. I had mixed emotions. I certainly think we should be there to protect our interests and deter aggression, but I would hate to see us get into a long-term commitment in that part of the world."



Janine R. Davis, military family member: "Graduation [from high school]. I was excited to go on and get out into college life. I felt I was on my way to the real world."



Sgt. Quinn Reels III, licensed vocational nurse, Pediatric Ward, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Yesterday [Dec. 19]. When I was activated for [Operation] Desert Shield. Someone came to my ward and said they needed some [licensed vocational nurses]."



Izora Rankins, military family member: "When my grandbaby was born [Kayla Marie Rankins, born March 25]. I didn't have a daughter and I felt like, this is finally a daughter for me."



Spec. Anthony R. Morris, carpenter, Company 'C,' 864th Engineer Battalion: "Finding out we were going to deploy to Saudi—for the second time. The second time was serious."

New ban on moonlighting for soldiers, civilian employees

by the Army News Service and Star Presidian staff

Some soldiers and all Army civilians who moonlight as freelance writers or speakers won't be able to accept pay for their efforts any longer.

A provision of the Ethics Reform Act of 1989 prohibits federal employees from accepting "honoraria" for any off-duty "speech, article and appearance." Enlisted soldiers, however, may continue to accept fees after the Jan. 1 law takes effect. New guidance from the Office of Government Ethics exempted enlisted soldiers from the honoraria ban while determining that officers and warrant officers are included with the federal employees to whom the act applies.

The moonlighting ban applies whether or not the article, speech or appearance is related to a soldier's or employee's job. Previously, only payments for speech or writings that were related to, or interfered with, a government employee's job were banned.

The maximum penalty under the new law is a fine of \$10,000 or the amount prohibited honoraria received, whichever is greater.

Legal officials at the Pentagon say federal interpretations of the new law, and how it is to be applied, are still evolving. In addition, the Office of Government Ethics officials have said they intend to propose legislation excluding all military personnel and "rank-and-file" federal workers from the ban on honoraria for freelancing unrelated to their official duties.

In its current form, the law prohibits:

- Honorarium: "a payment of money or anything of value for an appearance, speech, or article by a member, officer or employee, excluding the actual or necessary travel expenses incurred by such individual (and one relative) to the extent that such expenses are paid or reimbursed by any other person..."
- Appearance: "attendance at a public or private conference, convention, meeting, social event, or like gathering, and the incidental conversation or remarks made at that time."
- Speech: "an address, oration, or other form of oral presentation, regardless of whether presented in person, recorded, or broadcast over the media."



• Article: "a writing other than a book, which has been or is intended to be published." However, OGE has ruled that the new law does not apply to works of fiction, poetry, lyrics or scripts.

Officers, warrant officers and civilians will be able to accept pay for performances as entertainers or artists, such as musicians or actors in stage productions. Pay for private teaching, such as music lessons, will be permitted.

In addition, OGE is excluding some forms of compensation from the definition of honorarium. For example, federal workers and affected military personnel may receive meals incidental to an appearance; copies of publications in which one of their articles appears; awards for artistic, literary or oratorical competitions; and pay for multiple presentations while teaching a locally or state-funded course or as part of the regular curriculum of an accredited institution of higher learning.

Soldiers and civilians are allowed to receive pay now for freelancing performed or contracted for before the law took effect. In order to avoid violating the new law, they may also divert an honorarium of \$2,000 or less to a charitable organization approved as tax-free by the Internal Revenue Service. However, they may not deduct that amount from their income taxes as a charitable contribution, and members of their family may not receive any special benefits.

Other restrictions and exclusions may apply. Presidians can check with the Staff Judge Advocate's office for information by calling Garrison SJA at 561-4273 or Sixth U.S. Army SJA at 561-3167.

MARS links families with Mideast troops

Star Presidian staff and
Army News Service

One of the Army's oldest communications systems might be the answer for families trying to keep in touch with deployed soldiers without breaking their bank accounts.

Even before Desert Shield started, the Army's Military Affiliate Radio System was saving soldiers and their families an estimated \$5.2 million per year in telegram and long-distance phone charges, says Robert Sutton, the chief of Army MARS.

Army MARS operators in Saudi Arabia are making between 150 to 200 phone calls a day, according to Sutton. He noted that the telephone company, U.S. Sprint, often has provided soldiers using MARS with free phone calls within the U.S.

"Since our soldiers have arrived in [the Middle East], Army MARS operators have processed more than 45,000 MARSgrams and 8,000 phone patches," Sutton said, adding that MARSgrams are written messages which are transmitted over the airwaves using digital, computer-controlled radio signals.

According to Sutton, phone patches can only be originated by service members overseas, but MARSgrams, may be sent from friends and family members in the U.S. and soldiers overseas.

All that is needed to send a MARSgram is the soldiers' unit, Social Security number and APO. The message must be 35 words or less, according to Sgt. Jason E. Taylor, a signal channel operator at the Presidio MARS station.

Messages may be dropped off at the MARS station, building 314, or building 34.

After a message is dropped off, that message will be sent out the same day, according to Taylor. "It takes only two to three days for a soldier in Saudi Arabia to receive a message sent through MARS."

"The telegram is sent to the gateway station at Fort Lewis, Wash., where the soldier's unit and address is confirmed," Taylor said. "Fort Lewis MARS employees then send the message to the Saudi gateway where it is then sent to the soldier's unit."

Phone patches are can't be processed through Presidio the presently, but Taylor is continually "working on it."

Dating back to 1925, MARS is intended to provide an alternate means of communication during times of emergency, Sutton said. For example, MARS was used to communicate during the Oct. 17, 1989, California earthquake.

For more information about sending MARSgrams or phone messages, call the Presidio MARS station at 561-5121 or 561-3486.

Letter to the editor

To the Presidio community;

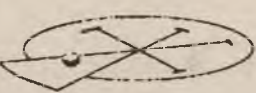
I wish to extend my grateful appreciation to each of you for the love and support that you provided our family following the passing of my wife Cynthia on Dec. 15, 1990.

The Presidio military and civilian community is truly a family and we are so fortunate to be able to serve here with you. It's comforting to know that,

in these difficult times, the support of our friends here helps sustain us.

Cynthia loved the Presidio of San Francisco and this beautiful area. She touched many lives with her smile and sweet spirit. In the countless ways that you have supported us, you have truly touched our lives. Thank you all.

Maj. Dennis Drake and family



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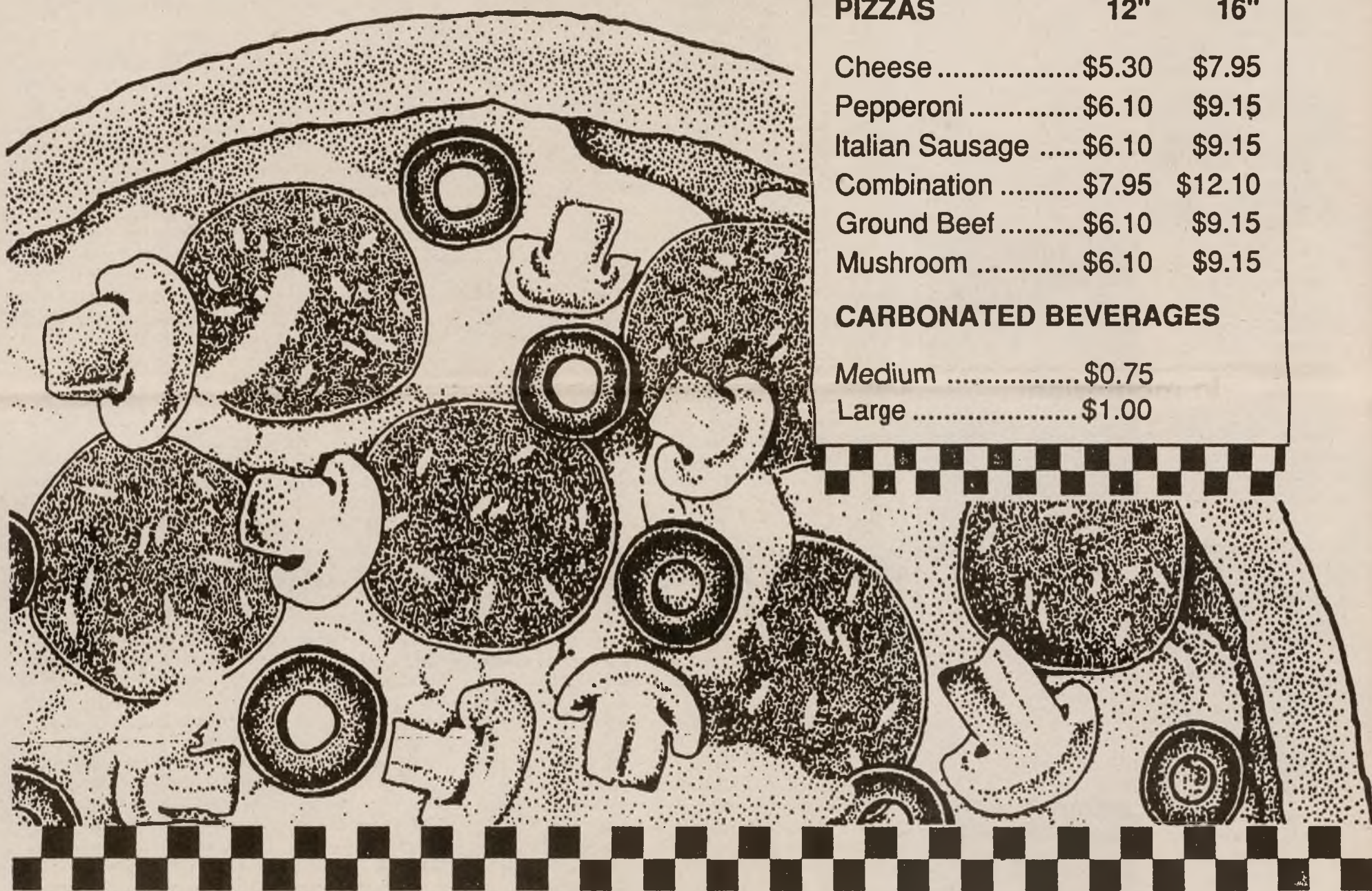
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Faces on the Presidio

Community supports Desert Shield troops

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian Staff

The crumbling of the Eastern Bloc, worldwide environmentally conscious programs, and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles dominated U.S. news as icons of the year 1990.

But no event has entrenched itself more deeply into the media scene than the Middle East Crisis.

This new year has been ushered in with the distant drum beating of possible war. But 1991 has also brought with it America's heartfelt compassion for the armed forces men and women sweating it out in the desert heat.

An about face from this country's mixed feelings about the Vietnam veteran, Americans (whether they support our involvement in the Gulf or not) are adamantly supportive for the welfare of the soldiers. As proof, the Presidio and the surrounding Bay Area community have been racing neck and neck into projects and letter writing campaigns for soldiers stationed in Saudi Arabia.

A drive around post reveals a garden of giant red and white ribbons sprouting from doors of Presidio buildings. The ribbons, part of the "Ribbons Across the Presidio" program, serve as a visual show of support to the soldiers and their families involved in Operation Desert Shield.

The Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 has collected more than 1,000 decks of playing cards and board games for the soldiers in the Middle East.

During the Christmas holiday, Kuwaiti citizens from the Bay Area presented Christmas gifts to children who had military parents readying for deployment to Saudi Arabia from the Presidio.

Schools, like St. Hilary's Private School in Tiburon, Calif., and Castro Valley Elementary School, began a letter writing campaign to soldiers. They continue to mail hundreds of pounds of letters, cookies, baseball cards, toys and other goodies that are essential to chip away at a soldier's blues.



Fourth and fifth graders, 150 of them, from the James B. Randol school in San Jose, Calif. are writing letters to soldiers in the Middle East. The letter writing campaign, which has grown by leaps and bounds in the school, currently has "adopted" one soldier per class.

A few Bay Area organizations have decided to "father" units deploying to the Middle East. One organization, the Veteran's Administration Employee Association at the San Francisco VA Regional Office adopted Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion. The soldiers in the deployed unit can be secure with the knowledge they will receive a continuous supply of letters and packages from the VAEA members while they accomplish their mission.

A "Desert Shield Pen Pal" program was started on the Presidio. The program was the brainchild of Stephanie O. Taylor, a Directorate of Resource Management employee, who submitted the sugges-

tion for the Ideas for Excellence Program.

There's not enough space in this article to mention everyone who is supporting the troops, let alone to name all those individuals who take time out each day to mail a letter to a soldier, sailor, airman or Marine. But in the uncertain days ahead, a few goodies and some words of encouragement might just cheer up a lonely soldier thousands of miles away from home and loved ones.

For more information about any of the above programs or if you have a few ideas of your own, call the public affairs office at 561-3870.

In memoriam

Helen Mickelsen Irvine

by Nancy Urban

The Presidio community lost a beloved friend and a dedicated volunteer with the death of Helen Irvine Dec. 22 in Hampton, Virginia. Helen died as a result of injuries from an automobile accident, exactly one month prior to her 80th birthday.

Helen was a native of Saint Paul, Minnesota. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Minnesota, where she was a member of the Alpha Omega Sorority.

She was working in the Philippines as a teacher when she met her future husband, the late Col. Michael Martin Irvine, a graduate of West Point. They were married July 30, 1935, at the Presidio Post Chapel. After 30 years of service in the Army, Col. Irvine retired in 1961, and the family remained in the Bay Area.

Helen was a former manager of the Presidio Thrift Shop, a position she held for over 20 years. She was also the Retired Representative of the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club board, and an avid bridge player. Helen was also an active member of the Presidio Post Chapel.

Helen is survived by a son, Michael Irvine of Hampton, Virginia, a daughter, Ann Kelly of Redwood City, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held Dec. 26 at the Chapel of the Centurian, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison

The following soldiers were promoted to the rank of specialist: Rogelto Montalvo, Ulysses Sherman, Willard Metv, Adrienne Sims and Jose Astacio. Montalvo and Sherman are both in Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield.

Headquarters Command Battalion

Two outstanding soldiers, Sgt's. Josie Morris and Norman Farnsworth, graduated from the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Morris, a Donalsonville, Ga. native, graduated Oct. 19. Farnsworth, a Bangor, Maine native, graduated Dec. 7.

A Desert Shield

"I know a Soldier, In the Middle East?"
I'm a fighting soldier, striving
to do his best.
Until mission accomplishment, he'll
never let it rest.
My wisdom is exposed, my
knowledge has increased
Trying very hard, don't
become deceased.
Dusty sandstorms & high wind,
The pain of being without you,
I know will never mend.
Cry, Cry for the world to be at
peace.

If asked why the tear in your
eye. Just say,
"I know a Soldier, In the Middle
East."
by Shawn R. Whitcomb,
a soldier in the middle East.



U.S. Army Information Systems Command

Fifteen individuals received certificates and pins for having worked from 10 to 35 years at ISC. One of the awardees, Manual Torres, said, "It felt good to be recognized for the service we've done here." Torres received the 30 year pin but he has been employed at ISC for 34 years.

Letterman Army Medical Center

The following three soldiers were promoted Jan. 4: (Current ranks) Capt. Donna Therriault, Sgt. 1st Class Eu-

genio Ditina and Col. Judith Pesetski.

Army Achievement Medals were awarded to Col. Raoul Hagen and Capt. Dennis Mcullum.

Headquarters, Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army

Edward M. Buckner, a motor vehicle operator for the Sixth U.S. Army administrative services branch, was awarded the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service by the Department of the Army. Buckner's citation noted that in the aftermath of the Oct. 17, 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, Buckner's "dedicated efforts" helped restore the post mail and distribution center to working condition.

Law Enforcement Company

Pfc. Millard Lampley, a military policeman, and his wife Melissa are parents for the third time. Melissa Elizabeth Lampley was born Dec. 21. The Lampley's live in the Pershing Housing Area.

Youth Services

Youth Services will be offering four events in January, including a trip to International Beauty Systems Friday at 3:45 p.m. Please call and reserve tickets. The Youth Council will sponsor a car wash at the Main Post Exchange parking lot Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and an inter-housing volleyball tournament Jan. 19 and Jan. 26. Registration forms are included on the January brochure. Registration deadline for the tournament is Jan. 16. Pizza Night will be the Youth Council offering Jan. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 for each person. For more information, call Joe Cheeseman at 561-5910.

Youth Services also recently completed a survey

designed to find out what programs Presidians would like to see offered through Youth Services. If you haven't completed the survey yet, please do so. If you haven't received a survey, call 561-5910 or 561-5143 and one will be sent to you.

Co. C deploys to Saudi Arabia



Spec. Gonzales and Spec. Christopher entertain troops and family members by singing Christmas carols the morning they were deploying to Saudi Arabia.



Spec. Dave Benning a



Spec. Tim Barron holds his girlfriend Natasha while reassuring her that everything will be alright.

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Amanda, cancel your flight, my husband is deploying to Saudi Arabia," Spec. James Anderson told his fiancée. Amanda lived in England and planned to fly to America to meet James Sept. 25.

Anderson called his fiancée again to tell her the deployment had been rescheduled to sometime in January. Amanda then scheduled her flight for September 30.

Separation was not new to Amanda after she separated from James six months before they married.

"It's harder this time around," Amanda says. "I have to think of it a month at a time. Just one month in the field, just this time it's every month."

Charlie Company's deployment date was still not firm.

Veteran's Day, Amanda heard the news that her husband would be leaving Dec. 8.

That gave C Company soldiers less than a month to prepare their equipment for deployment.

Before shipment, every vehicle had been cleaned and painted with desert camouflage. Spare parts and tires were needed to get the vehicles in the best condition possible.

Yet, again the date was rescheduled between Dec. 18-22.

November 20, Charlie Company soldiers moved pieces of heavy equipment onto cargo ships at the Fort Belvoir Army Base.

Additional equipment was loaded Nov. 27 onto another ship. While preparing for deployment, the soldiers worked approximately 16 hour days.

"Sometimes Jim didn't come home until 10 p.m. in the evening," Amanda said. "He even went to work on the weekends—we lost precious time together while he was preparing for deployment."

C Company soldiers had more to prepare than just equipment. Finances, marriages (for some) and immigration.

Kerin and her husband Spec. Chuck A. Linder were married just six days before he deployed to Saudi Arabia.

"We had so many things to accomplish before Chuck left—finances and paperwork," Kerin said. "Planning a wedding was difficult in the time we had—getting married was the biggest step."

According to Amanda, she and her husband spent two months preparing her immigration paperwork. "We finally had everything ready just



and Spec. James Anderson carry their gear outside for formation in front of building 1208.



Spec. Andre "Shorty" Deshzer makes one last call from the phonebooth outside his barracks before deploying to Saudi Arabia.



Loved ones stare as Company C soldiers drive off in buses headed for Travis Air Force Base Dec. 22.

A soldier trying to keep up his and fellow soldiers' spirits sang completely out of tune while wearing a Santa hat to entertain his audience.

"That's something about that night no one in that room will ever forget," said Amanda. "He had everyone laughing."

Family members and friends were having their own battle fighting away the tears.

The music stopped, and tension set in. The day that family members feared had arrived.

Final role call at the Presidio. "Here, First Sergeant," soldiers yelled while departing the dayroom to begin their journey to Saudi Arabia.

Family members and friends stood outside the buses shivering from the cold while tears trickled down their cheeks.

Keeping their chins up and their sense of humor intact, laughing and joking as if they were off to summer camp, soldiers looked onto the buses.

The buses were crowded, but C Company soldiers still found room to wave and throw kisses to their wives and loved ones.

Family members just stood waving as if they were in shock, even after the buses departed.

After no longer being able to see even a taillight of the last bus women were left embracing, sharing their sorrows. With only one question, "Why?"

The buses drove to Travis Air Force Base where soldiers waited over an hour before the manifest was called.

After the manifest soldiers were crowded into one large room where they sat playing their Gameboys and any other games they brought along for the trip. Others sat quietly thinking with sober faces and cold eyes.

After four hours of waiting Charlie Company boarded a C-141 aircraft.

"The seats were only canvas stretched across the plane," Lindley wrote his wife, Kerin.

It was a crowded seven-hour flight to New Jersey and then another uncomfortable 10 hours to Ramstein, Germany where soldiers waited for their plane to refuel inside a hanger without heat. They were dressed in uniforms designed to keep them cool, according to Lindley.

Another eight hours to their true destiny—Saudi Arabia.

"A 25-hour flight without cushion seats just about kills you," Lindley said.

They arrived in Saudi Arabia midnight, Dec. 23, where they just sat waiting for the cargo ships to come in with their equipment.

"We were told we might wait here another week or two," Lindley wrote.

"The nights are extremely cold here." It was 4 a.m. before the soldiers even dozed off that first night.

The first arrived Dec. 26 and the second arrived Dec. 28.

Jan. 1, after unloading their equipment, Company 864th Engineers moved out 50 miles from the front lines.

The last exercise C Company participated in which involved its parent Battalion was in 1989, according to Sgt. John D. Meade, the Earth Movers squad leader.

Meade has taken the responsibility of informing his soldiers' wives about C Company's mission.

Company's mission is to build barracks and roads at this time.

When leaving for Saudi Arabia soldiers were told their stay was indefinite.

"The most difficult adjustment of being parted from my new husband is knowing that my husband may go to war and there is a possibility of death," Kerin said. "Sometimes it feels like someone, everyone is just trying to take my husband away."

"Being alone, especially in a foreign country without any family is the biggest adjustment," Amanda says. "I know my husband's coming back. The Engineers are too mean, bad and ugly to get hurt—the Earth Movers always say that."

"I'm behind my husband every step of the way."

"I'm proud of Chuck for defending his country and carrying out his oath in the time of crisis," Kerin proudly stated.

It is difficult for both the soldiers who have deployed and their loved ones who have been left behind.

Anderson, trying to make the situation seem brighter, told his wife, "Don't think of it as thousands of miles away, just think that I'm just 11 hours ahead of you."

days before he left."

Days went by and deployment became closer. The definite date had been set—Dec. 22.

Still family members hoped it would be rescheduled again and again.

"Fall In!" Midnight Dec. 22. Soldiers dressed in desert uniforms stood proudly at attention. The ever-changing deployment date had then become a reality with the sounds of just those two words—Fall In.

Weapons were drawn and soldiers' equipment was laid out dress-right-dress as if they were preparing for inspection.

After formation, soldiers, family members and friends crowded into the classroom of building 1208. Cupcakes and coffee were being passed out on the way to the classroom.

"I saw momma kissin' Santa Claus underneath the mistletoe last night..." echoed through the room.

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Sports Briefs

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Ski trips

Post Outdoor Recreation offers three winter ski packages to Lake Tahoe. The trips are slated for Feb. 8-10 and April 5-7. Sign-ups, payment and refund deadlines for the trips are Jan. 18, Feb. 2 and March 15. Cost is \$85 for each person with Outdoor Recreation rental equipment, or \$70 without equipment.

Charges include round-trip transportation, and two nights lodging, based on double occupancy. Ski trips depart from Outdoor Recreation, building 667, at 4:30 p.m. Fridays and return at 10:30 p.m. Sundays.

Meal and lift tickets are not included in the package price. Trips are open to active duty military, family members, retired military, Reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees. Each eligible participant may bring one guest.

Payment in full at the time of sign-up will reserve a space for you on any of the trips. Full refunds are available for any cancellation because of verifiable military duty. Space is limited; sign-up early for desired dates. To register, or for more information, call ITT at 561-3992. You can also visit ITT, building 215, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; visit Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ITT is closed from 1 to 2 p.m.

Farias two-time winner

Carlos Farias, of Company A, Letterman Army Medical Center, won both the Open and Senior Division of the Presidio Christmas Racquetball tournament. The finals of the Open Division saw second-place finisher John Els battle Farias in a three-game match that ran 15-9, 13-15 and 15-9.

In the Senior Division, Farias defeated Edward Barnes 15-14 and 15-5. David Rowson took third in the Open Division.

Run for your life

If you've decided to begin a running program, perhaps you could use some motivation. There's a Run For Your Life Program which can help you along the path to fitness. It's open to the military community and draws on the scenic value of the Presidio's many running trails. As a runner in the program, you can earn mileage credit towards a patch and a certificate award. Awards are given for 50 accumulated miles, and multiples of 100 miles thereafter. To register, visit Bob Darling at gym no. 1, building 63, or call him at 561-4120.

President's Physical Fitness Award

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. This program emphasizes regular exercise, rather than a single outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier, vital America. Awards can be earned in any of 49 sports and fitness activities.

Any person age 15 or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 for each event; you can earn a Presidential certificate, patch, letter of congratulations, sports bag ID tag and "shoe pocket" to hold your ID card while working out. For more details, call Bob Darling at Sports Branch at 561-4120.

Gym to close sections

The basketball court and weight room in gym no. 1 will close from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 20. United States Military Academy and Air Force Academy candidates will be using these rooms during a physical fitness test.

This year in sports



Aerobics classes are available to all Presidians.

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Boardsailors about at Crissy Field.

Presidio had a interesting year for sports and exercise.

One event that stands out most was the 215 mile relay for the Army Birthday. Those who participated received praise from Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison for their devotion. At the Army Ball Harrison said that years ago the Army Birthday may have been celebrated in a less healthy way. It just shows the difference in today's Army.

Superseuth II started off with a bang when Harrison fired the pistol to begin the race. Although Sgt. Jeff Oats broke the tape, Capt. William Wolf, aid to Lt. Gen. Harrison placed first.

The Volksmarch proved to be interesting. Two wolves ran the race. First Lt. Paulius Tekorius, Company "C" 864th Engineer, and Capt. Jere Diersing, officer of Staff Judge Advocate office, ran with Tekorius' dogs which are both part wolf.

Severa Sixth U.S. Army Fun Runs were lead by Harrison throughout the year. Each run seemed to promote enthusiasm and morale. There were often ties between sections to decide who was the more motivated.

In 1990 it seemed that health became more important than the past. Cholesterol levels were being checked along with blood pressure and sugar levels. Other sports and activities were popular, too.

The Presidio, if possible, may even become more health conscious this year.



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Community Calendar

Blood drive

Help save a life at the Jan. 31 Blood Drive on the Presidio. The Religious Activities Center will host the drive from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 1. You can make appointments to donate blood by contacting your unit blood drive coordinator, or by calling the Family Support Division of Army Community Services at 561-4147.

Leave donations

A Presidio employee is in the midst of a medical emergency and has used up all sick leave and annual leave. If you'd like to donate leave to this person, please call Michael P. Hampton, at the Civilian Personnel Directorate, at 561-5086.

USO job search workshop

The USO's Resume and Job Search workshop is held each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign-ups are required. Military members and their spouses are eligible to attend. Job placements and job consultations are made by appointment only; call the USO at 561-2436 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USO is also sponsoring a four-week workshop on career opportunities. The workshop focuses on Richard Bolles' career guidebook, "What Color is Your Parachute." Dates and times for the workshop have not been announced.

LAMC Chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed in Operation Desert Shield, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474, or 561-2351 for help.

SMART seminars

New SMART seminars will begin Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 103B. The classes scheduled are: Improving Communication, Change Management, Type A Behavior Management, Personal Stress Management, Managing Anger, Conflict Resolution, and Home and Work Stress Management. Child care is available with advance notice. For more information, call Nancy Niederhauser at 561-5155.

Breadmaking workshop

Strybing Arboretum is offering a bread-making workshop and vegetable planting party for children and families Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. until noon. "Bake What You Sow" is an activity which shows children how to plant vegetables and use them in breads. Families and children over age 5 are invited to attend. The fee is \$5 for non-members. Strybing Arboretum is located at 9th Avenue, off Lincoln Way, in Golden Gate Park. Call 661-1316 for more information.



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Give life!

Donating blood is safe, selfless and easy. Needles are disposed of after each use so there is no risk of being infected with AIDS. Call 561-4147 to schedule your appointment on Jan. 31 or Feb. 1.

Black History Month schedule

February is Black History Month—a time which recognizes the great Black leaders of the nation—but this year also recognizes the needy military families on post. A month-long canned food drive will help Presidians feed needy soldiers. Contact your unit's equal opportunity representative for details, or call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas S. Knight at 561-3405. Awards will be given to the unit or agencies that collect the greatest number of cans. Fort Point will also honor black American throughout the month; the historic fort, located beneath the southern span of the Golden Gate Bridge, will have a February exhibit focusing on the service of black soldiers from 1776 to the present.

The following events have been scheduled for the post for the month of February:

Feb. 1: kick off for the canned food drive;

Feb. 6: Musical drama, "Trying to Get Home," food sampling, art, book and apparel displays, and a self-portrait by an African artist at the Post Theatre from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 8: Allensworth exhibition at the Letterman Army Medical Center Schwartz Theater from 1 to 4 p.m.;

Feb. 12: Black History Month luncheon at the LAMC Dining Facility, 11:30 to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 15: Afro American food buffet and art display at the NCO Club from 11:30 to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 20: Black History Month and storytelling hour for Presidio Pre-School age children at the Child Development Center from 2 to 3 p.m.;

Feb. 26: Same as Feb. 20. However, the event is from 3 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 23: Black History Month ethnic meal at the Fort Scott Dining Facility from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Job openings

The following non-appropriated jobs are currently open on post:

Child Development Program Assistant, \$6.19 per hour; five vacancies; part-time and intermittent on call. Location: Child Development Center.

Clerk-Typist, \$6.89 per hour; two vacancies, one full-time with the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, the second, part-time with Outdoor Recreation.

Cook Leader, \$11.61 per hour, one vacancy, Presidio Officer's Club. Regular and part-time.

Submit applications to CPD/NAP Div., Bldg. 37, PSF, CA 94129-5345, or call Gil Funes at 561-2947.

Teacher certification

Retiring or separating people interested in teaching—as a new career—are invited to consult with an educational counselor to discuss alternative teacher certification programs. Education counselors have information regarding the qualifications and requirements of each state's alternative certification program. In addition, a special program is being developed in which 10 military candidates will be selected for a master's degree program at San Francisco State University beginning about the middle of this year. Stipends and Army assistance may be available.

The goal for candidates who successfully complete this program is to receive preliminary teaching credentials, a master's degree, and a teacher position in the San Francisco Unified School District. For more information, call a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center in building 1216, at 561-4445. You may also visit the Letterman Army Medical Center Education Center in building 1014, or call the center at 561-3692.

Crisis Line training

The Presidio Crisis Line is sponsoring a three-day workshop on crisis intervention and improving interpersonal skills at the end of this month and early February. Dates for the workshop are Jan. 30 (from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.), Feb. 2 (from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Feb. 4 (5:30 to 9:30 p.m.). There is no charge for the class, but participants are asked to volunteer for the Crisis Line. For more details, call Priscilla Fleischer at Army Community Services at 561-4513.

Parent effectiveness training

Would you like to have fewer fights, fewer tantrums, fewer lies, warmer feelings and closer relationships with your children? Enroll in Parent Effectiveness Training at Army Community Services. The free eight-week class runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at ACS, building 103B, starting Jan. 17. Advance enrollment is required. For more information, call Priscilla Fleischer to enroll (and to get information about free child care during the class) at 561-4513.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering support network for families involved in Operation Desert Shield. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problem, incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

Weight loss program

Have you gained weight over the holidays? Frustrated with diets that don't keep the weight off? Sign-up for "Winding Your Weight Down," a free six-week workshop on healthy effective dieting. In the clinic, you'll learn to identify unhealthy eating habits, you better understand food cravings and you'll enjoy holiday eating without holiday bulging.

The next session begins Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. The program concludes Feb. 20. Jan McBride, registered dietician at Letterman Army Medical Center, will conduct the class. For more information, call McBride 561-3107.

Lotus 1-2-3

Learn how to use Lotus 1-2-3 in a workshop at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 6 through March 13. The workshop is free to active-duty personnel; others pay \$200. You must be able to operate a microcomputer to enroll. For more information, call an education counselor at 561-4445.

Pet registration

In accordance with post policy, animals kept on the Presidio must be registered with Veterinary Services. Owners must present proof of a current rabies vaccination to register their pets. Animals must be registered after each subsequent vaccination.

At the Movies Presidio Theatre

Fri., Jan. 11: Night of the Living Dead (R) 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 12: Reversal of Fortune (R) 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 13: Miller's Crossing (R) 7 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 14: Marked for Death (R) 7 p.m.

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Fri., Jan. 11: Marked for Death (R) 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 12: Henry & June (NC-1) 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 13: State of Grace (R) 4 p.m.



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News Briefs

Community awareness

As the deadline in the Middle East approaches and with the possibility of a conflict, the threat of terrorism on Americans has been in the news lately.

Those of us that live and work on the Presidio are urged to take a little extra time to make our homes, automobiles and work areas safer by taking the following measures:

- If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary like abandoned packages, don't be afraid to call the Military Police at 586-2251 or 586-2252.
- When you leave your work area, make sure that all areas are secure. Inspect all windows and storage areas for unusual containers, suitcases, and suspicious packages.
- At the beginning and end of each workday and at regular intervals during the day, inspect the exterior of buildings in high traffic areas for suspicious packages.
- If you see an automobile or individual that looks like they don't belong in your area, call the MPs.
- Wherever possible, cars and trash containers should be moved at least 25 meters from buildings and homes.
- When entering and leaving your vehicle, look for anything out of the ordinary. If you feel something is wrong, alert the MPs immediately.

Other things to be on the look out for are possible letter bombs. The following are letter and parcel bomb recognition points.

- Foreign mail, air mail and special delivery;
- Restrictive markings such as "confidential" or "personal";
- Excessive postage;
- Hand written or poorly typed addresses;
- Incorrect titles;
- Titles but no names;
- Misspellings of common words;
- Oily stains or discolorations;
- No return address;
- Excessive weight;
- Rigid envelope;
- Lopsided or uneven envelope;
- Protruding wires or foil;
- Excessive securing material such as masking tape, string, etc.;
- Visual distractions.

Events to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Library display

A display honoring Martin Luther King will be set up at the library through Tuesday. The library hours our Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

NCO Club buffet

A buffet will be held at the NCO Club Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost for the buffet is \$5.50. Drinks are extra.

PX display

A book display will be set up at the PX until tomorrow. Martin Luther King Day is Monday. The display is open for all Presidians.

"Eyes on the Prize"

Army Community Service will present "Eyes on the Prize," a film about civil rights, Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Those attend may bring their lunch. For more information, call Army Community Service at 561-5155.

864th address

To write to soldiers in Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion who have deployed to Saudi Arabia write: Co. C, 864 Engineer Bn, "Desert Shield", APO New York NY, 09616.

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King Day— A day for remembrance



by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

Not every American will praise the name of Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 21. Not every city will host marches honoring the great civil right leader. Not every state will even recognize his birth.

There are still those who haven't awakened to the dream.

Many feel that the nation's willingness to set aside a memorial day for King represents progress. But King did not want a day when Americans lived without racial hatred. He wanted an eternity.

Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian-Americans—every person of color, every person physically or economically disadvantaged still shares that dream.

King recognized that the dream of racial equality is not nearly as valuable as its counterpart in reality. In "A Testament of Hope," King wrote, "It is time that we stopped our blithe lip service to the guarantees of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

He noted that even the nation's founding fathers merely expressed lofty ideals for men, but did not guarantee their being realized. "These fine sentiments are embodied in the Declaration of Independence," he continued, "but that document was a declaration of intent, rather than of reality. There were slaves when it was written; there were still slaves when it was adopted; and to this day, black Americans have not life, liberty nor the privilege of pursuing happiness, and millions of poor white Americans are in economic bondage that is scarcely less oppressive."

Not one to give lip service to freedom, but to pay for it dearly, King demanded that the rights proffered in the Constitution be enforced in the law of the land. We couldn't legislate love, King knew, but we could legislate against the effects of racial hatred.

"Government action is not the whole answer to the present crisis, but it is an important partial answer," King wrote in "Stride Toward Freedom."

"Morals cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. The law cannot make an employer love me, but it can keep him from refusing to hire me because of the color of my skin."

To change the law, King and other black leaders of the Montgomery Improvement Association paralyzed the Alabama city's public transportation system in 1954 after a black woman was jailed when she refused to give her seat to a white.

The protesters crippled the business community in defiance of a Montgomery anti-boycott law and were "duly" prosecuted. King was fined \$500 (plus court costs) for interfering with private enterprise, but the boycott had earned him—and the moral resolve of Black Americans—a national forum.

During King's trial, the parade of persecuted Blacks made in clear in newspapers across the country, that Blacks were fighting a moral struggle for human dignity. Stella Brooks explained to the jury that she was a widow because her black husband had asked for his dime back on a bus too crowded to seat him.

When Brooks refused to leave the bus without his money back, the driver called the police, who arrived, drew their weapons, and fatally shot him.

Others related how they were arrested for "illegal hitchhiking" or "illegal loitering" as they waited for rides from the city's network of car pools, set up to transport Blacks who wouldn't ride the segregated buses (a man once tried to give a ride to an older black woman walking through Montgomery during the strike. He said, "Get in grandmother. You don't need to walk." She said, "I'm not walking for myself, I'm walking for my children and grandchildren").

For his unrelenting crusade against institutionalized hatred for the next 14 years, King was persecuted, beaten, stabbed, repeatedly jailed, and finally murdered on April 4, 1968.

King lived long enough to see his dream echoed in the Civil Rights Bill of 1964, and to become the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in history.

King's life and the power of his eloquent voice are remembered this one day we set aside. It's his challenge that we never forget.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Fly a flag for freedom

Dear Presidians-

By the time this is published we may know what our future in the Gulf crisis is to be. As we read the paper, listen to the radio and view TV it is obvious many do not agree with our national leaders while many others do. This is the American way—that everyone is entitled to their own opinion and has the right to express those opinions so long as they do so within the limits of the law and respect the rights of others to have and express their own opinions. That's basically why the U.S. Army exists—to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States of America which guarantees every American that right. So, as we go about our duty each day, we can be proud of our profession, of our uniform, of our commitment to our nation and its people. And this pride in ourselves makes it yet another great day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

I know that all of us are praying and hoping for a peaceful resolution to this crisis—and for the safety of all our servicemen and women in Saudi Arabia and throughout the Gulf area. As we display our yellow, red, and red/white/blue ribbons and fly our flags for freedom we will continue to work and pray for peace by doing our jobs to the best of our ability every day. Last week we had a Hail and Farewell for HQ USASIX and PSF. We welcomed a number of new arrivals and farewelled some super troops.

Colonel Tom Murphy, our Staff Medical Advisor,

Major Waylon Mouser, our Protocol Officer, and Captain Dennis Uldricks, our Chief, Officer Management Division will all soon be retiring and we wish them and their loved ones a happy, healthy and successful retirement.

I toured the DEH and DOL shop areas and equipment yards last week. These areas face onto some of the most heavily used areas on post and our folks in DOL and DEH have done a super job in cleaning them up and insuring a professional, military appearance. My compliments to them and a great big HOO AH! for their efforts.

Thursday was awards day. First I was honored to participate in a ceremony to recognize departing LTC Dale Hood. LTC Hood is enroute to Fort Campbell and command of the Signal Battalion. HOO AH! to Dale and his family.

Next, I was happy to present a Commander's Certificate to the great Sixth Army Band. These men and women do so much to represent the U.S. Army, the Presidio and USASIX. They truly are a HOO AH! organization.

Friday, I traveled to Forts Ord and Irwin to visit units recently mobilized for deployment to the Gulf. There were MP, Transportation, Maintenance and Support Units. I remain very proud of our Citizen soldiers—they are dealing with these challenging times in a most admirable manner—they are soldiering hard and exhibiting great professionalism. They are HOO AH! and deserve our prayers and our support.

Last week I thanked all the folks who helped at our Gift Wrap at the PX over the holidays. Unfortunately, I didn't know all the folks and organizations involved. So—a good fairy made me aware of them and here they are:

Post Chapel Youth
Letterman Pastoral Visitors
Red Cross
Letterman Auxiliary
Junior Enlisted Advisory Council
Army Community Service
Officer's Wives Club

To each of these organizations and to every individual who worked—THANKS! and a big HOO AH!

In closing this week I join each of you in praying for peace and for the welfare and safety of our soldiers in the Gulf. God bless us all.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

—George Santayana
The Life of Reason - 1906

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Commissary closes

The Presidio Commissary will close Jan. 22 in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Dumpster for Fort Baker

A dumpster has been provided behind building 513, Fort Baker, for housing occupants. The purpose for the dumpster is to provide an area for occupants to dispose of items too large for trash cans located at their quarters. No other dumpsters located at Fort Baker should be used by occupants. For more information, call the DEH Inspection Branch at 561-6000.

Recycling igloos

Nine recycling color coordinated “igloo” receptacles are now in place in three separate locations on the Presidio, designed to collect aluminum beverage cans, clear and colored glass bottles.

Three igloos each are located in front of building 667, to the rear of the Officers' Club and the west side of the NCO Club.

All proceeds derived from the recycling program will be given to the post's One Fund for morale, welfare and recreation activities.

The blue receptacles collect aluminum beverage cans; the green ones are for colored glass and white one are for clear glass deposits.

All Presidians are urged to make sure the right recyclable material gets into the correctly-designated container.

Snack bar closes

Historically the Sixth U.S. Army snack bar has operated at a loss. In order to stop the loss to the Presidio Exchange—who runs the snack bar—and ultimately to the Morale and Welfare Fund, the snack bar will convert to vending machines Feb. 4. In preparation for this change, the snack bar will close Jan. 28.

Motorcycle licenses

California licenses to operate motorcycles are now divided into two classes depending on engine displacement, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A new state law requires that license applicants, under age 21, complete a California Highway Patrol approved motorcycle rider training class before obtaining a new or renewal license.

Licenses to operate any two-wheeled motor driven vehicle, such as a motorcycle or moped, will be divided into two classes under provisions of new legislation. A Class M1 license allows operation of any two-wheel motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle. A Class M2 license limits operation to two-wheel motor driven cycles.

For licensing purposes a motor driven cycle is defined as any motorcycle with a motor displacing less than 150 cubic centimeters.

More information is available at your nearest DMV office; in San Francisco, call 557-1179 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PX guest policy

The PX policy for admitting guests will change Feb. 1. ID card holders 'guests' will be permitted only if they have a letter of exception from the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, building 220.

Tax service

Tax return service is now available at the Presidio Main Exchange. Bring paperwork to the front lobby. For more information, call Silvia E. Stoudemire at 922-0193.

Power outage

A power outage is scheduled for West Fort Baker Area, Jan. 24 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This power outage is required to remove old high voltage lines formerly connected to street lights.

Electrical outages

Directorate of Engineering and Housing will be testing, calibrating and cleaning substations and repairing switch gears. This will result in a 12-hour outage twice a month during January, February, March and April. Affected tenants will be notified before the outages through the Weekly Bulletin and Star Presidian. For more information, call the DEH Inspection Branch at 561-6000.

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News/Views

Ask Presidians

by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

"What is your best kept secret (until now)?"

Spec. Matthew J. McLaughlin, assistant training NCO, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison: "My best man made a pass at my wife on my wedding. I hit him with a chair at the reception."



Lt. Col. Alexander A. Janke, chief of combat arms, Readiness Group, Presidio: "Probably it's my desire to go to Saudi Arabia instead of staying here and training the folks. I'm kind of envious. I'm preparing them, seeing them excited, seeing them leave and then not getting to go with them. I've kept that a secret from the people I work with."

Retired Air Force Col. John M. Regan: "How I can still do certain things at my age—70. [Which things?] That's the secret."



Staff Sgt. Maurice C. Harlee, ammunition advisor, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Sixth U.S. Army: "I guess I don't have any secrets. I try to be straight up. That way people won't be after me."

Maj. Bill R. Schrade, action officer, International Traffic Emergency Operations Center, Oakland Army Base: "It's classified. It's top secret. It's the op (operations) plan for Europe."



Priscilla Fleischer, training specialist for Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Services: "My drawers in the closet are really messy, but my house looks clean. My mother says I'm an Irish housekeeper; [she says] I sweep all the dirt under the carpet and shove all the stuff in the closet and the drawers. But my house looks clean."

Base closure: the whole story

by Tom Galvin, Senior Management Analyst,
Base Realignment and Closure Office

As the Presidio ends its second year of Base Realignment and Closure planning, the question arises as to how many more times the Armed Services will have to go through this process. There will be three more Base Realignment and Closure cycles: 1991, 1993, and 1995.

We are all very familiar with "BRAC One." In May 1988, then Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci chartered a bipartisan commission to develop a method for selecting installations to close or realign, and to recommend to him by the end of 1988 which CONUS bases should be closed. In October 1988, Congress enacted Public Law 100-526 which required the Secretary of Defense to endorse all or none of the commission's recommendations. Public Law 100-526 established specific dates and funding procedures, should the Secretary approve the recommendations. The commission recommended the closure of the Presidio. The Presidio is the only one of the 86 bases named for closure or realignment that cannot be sold. Public Law 92-589 (enacted in 1972) established the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which included the majority of the Presidio within GGNRA boundaries.

On Jan. 29, 1990, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney introduced "BRAC Two." "BRAC Two" included 14 overseas bases. That list was not a "commission" product. It was part of the Secretary's budget proposal to Congress. Each of the Armed Services immediately began the Base Closure data gathering process. The Presidio was affected by the "BRAC Two" list because it included Fort Ord, which had been planning to assume PSF's area support mission; Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, which had been identified to provide area support after Letterman Army Medical Center closed; Oakland Naval Supply Center, which handles all military household goods shipments in the Bay Area; plus Alameda Naval Air Station, Treasure Island Naval Station, Moffett Field Naval Air Station and Sacramento Army Depot.

The list for "BRAC Three" was released by the Secretary of Defense's Office on September 18, 1990. The "BRAC Three" list included 99 sites in Germany, two in Greece and 12 in Korea.

The FY '91 Defense Authorization Act stopped the "BRAC Two" actions and required the Secretary of Defense to submit to a bipartisan congressional commission a list of closure candidates for review and recommendations during the first year of the next three sessions of Congress. The first list is due to the commission by April 15, 1991. The commission will have until July 1 to report its findings to the president, who will have two weeks to approve the report. If he disapproves it, the commission will have 30 days to submit a revised report. Once an approved report is forwarded to Congress, they will have 45 working days to disapprove it or it automatically becomes law. Congress cannot change the report received from the president. This sequence differs from the 1988 process, in which the commission made the recommendation to the Secretary, who then forwarded the "BRAC One" package, unchanged, to Congress. This newest Defense BRAC cycle is nicknamed "BRAC 91." The Army's internal effort to identify closure candidates is called "TABS" —Total Army Basing Study.

Because "BRAC One" is required by existing Public Law, "BRAC 91" has no effect on it. However, since "BRAC Two" was not created by legislation, many of its actions have been put on hold by "BRAC 91." Within the Army, the six closures/realignments put on hold are: Fort Ord, Fort McClellan, Sacramento Army Depot, Troop Support Command in St. Louis, Missouri, and the reduction of Fort Gillem and Red River Army Depot, because each of those sites employ in excess of 300 permanent civilians. The Presidio and Fort Ord have been instructed to resume planning for the transfer of the Presidio's area support mission to Fort Ord. "BRAC Three," because it involves only overseas installations, does not include any sites that lie within U.S. Congressional districts, will not impact domestic communities or local economies, and is not affected by "BRAC 91."

Presidio planners continue to work with tenant units, individuals and GGNRA to ensure a smooth transition from an Army installation to a national park. For more information on base closure, please call BRACO at 561-5530.

AER: a friend in time of need

Star Presidian staff and
Army News Service

The Presidio Army Emergency Relief provides emergency financial assistance to soldiers, active-duty and retired, and their family members. This private, non-profit organization has seen an increase of calls for assistance since soldiers began leaving for the Persian Gulf.

The installation's assistant AER officer, James Ritchie said, "we will do everything we can to alleviate problems that soldiers and their families may have."

Many of the soldiers deployed were the mechanics and money managers of the family. Now, with the spouse gone, families are running into unexpected financial problems.

"That's where we come in," says AER's national deputy director, Leonard Harmon. "We'll help you with the money and then direct you to Army Community Services for money managing skills."

The post AER assists with interest-free loans or grants to help pay for:

- food, rent or utilities;
- emergency transportation;
- essential vehicle repairs;
- funeral expenses;
- medical/dental expenses (patients share);
- personal needs when pay is delayed/stolen.

Harmon, a retired Army colonel, says AER is working a three-phase assistance program because of Desert Shield. Phase I consists of helping soldiers prepare for deployment. The second phase takes place soon after deployment, a time when financial disasters generally hit the families back home. Phase III entails helping families overcome pay errors and budget problems caused by the soldier's departure.

There are limits, however, to the organization's relief efforts. For example, AER cannot:

- help pay for non-essentials;
- finance ordinary leave or vacation;
- pay fines or legal expenses;
- help with debt liquidation or consolidation;
- assist with house purchase or with home improvements;
- help purchase, rent or lease a vehicle;
- cover bad checks or pay credit card bills.

With the number of single-parent soldiers and two-soldier marriages, AER has also been providing child care assistance.

"AER has helped with the costs of getting the child to the temporary guardian designated in the soldier's child care plan," says Harmon. "Also, if the spouse has to leave work to stay home with the children or get another job, AER has assisted with essential babysitting costs."

Harmon says that a misunderstanding of AER and individual pride is a problem. "Many think AER is only for the junior soldier — that just isn't so."

"Families are going to try to work out their financial problems for as long as they can," Harmon said. "Although we can usually react in hours, don't wait until the last second to call on AER."

Families and soldiers seeking assistance from AER need to bring military or family member identification cards, powers of attorney, leave-and-earnings statements, leave or PCS orders and appropriate substantiating documents like rental agreements and utility bills.

For more information about AER services, contact your local AER office at 561-5156 or AER National Headquarters in Alexandria, Va. at (703) 960-3982.

Faces on the Presidio



Teofilo Q. Sison, a recreation aide at Outdoor Recreation, building 667, works on a jammed cash register.

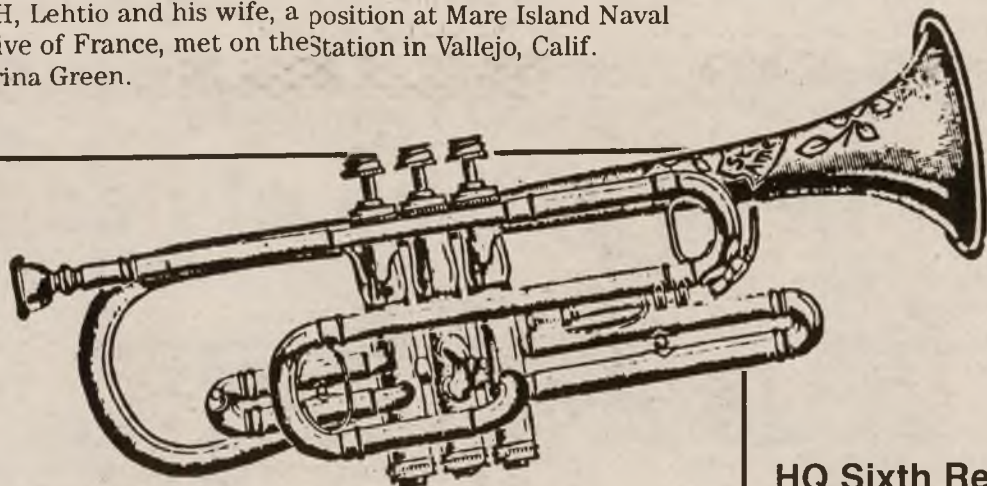
Outdoor Recreation

Teofilo Sison, a recreation aide, received his U.S. citizenship July 10. Sison moved to Daly City, Calif. from Manila July 6, 1984. He started work on post at gym no. 1 in September 1984 and moved to Outdoor Recreation in August of 1985.

Directorate of Engineering and Housing

Steve Lehtio, a carpenter for DEH, was married in December. According to Juanita Whitehead, a customer service specialist for DEH, Lehtio and his wife, a native of France, met on the Marina Green.

New at DEH is James Henard, an electrician at the Preventative Maintenance Shop. Henard arrived on post Dec. 17, 1990, after leaving a position at Mare Island Naval Station in Vallejo, Calif.

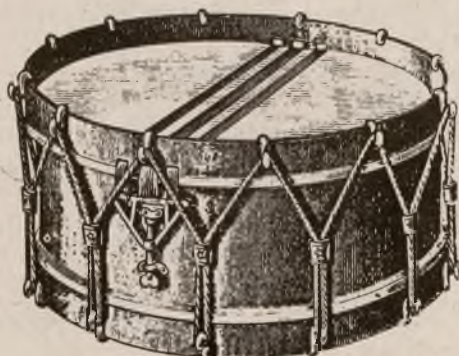


Sixth U.S. Army Band

The entire band was presented with "good to go" coins and a certificate by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, the Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander. They received the recognition for

their performance at the 13th annual Bay Area Commanders Christmas Concert held at the Palace of Fine Art Dec. 4.

The band will also play for the Sixth U.S. Army Fun Run Jan. 25 in commemoration of the Army's birthday.



Chaplain

Chaplain members left Friday to attend the 32nd annual Sixth U.S. Army Ministry Team Conference in Phoenix, Ariz. There they will hold competitions for NCO of the year, Senior Chaplain of the year, Senior NCO of the year and Unit Ministry of the year. They will return tomorrow.

Post Library

Cheri Goldberg has been the volunteer reader during the Children's Story Hour at the Presidio Post Library System for 21 years. According to Juanita W. Taylor, administrative librarian for the post, Goldberg is the longest-term volunteer in the library's history.

Readiness Group PSF

Members of the Readiness Group are participating in a mobilization exercise at Fort Ord, Calif. called Mobilization Assistance Team.

Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison

The company orderly room staff held a birthday party for Staff Sgt. Rocky Johnson Jan. 10. He received a cake and ice cream.

HQ Sixth Region USA CIDC

Capt. Richard T. Martin received a Meritorious Service Award Ribbon before his permanent change of station to Germany. Sgt. Kathleen Stokham, received an Army Commendation Medal before her PCS to the Pentagon.

Spec. Mark Linn is attending a primary leadership development course at Fort Ord.

Mr. Charles Russel received a monetary award for his annual sustained superior performance.



Letterman Army Medical Center

The following three soldiers were promoted Jan. 4: (Current ranks) Capt. Donna Therriault, Sgt. 1st Class Eugenio Ditona and Col. Judith Pesetski.

Army Achievement Medals were awarded to Col. Raoul Hagen and Capt. Denise McCullum.



Command Group

Sgt. Juliana Jones, administrative Sixth U.S. Army administrative assistant, left for Georgia. From there she travelled to Saudi Arabia.

Maj. Mark A. Waldron, assistant to Secretary of the General Staff is TDY in Saudi Arabia.

Carpenter Shop

The Carpenter Shop has been busy building crates to support troops from the Bay Area deploying for Desert Shield. Now they are busy building crates for troops deploying from Oakland Army Base.

Deputy Chief of Staff for Training

Lt. Col. Dale Hood received a Military Service Medal. Hood soon will become the 501st Signal Battalion Commander at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison



Allen Foote, a counterintelligence agent, was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

Basketball league

The 1991 Intramural Basketball Program began Jan. 14 for both full and half court. Full court competition will start at 5 p.m. each evening. Half court competition is scheduled lunch hour for Presidians 30 years and older.

For more information, call John Funes at 561-4120.

Gym No. 2

Letterman Army Medical Center will assume control of Post Gym no. 2 Feb. 1. The hours will change to: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Feb. 4. For more information, call the Sports Branch at 561-4120.

Youth Sports

Ballet lessons

Ballet classes for 5-to 18-year-olds will be held twice a week for one hour at the Youth Activities Center. The cost is \$40 per month.

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do lessons will be held for youths 6 and older, twice a week for one hour at the Youth Activities Center. The cost is \$40 a student, per month.

Jazz dance lessons

Jazz dance lessons for youths age 5 and older are now being held. The classes meet twice weekly for one hour. The cost is \$45 a student each month.

For more information about these lessons, call the Youth Services office at 561-5143 after 1 p.m. weekdays.



Bowling center closes

The Presidio Bowling Center will be closed Monday, Martin Luther King Day. For more information, call Tiburcio Tuico at 921-2488.

Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the Presidio military community:

Adults

Aerobic dance classes/Beverly Carpenter, 681-6721

Run for your life program/Bob Darling, 561-4120

Exercise stretching class/Lynn Fitzwater

Nautilus weight training instruction/Bob Darling, 561-1120

Volksmarch Club/Mike Conrad, 561-5613

Post running team/Bob Darling, 561-4120

Golf lessons/John Murray, 751-4063

Swimming lessons and lifesaving class/Sue Spencer, 561-3673

Fencing lessons/Bill O'Brien, 221-1749

Scuba club/Bill Gilbert, 362-4820 after 5 p.m.

Ladies tennis club/Sandy Halsey, 381-0654 after 5 p.m.

Youth

Summer swimming lessons/Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143

Soccer, basketball and baseball/Allen Posey, 561-5051

Aquarius swim team/Mike Koplin, 561-4224

Tae Kwon Do lessons/Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143

Youth ballet lessons/Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205

Jazz dance/Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205

Junior bowling/Penny LeCroy/563-0981

For more information about sports, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Aerobics makes you breathe easy

story and photos by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

About 12 years ago, aerobics held the same prestige with men as house cleaning did: women did the work, men watched.

Today, many men fall short of carrying binoculars and pennants to aerobics classes, but the few who attend still hang timidly at the back of the group.

"I think there's an anxiety level men experience when they try to do aerobics because they think it takes so much coordination," said Capt. Steven E. Czerwinski, offering one explanation for men's shying away from the sport.

Czerwinski, a toxicologist at Letterman Army Medical Center, added, "Really, there's only a few moves you need to learn. Once you've got those down, you just repeat them again and again."

Aerobics instructor Michelle L. Stewart agreed that "a lot of men are embarrassed to come because they think they're not coordinated."

But she believes the health benefits are worth the effort. "If you participate, you know it's a safe, effective way to become cardiovascularly fit."

Spec. Sherry L. Orpilla claims that since she began doing aerobics six months ago, she's raised her Army physical training score by 30 points. Orpilla also said she's lost five pounds.

"I supplement my P.T. here," she explained. "Doing P.T. three times a week isn't enough to keep me improving toward my maximum fitness."

Stewart, certified as an aerobics instructor through a (formerly) West German branch of Big Bend University, and the other instructors emphasize safety during their classes, offered six days a week on post.

Instructors have students take a quick break, usually about 20 minutes into the aerobics portion of the workout, to check their heart rate. Students are encouraged to work within their target heart rate—a level of exercise which increases cardiovascular endurance, but doesn't over-stress the heart.

Czerwinski feels the most attractive thing about aerobics is that it's not routine. "I don't like to run," offered Czerwinski. "I don't like to do push-ups. I don't like to do sit-ups. They're boring. This is exciting. This is my way of getting physical conditioning."



Presidians stretch and flex in Gym No. 1 during an aerobics class.

Classes at gym no. 1 average about 15 students.

Gym no. 1 currently lists four aerobics instructors and a variety of times available for classes. Each workout costs \$3.50 if you just drop in for the hour; five classes cost \$15, 12 classes cost \$30, 18 classes cost \$36.

For more information about schedules for aerobics, call 561-4131 or 681-6721.



in the Nautilus room at Gym No. 1, Presidians stretch out taut muscles.

Desert Shield

Co. C

Presidians support soldiers' deployment

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

When soldiers begin mixing their beef patty with water they can almost taste a thick juicy steak and a buttered baked potato.

Their daydreams of dinner in the comfort of their own home returns to reality with a strong wind and a mouthful of sand.

Sandstorms and MREs won't stop the motivated Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion. They've kept their chins up and have been aggressive since they first heard of the deployment to Saudi Arabia.

Company C soldiers have been assigned different missions, according to Spec. James Croxton, a heavy equipment operator. Croxton's mission is hauling supplies to different units stationed in Saudi Arabia.

These soldiers have been working long hard hours in weather conditions which are abnormal to them. The weather conditions weren't something they couldn't prepare for, but they are coping with it. "Suck it up and drive on!"

It's tough for the soldiers in Saudi Arabia, but they're sticking together through everything they may face, according to Croxton. "We're watching out for each other making sure each one of us is OK."

Their efforts have gone unnoticed.

Family members baked goodies to bring their soldiers warm thoughts of their families and their homes. They met Sunday to pack up cookies and candies for shipment to the desert.

These goodies are being sent to Co. C for all soldiers who can manage to get their hands on them. "I'm sure the cookies will go fast after eating MREs," one wife who contributed cookies and candy said.

Soldiers are also receiving mail from the Zion Lathering Middle School.

Spec. James Anderson's "Desert Shield pen pal" is from his home state, Louisiana. Anderson says he is looking forward to receiving letters from his pen pal. Letters are more important than gold to these soldiers.

Presidio support

Support for Co. C is obvious throughout the post. Red and white ribbons have been hung from doors across the Presidio to show support for troops in Saudi Arabia.

The Presidio Thrift shop is a drop off point for items family members and friends wish to send to loved ones in Saudi Arabia.



Spec. Richard Hennessy gives his son, Stephen, a hug shortly before he deployed to Saudi Arabia.

News from the Middle East

Every two weeks a wives meeting is held. The Headquarters Command Battalion supports this group. Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona attended the last meeting held Jan. 10, in building 1208 at Fort Scott. He talked to the wives about the letter written by Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, Co. C commander. Cunningham reports that C Co. sleeps

in a tent city and the living conditions and food are good.

Company C's morale is high. Members stick by each other as if they were family. "They are family."

The Engineers won't give up, "they're too bad," according to the Earth Movers' motto. "When the going gets tough, C Co. gets going!"



Jeanette Cunningham and Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona exchange streamers at Co. C's farewell ceremony Dec. 19. Jeanette Cunningham is the wife of Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, Co. C commander.



Company C soldiers lined up for their gear dress-right-dress in front of building 1208 the morning they deployed to Saudi Arabia.

College students support Desert Shield, aid troops

by Star Presidian staff
and Army News Service

About 300 Kuwaiti students attending college and universities in the United States will soon ship out to the Mideast to serve as linguists for U.S. units in Operation Desert Shield.

The students, all volunteers will be inducted into the Kuwaiti army and undergo seven to 10 days of military training at Fort Dix, N.J., before departing

for the Middle East in mid-January. There, they will be attached to U.S. units.

According to Army spokesman Lt. Col. Joseph Allred, the Kuwaiti government-in-exile will underwrite the cost of training and equipping the Kuwaiti army volunteers; but they will be under the command of the American units to which they are attached.

"They're going to add a great deal to our capability in the theater," Allred said. "They speak fluent

English, understand the Iraqi dialect and have lived in the U.S. long enough to understand American customs. They should have no problems adjusting to serving with U.S. troops."

Allred said they would depart for the Mideast immediately after graduation from training.

"They're going to fill a real need in the U.S. units over there," he said. "It really shows the strength of the multinational commitment to the restoration of Kuwait."

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

Blood drive

Help save a life at the Jan. 31 Blood Drive on the Presidio. The Religious Activities Center will host the drive from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 1. You can make appointments to donate blood by contacting your unit blood drive coordinator, or by calling the Family Support Division of Army Community Services at 561-4147.

Leave donations

Elayne Werner is in the midst of a medical emergency and has used up all sick leave and annual leave. If you'd like to donate leave to this person, please call Michael P. Hampton, at the Civilian Personnel Directorate, at 561-5086.

USO job search workshop

The USO's Resume and Job Search workshop is held each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign-ups are required. Military members and their spouses are eligible to attend. Job placements and job consultations are made by appointment only; call the USO at 561-2436 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USO is also sponsoring a four-week workshop on career opportunities. The workshop focuses on Richard Bolles' career guidebook, "What Color is Your Parachute." Dates and times for the workshop have not been announced.

LAMC Chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed in Operation Desert Shield, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474, or 561-2351 for help.

Companies hiring out-going soldiers and civilians

Personnel officers and corporate recruiters from the following offices are offering these positions to soldiers and civilian employees leaving the Army:

- * Quotron Systems Inc., a company which provides financial information worldwide, is hiring computer programmers, computer maintenance personnel and network control specialists. Interested persons should call Donna Winer at (301) 680-3906, or write, 12401 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904;

- * The Bergen Record (newspaper) is looking for an executive secretary for the chief executive/president of the paper. Applicants must have excellent communication, clerical and administrative skills. Experience as an executive secretary, executive administrative assistant to a general officer is preferred. Contact Helen Moore or Lynn Polle at (201) 646-4227 or write, 150 River St., Hackensack, NJ 07601;



OUTDOOR RECREATION 1991 SKI PACKAGE IS HERE!

At Lake Tahoe
Ski Area

DATES	SIGN-UP DEADLINE
8-10 FEB	Tomorrow
8-10 MARCH	February 22
5-7 APRIL	March 15

Space Is Limited - Sign Up Now!!

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Presidio of San Francisco
561-3992

Outdoor Recreation reserves the right to cancel trips due to insufficient registration by deadline date.

- Oklahoma State University is hiring lab technicians, boiler operators, trades helper, cashiers, food service workers, research specialists, publications specialists, design and production manager and systems analysts;

- The Federal Bureau of Prisons is hiring correctional officers, safety managers, recreation specialists, personnel managers, and persons for clerical, financial administration, medical support, supply management and food preparation positions. There is a competitive salary and benefits package, a law enforcement retirement plan and in-service training. Send correspondence to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, National Recruitment Office, Room 446, 320 First St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20534, or call (202) 307-3204.

- Kramco, Inc., which manufactures and services overhead cranes, is hiring crane service technicians, electrical design engineers, machinists, electricians, welders, fitters, and instructors for mechanical, electrical and hydraulic operations. Positions are available in Ohio, Washington, Oregon, California, Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi and Canada. Contact Jim Hoose at (713) 466-7541 or write 10543 Fisher Road, Houston, Texas 77241;

- United Engineers and Constructors is hiring skilled personnel in the electrical and mechanical engineering field for positions in Denver, Colorado and Johnston Island. Send resumes to 5555 S. Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Englewood, Colo. 80111;

- Harvey's Resort and Hotel/Casino in Lake Tahoe is seeking candidates for full and part-time positions in the following areas: gaming, health clubs, hotel work, housekeeping, food service, marketing, accounting, administration, building maintenance, facilities, transportation and security. Call 1-800-553-1022 or write P.O. Box 128, Stateline, Nev. 89449;

- Weil, Gothshal and Marges Law Firm is hiring accounting clerks, mail

room clerks, maintenance workers, clerical staff, library assistants, administrative assistants and file clerks. For more information, call Ruth Greenberry at (201) 310-8005 or write 767 5th Ave., 10th Floor, Human Resources, New York, 10153;

- C.R. England and Sons, Inc., a truck driving company, is hiring truck drivers. No experience is necessary. The company offers training at a cost of \$1,300 with lodging provided. Estimated earning rate is \$40,000 per year. For details, call 1-800-453-8400, extension 360 or write 4701 W. 2100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84120;

- Scales Air Compression Corporation, which sells, services and rebuilds air compressors, is hiring machinists, sales engineers, and customer service workers for positions in Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Call William Scales at (516) 248-9096 or write 110 Voice Rd., Carle Place, N.Y. 11514;

This Army transition bulletin will be more successful if you offer feedback or information. Call AV 221-3591, or (703) 325-3591.

Crisis Line training

The Presidio Crisis Line is sponsoring a three-day workshop on crisis intervention and improving interpersonal skills at the end of this month and early February. Dates for the workshop are Jan. 30 (from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.), Feb. 2 (from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Feb. 4 (5:30 to 9:30 p.m.). There is no charge for the class, but participants are asked to volunteer for the Crisis Line. For more details, call Priscilla Fleischer at Army Community Services at 561-4513.

Lotus 1-2-3

Learn how to use Lotus 1-2-3 in a workshop at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 6 through March 13. The workshop is free to active-duty personnel; others pay \$200. You must be able to operate a microcomputer to enroll. For more information, call an education counselor at 561-4445.

Black History Month schedule

February is Black History Month—a time which recognizes the great Black leaders of the nation—but this year also recognizes the needy military families on post. A month-long canned food drive will help Presidians feed needy soldiers. Contact your unit's equal opportunity representative for details, or call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas S. Knight at 561-3405. Awards will be given to the unit or agencies that collect the greatest number of cans. Fort Point will also honor black American throughout the month; the historic fort, located beneath the southern span of the Golden Gate Bridge, will have a February exhibit focusing on the service of black soldiers from 1776 to the present.

The following events have been scheduled for the post for the month of February:

Feb. 1: kick off for the canned food drive;

Feb. 6: Musical drama, "Trying to Get Home," food sampling, art, book and apparel displays, and a self-portrait by an African artist at the Post Theatre from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 8: Allensworth exhibition at the Letterman Army Medical Center Schwartz Theater from 1 to 4 p.m.;

Feb. 12: Black History Month luncheon at the LAMC Dining Facility, 11:30 to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 15: Afro American food buffet and art display at the NCO Club from 11:30 to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 20: Black History Month and storytelling hour for Presidio Pre-School age children at the Child Development Center from 2 to 3 p.m.;

Feb. 26: Same as Feb. 20. However, the event is from 3 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 23: Black History Month ethnic meal at the Fort Scott Dining Facility from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Fort Mason events

Today. "Breaking into print." Learn what writers need to know to break into the Bay Area's print market from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at building D, Media Alliance room. Cost is \$30. For more information, call 441-2557.

Saturday. "The Complete Paste Paper Workshop." Participants create original designs on paper from traditional European techniques dating back to the 17th century. The course, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building C, is conducted by the San Francisco Craft & Folk Art Museum. Cost is \$45. For more information, call 775-0990.

Saturday and Sunday. "SS Jeremiah O'Brien Open Ship Weekend." The 441-foot WWII cargo ship revs up its giant steam engine from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pier 3 dock. Cost runs from \$1 to \$3 (\$6 for families). Souvenirs are available from the Slop Chest Store. For more information, call 441-3101.

Jan. 24. "Scale Modeling." Exchange your ideas on miniature ship, aircraft and vehicle modeling with others from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at building C. For more details, call 499-5612.

Call the Fort Mason Center at 441-5705 to get a listing of all the events the center offers each week.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri, Jan. 18: Sibling Rivalry (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 19: Three Men and a Little Lady (PG), 7 p.m.

Sun, Jan. 20: Quigley Down Under (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, Jan. 21: Waiting for the Light (PG), 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Jan. 18: Marked for Death (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 19: The Hot Spot (R), 7 p.m.

Sun, Jan. 20: Marked for Death (R) 4 p.m.



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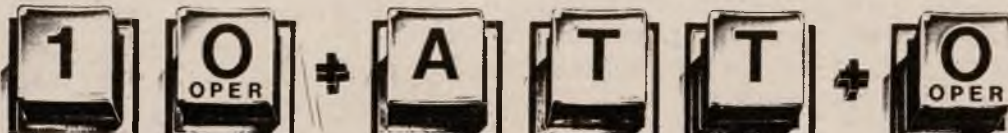
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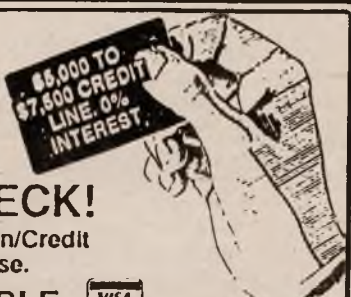
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President announces Desert Storm

by Army News Service

Two hours after the first news bulletins announced that the U.S.-led coalition had begun its attack on Iraq, President George Bush told a national television audience "we will not fail" to drive Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait.

Bush spoke to the nation at 9 p.m. EST Jan. 16 to officially announce Operation Desert Storm's beginning. Although he provided few details on the fighting, Bush explained in general terms what he hoped would be accomplished.

"As I report to you, air attacks are underway against military targets in Iraq," he said. "We are determined to knock out Saddam Hussein's nuclear bomb potential. We will also destroy his chemical weapons facilities. Much of Saddam's artillery and tanks will be destroyed.

"Our operations are designed to best protect the lives of all the coalition forces by targeting Saddam's vast military arsenal. Initial reports from General (Norman) Schwartzkopf are that our operations are proceeding according to plan."

Bush also said, in the opening moments of his speech, that "ground forces are not engaged."

The president used most of the appearance, which lasted about 12 minutes, to restate his rationale behind taking action against Iraq. Bush cited "unspeakable atrocities" committed by Iraqi troops in Kuwait and Saddam's efforts to obtain nuclear weapons as chief among reasons for the attack.

"While the world waited, Saddam Hussein systematically raped, pillaged and plundered a tiny

nation—no threat to his own," Bush said.

Quoting a soldier he identified as "Master Sgt. J.K. Kendall of the 82nd Airborne," Bush said: "We're here for more than just the price of a gallon of gas. What we're doing is going to chart the future of the world for the next 100 years. It's better to deal with this guy now than five years from now."

Bush used matter-of-fact language throughout his remarks, and implied that he had no doubts about the eventual outcome of the conflict.

"Saddam Hussein's forces will leave Kuwait. The legitimate government of Kuwait will be restored to its rightful place and Kuwait will once again be free. Iraq will eventually comply with all relevant United Nations resolutions," he said.

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News Briefs

by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

Post hotline

A new hotline on post is available for those wanting information on gate closures and security threats to the installation. The number is 561-2659.

Vehicle registration

If you haven't registered your personal vehicle with post tags, you should do so immediately. You can register at the MP station. You'll need your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

Family support

For family assistance, contact your Family Support Group. If you don't know what FSG you belong to, or you have a particular individual problem, contact Anna Rodriguez at 561-5730.

Increased security on post

With the war in the Middle East, the post is tightening security. You will see increased security measures and patrols in the area, and more military police on duty. Though the Presidio still remains an open post, MPs will be stationed at the various entrances to the installation.

Access to the post

Under current security conditions, the 15th Avenue Gate will remain closed at all times. The Marina and Gorgas Street gates will open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. daily.

If it becomes necessary, under more serious threat conditions, to further limit access to the installation, all gates will be closed except the Lombard Avenue gate, the Arguello Avenue gate, and the access route to the Golden Gate Bridge (Merchant Road). Under these circumstances, MPs will control access to the Presidio at these gates, and only those people with proper identification or a verifiable reason to enter the installation will be granted permission to do so.

Mail to Saudi Arabia

Family members and friends of troops deployed in Operation Desert Storm are being asked to limit personal mail bound for Saudi Arabia. Please send only first class letter mail and audio cassette tapes. This voluntary limitation should only last two to three weeks.

864th address

To write to soldiers in Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion who have deployed to Saudi Arabia write: Co. C, 864 Engineer Bn, "Desert Shield", APO New York NY 09616. See News Briefs, page 3

Support our troops



photo by Duvel White

Thousands of fans at Sunday's National Football Conference championship game between the San Francisco 49ers and the New York Giants cheered as the Sixth U.S. Army Band played "God Bless America" during the pre-game ceremony at Candlestick Park.

Presidians aid Saudi Arabia-based units

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Operation Desert Storm has created an atmosphere of tension and anxiety around the Presidio. But in the wake of the confusion two post organizations have joined efforts in aiding a pair of Sixth U.S. Army units in Saudi Arabia.

The Air Delivery Section and the Installation Consolidated Property Book Office joined efforts in mailing more than 10,000 pounds of supplies to Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion and the 343rd Medical Detachment from Hamilton Army Air Field, Novato, Calif.

"We had equipment to send to Saudi, but we didn't have people here trained in packaging pallets for air delivery," said Lawrence D. Moller, the installation property book officer.

Moller decided to contact the Air Delivery Section to see if they might have a suggestion. As luck would have it the ADS parachute riggers receive training as part of their Military Occupational Specialty in

packaging equipment for air delivery.

The equipment bound for the Middle East included lubricants, spare parts for vehicles, decontamination kits and other basic support items.

Moller said, "We're doing everything we can to assist units and individuals bound for the Middle East." The CPBO helps soldiers and units in receiving any equipment they are lacking, from nuclear, biological and chemical suits to M16A1 rifles.

Pvt. Jason White was attending his Advanced Individual Training school in Fort Lee, Va. when he was called up to go to Saudi Arabia. He said, "They (CPBO) had all my equipment ready for me in 20 minutes."

Spec. Alan H. Morales, an ADS rigger, said, "It feels good to work together with other organizations on post."

It's probably more important than it ever has been for the Presidio to unite and support our soldiers in the Middle East.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

*Fly a flag for freedom*

Dear Presidians,

Since last I wrote you, our country has gone to war. I know that all of us had prayed this would not be necessary. But now that it has, I know you all share my support of our great troops deployed there—of all services and of their families. So again, I urge each occupant of quarters at the Presidio to fly your flag daily in support of our brave servicemen and women, who are serving in Operation Desert Storm. That's one way we can keep the Presidio of San Francisco a Very Special Place—even when our nation is at war.

Even as we go to war, life must go on and we must continue to do our job. So, on Jan. 14 I flew to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in our Sixth Army Unit Ministry Team Conference. This is a conference of all the chaplains and chaplain's assistants in the entire Sixth Army area. Chaplains Hunt, Hammann and Hurd and SGM McCalvey and SSG Davis did a superb job in organizing the conference. And the folks in Arizona were most hospitable—as always. So, congrats to all our chaplains and chaplain's assistants for a very successful conference.

On the 16th, I had a real treat. I traveled to Castro Valley Elementary School to present these youngsters with one of my Commander's Certificate for their super support of our troops in Saudi Arabia. The students of Castro Valley Elementary School donated almost one quarter of a ton of materials to send to our soldiers. This project was organized by the Castro Valley Student Council and was a truly patriotic effort. I know each soldier who received some reminder of home and support appreciated their efforts.

Wednesday afternoon as our day here at Sixth Army and the Presidio was winding down, the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) alerted us to tune in to CNN. We did and found that our forces in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf had taken the war to Iraq. War had begun. Since that time, all attention has been on the TV and events in the Gulf. I shouldn't say all attention, because personnel here as elsewhere in America have continued our jobs. Here at PSF that includes alerting, mobilizing, training, and deploying more Reserve Component personnel for service in Saudi Arabia, other Gulf countries, Europe or as backfill for deployed units from here in the U.S.

Along with war has come the protests of many. It is sometimes hard for those of us in uniform, or family members, or employees, or retirees, to understand these people. But I must remind you that our reason for being as military personnel is to preserve, protect, and defend our constitution. And that constitution gives every American the right to have his or her own opinion and to express it freely. So, our role is to protect these folks right to express their opinions even if it differs from ours. But we have the right to expect it to be done lawfully and without infringing on the rights of others. The lawlessness we saw exhibited in some instances was uncalled for and unacceptable. We *all* have rights—to speak freely, to demonstrate lawfully, to use public

thoroughfares without fear or delay, to have our personal property respected. We are a country that believes in the rule of the law—and that—rights for everyone, and not just a few—is why we serve, and fight if we must.

Thursday, the 17th, was a busy day although we were still reeling from the initiation of hostilities. We hosted a 12-state Counter Narcotics Conference. We have the responsibility to support our drug enforcement civilian agencies in our nation's "war on drugs." This "war" continues even though we're fighting in the Gulf. At noon on Thursday, the 1990 Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign ended with an awards luncheon here at PSF.

All the Federal agencies, uniformed and civilian, were represented. I gave Army awards to the Area Dental Lab, the Presidio PX, and the Corps of Engineers. These organizations were recognized for various reasons—the Dental Lab for 100% participation and the first to achieve maximum participation—but to all who contributed, my thanks and a real loud HOO AH!

The demonstrations mentioned earlier came to the PSF on Friday. Several hundred appeared at the Presidio gate. To protect PSF and insure we continued our very important missions in support of Desert Shield we had to deploy a number of soldiers. Our own MP's, our ready reserve force made up of soldiers stationed at PSF, the 270th MP Company from the California Army National Guard, and Charlie Company, 3/17 Infantry from the 7th Infantry Division (LIGHT) at Fort Ord provided our security force. They conducted themselves very professionally and I was very proud of each of them. Their training showed as they had to arrest 40 demonstrators who insisted on entering the post. The entire incident was handled firmly, militarily and as professional soldiers. Everyone was HOO AH!

The national celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday occurred on Monday, the 21st. We had begun our celebration last week with films, buffets, and other events. Monday was a holiday for those who were not working—caregivers at LAMC, MP's, CQ's and of course our EOC personnel working on Desert Storm. Our Martin Luther King celebration will be followed in early February with our Black History Week. Watch the Star Presidian and The Deep for a complete list of activities.

We were notified last week of our designation as an Honor Roll post for our efforts to have at least 70 percent safety belt use by 1992. Our MP's are to be congratulated for their efforts in their endeavor. But you know—when we see the accident statistics and realize how much good seat belts do, we should be policing ourselves! How about it everyone—buckle up for safety!

Finally, I again urge every one at PSF to fly your flag during these days. Fly them to show support for our wonderful service men and women; fly them to show support for the families of our service personnel; fly them to show your support of our great nation!

God bless you all and God bless our soldiers and God bless America!

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

**"And I'm proud to be an American
where at least I know I'm free!"**

—Lee Greenwood



photo by Drew Seaman

Castro Valley Elementary School students listen as Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison thanks them for their support for U.S. troops deployed in Saudi Arabia.

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News

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Blood drive date change

The date and location of the Presidio blood drive scheduled on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 has been changed. The new dates are Feb. 7-8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Letterman Army Medical Center's Schwartz Theater will be the site of the blood drive. To donate, call your unit blood drive recruiter or call 561-4147.

PX guest policy

The PX policy for admitting guests will change Feb. 1. ID card holders 'guests' will be permitted only if they have a letter of exception from the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, building 220.

Operation Desert Storm family meetings

Army Community Service is sponsoring a child and family-member meeting for parents concerned about their child's reaction to a soldier's deployment to the Persian Gulf. The meeting is Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at ACS building 103B, next to the Finance and Accounting Office on post. Those who attend will get to express their concerns, learn what problems they might be facing in the home and what resources are available to help. For more information, call Nancy Niederhauser at 561-5111.

Write to GIs

To write to Army, Air Force and Marine personnel on the ground: Any Servicemember, Operation Desert Shield, APO New York 09848-0006.

To write to Navy and Marine personnel on ships: Any Servicemember, Operation Desert Shield, FPO New York 09866-0006.

Traveler's advisory: San Francisco International Airport has started a security hotline to allow passengers to keep informed about the latest security developments. The number is 478-0999.

CHAMPUS news

Civilian firms that process claims for the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services in 26 states began handling requests for care under CHAMPUS' home health care test project Jan. 1.

The project, which is for the survivors of deceased active-duty members, began in July 1986. The home health care plan offers in-home care as a less expensive alternative to inpatient hospital care in the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

PSF "National Park" workshops

Public "Presidio Visions Workshops" to help develop broad concepts for the future of the Presidio will be held around the Bay Area beginning Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Presidio NCO Club at Lincoln and Sheridan avenues.

A second meeting on the Presidio's inclusion in Golden Gate National Recreation Area will be Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Veterans War Memorial Building Green Room in San Francisco. For more information about the public workshops or for scheduling information, call 556-0865.

Electrical outages

Directorate of Engineering and Housing will be testing, calibrating and cleaning substations and repairing switch gears. This will result in a 12-hour outage twice a month during January, February, March and April. Affected tenants will be notified before the outages through the Weekly Bulletin and Star Presidian. For more information, call the DEH Inspection Branch at 561-6000.

New California motor vehicle laws tough

by Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs

Under new motor vehicle laws in California, vandals may have their driver's licenses suspended, intoxicated bicyclists and boaters may face heavy fines, and motorcyclists under 21 will have to complete a motorcycle safety course.

A law aimed at the state's graffiti problem requires a driver's license suspension for a year for any person convicted of defacing property with paint or other substances. Upon conviction, youths aged 13-16 will have to wait an additional year to be issued a driver's license.

Californians under 21 will have to complete a California Highway Patrol-approved safety course before an original motorcycle operator's license is issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Previously, this only applied to licenses for 16 and 17-year olds.

Bicyclists caught riding under the influence, or who attempt to buy alcoholic beverages may receive a license restriction, delay or suspension.

A consecutive 60-day county jail term will be added to the penalty prescribed for a person convicted of DUI, if the offense was aggravated by reckless driving. The impact of two laws implemented late in 1990 will carry into the new year. One law imposes a \$300 smog impact fee, in addition to DMV registration and licensing fees, on all vehicles in the state which are not specifically certified to meet strict California emissions standards.

Another law requires vehicle owners to pay a \$5 filing fee in lieu of registration. The fee has to be paid prior to the registration date if the vehicle is inoperable or the owner doesn't plan to operate the vehicle on public streets during the registration year. Owners failing to certify non-operating status may have to pay significant penalties if the vehicle is later placed in operation.

Late registration penalties are now 40 percent for one year, 80 percent for two years and 160 percent if the vehicle registration has been delinquent for three years or more.

Impaired/intoxicated? They aren't the same

by the U.S. Army Safety Center
Fort Rucker, Ala.

After a hard day you stop by the local bar to have a couple of beers just to relax before going home. After all, a couple of beers won't hurt anything. This is a scene that happens thousands of times daily across the country and, usually, with no adverse consequences. Today, however, you finish your second beer, leave the bar, get in your car, and a block down the street, get hit by another car that ran a stop sign. The police arrive, and while they are investigating the accident, they smell alcohol on your breath.

One of the officers asks, "Have you been drinking?"

You reply, "I just had a couple of beers, officer, but I'm not drunk."

He asks you to take a breath test and, since you feel there's no problem, you consent. Even if you hadn't wanted to agree, California—and most other states—applies the principle of "implied consent." If a law enforcement officer requests that you submit to either a blood alcohol or breathalyzer test and you refuse, you can, and usually will, be charged with driving while intoxicated. Your driver's license will automatically be suspended or revoked.

The results of the test show you have a blood alcohol concentration of .05, which is well below the intoxicated limit of .08 in California. Before you can finish your sigh of relief, the officer advises you that you are under arrest for driving while impaired.

"But I only had two beers," you stammer, amazed at the rotten turn things have taken.

It's your bad luck to find out the hard way that most states consider a motor vehicle operator to be impaired or under the influence with a BAC between .03 and .07.

And your rotten luck has just started.

What happens after your arrest? You will be taken to the local jail and may be placed in a holding cell for several hours. This gives you time to sober up before being released, which may require a bail bond. You may also be held for a preliminary hearing where a judge will decide if the police officer had enough evidence to arrest you for DUI. The results of the



breath test, or failure to submit to it, are sufficient for the officer to make an arrest.

When probable cause is determined, the judge will set a date for you to be tried, and set bond so you can be released from custody. Bond can be from \$1 to \$10,000. The amount is usually determined by how much a risk the court believes you are to "jump" bail and miss your trial.

Once convicted of DUI you can be fined, go to jail, or both. In addition, you will probably have your license suspended for at least six months or revoked. You can also be required to attend a driving school for alcohol offenders.

In addition to criminal penalties, you can expect your insurance premiums to go up—if your insurance isn't cancelled that is. You may have trouble finding a new insurance company later.

Does your job require you to drive an Army vehicle? You could have a problem. The civil authorities will report your "indiscretion" to your commander, and then you can expect action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This could range from an Article 15 to a general court martial, depending upon the severity of the case.

Remember, drinking and driving is serious business. Just think of the consequences. Is it worth it for a couple of beers and a little "relaxation"? Only you can answer that question.



Faces on the Presidio

EEO

Angela Brumfield, post Equal Employment Opportunity Program manager, organized the Martin Luther King Day celebration at Army Community Services, building 103, Jan. 17 on post.

Training and Support Center

Anthony G. Desangles, a budget technician for the center, took a promotion to Golden Gate National Park headquarters at Fort Mason, Calif., where he also will work as a budget technician.

Lisa Gambles, from U.S. Army Sixth Recruiting Brigade, Fort Baker, will take his place at the center.

Directorate of Logistics

Trallice Miller has temporarily been promoted to the Port Call Section of the Transportation Division. Miller is currently attending City College of San Francisco, where she is majoring in sociology.

Sixth U.S. Army

Janice T. Morris, a secretary at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management, lost an envelope containing a \$70 money order. She said someone found the envelope and mailed it. "I just wanted to thank the person, whoever they are," Morris said.

Deputy Chief of Staff for Training

Spec. Patricia Stone delivered a 6-pound 5-ounce baby girl Jan. 15. Stone named her daughter Amy Marie.

Military Personnel Division

Sue Sato is the new secretary for the Military Personnel Division, building 87 on post. This is Sato's third position with the Department of Defense. Sato formerly worked as general data equipment operator at Treasure Island Naval Station Telecommunications Center. She also worked on post as a secretary at the Directorate of Logistics in 1988.

AAFES

Eiko Wright recently retired from the Army Air Force Exchange Service on post with 24 and a half years of service. Replacing her as people resources manager at the Presidio Exchange is Dave Eller from Corpus Christi, Texas. Eller was transferred to the Presidio from Selfridge Air National Guard Base where he was also a people resources manager.

USA Information Systems Command

The following employees were recently honored for longtime government service: Diane Kinsel for 35 years of service, Lorraine Fields for 35 years, Lurline Richards for 35 years, Alvin Chan for 25 years, Danny La Villa for 25 years, Raymond Mosley for 25 years, Cloyd Bailly for 25 years, Paul Ignacio for 25 years and Frances Street for 25 years.

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area

Susan Chen, a former budget assistant at post headquarters, has been promoted to a budget analyst. Chen lives in San Ramon, Calif.

U.S. Army Dental Activity

Sgt. Paul L. Anderson, a dental hygienist, was promoted to staff sergeant in December. Sgt. Solema A. Renato, a dental NCO, was promoted to staff sergeant Jan. 1. Both are from Seattle, Wash.

Camp Parks Mobilization Committee

Sgt. Jose Chavez married his fiancée, Reah, at the post chapel Jan. 4. Damien Hughes was promoted to the rank of sergeant and Reyes Ortiz was promoted to the rank of corporal.

Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison

Kevin Shaw was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Spec. Adrienne D. Sims won the Headquarters Command Battalion Soldier of the Month Board. Spec. Patricia Stone gave birth to a baby girl.

Reserve Component Advisor

Col. Charles Margetts, Sixth U.S. Army National Guard Advisor returned to his National Guard unit in Utah. Before returning to Utah, Margetts scored 300 on his Army Physical Fitness Training test.

Sixth U.S. Army Band

Staff Sgt. David Leresche is attending the Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course. He will also attend the School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ask Presidians

Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

"Greatest challenge you've overcome?"



Mary Beth Rivera, cashier, PX Mall: "I would say college. When I finished high school I thought I was not going to college—but I did."

Beth M. Blake, military family member: "I've been with my husband 20 years overseas. I guess Dec. 7, 1941, [the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor] in Hawaii was the greatest challenge. There weren't many [family members] that stayed, but I did."



CW3 James P. Maguire, chief of MILPO, 91st Division (Training), Fort Baker, Calif.: "It would be college. I started late [age 37] and it took me six years to get my bachelor of science degree, going four nights a week and Saturday's."

Rita G. Maxey, military family member: "The greatest challenge was when I was left a widow and had to make a decision to leave the east coast because my children were in college on the west coast in 1979. I was alone."



Sgt. Norman A. Gentle, assistant NCOIC of Troop Medical Clinic, Park Reserve Forces Training Area, Dublin, Calif.: "Becoming a senior parachutist. That was definitely a challenge. I made it through Jump Master's School the first time. Most people bolo. I'm pretty proud of that."

Sgt. Michelle A. Rodvill, senior personnel records specialist, U.S. Army Transition Point, Presidio: "Getting a 298 on my PT. test in Korea in 1989. I've been in the Army for eight years, and [it's the best I've ever done]."



Sgt. 1st Class Verna M. Webb, Major U.S. Army Reserve Command transfer agent, 91st Division (Training), Fort Baker, Calif.: "Being a single parent. Raising two teenage boys [and keeping them out of] drugs, gangs, and the very strong possibility of war."

Family members stick together

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

When Operation Desert Shield progressed into Desert Storm family members of Company C, 864th Engineer battalion gathered in front of one television to share the inevitable moment.

The mood was tense. No one was sure how to react to WAR. Although for months they had expected this moment, it seemed impossible for America—for their loved ones to be at war.

The newscaster was confident of America's situation. Family members sat at the edge of their seats, praying for good news.

"The guys are OK!" Suzanne Hennessey shouted after hanging up the phone.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Griffin, 864th Engineer Battalion commander, phoned Col. William D. Swift, Presidio Garrison commander, to pass the good news of his soldiers' safety, Jan. 16. The news went down the line until all the wives were reassured their husbands were doing just fine.

Spirits soared when the newscaster announced that no American casualties were reported.

Wives' fears seemed to fade with more news of America's achievements. They cheered as if they were watching Rambo for the first time. They acted as though they were the motivated Co. C soldiers.

Tears weren't rolling from their faces. Instead, sounds of laughter echoed and the scent of Chinese food filled the air. Because of their faith in their hus-

bands and the Army these women didn't spend Jan. 16 worrying. They fought their tears back by indulging in their food and making jokes.

"At least we didn't miss the Simpsons," one wife joked. "This is really going to mess up my 'soaps.'"

"I was relieved to hear the news of our attack on Iraq," Amanda A. Anderson admitted. "As horrible as it may sound, I'm glad something started because the waiting has been the most difficult thing."

Company C wives aren't worried about their soldiers yet. "The land troops haven't begun fighting yet, and the way it looks, they may not have to."

"I feel that we have really stuck together through everything," one wife commented. "Without the other wives I don't think I would be able to handle this ordeal as well."

When the wives get together outside of meetings they keep each other's spirits up. Through their courage they make each other strong.

Many phone calls and letters from family also help the days go by faster.

Hennessey keeps busy with her son Stephen. "Stephen really helps the days go by; he's a handful."

Family members agree that as long as they keep busy and stick together they'll make it through this and it will go that much faster.

One wife said, "The sooner my husband gets back the better, but I know I can handle the separation. For my husband I can wait forever."

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

Learn to Scuba dive

Outdoor Recreation is offering a basic SCUBA (diving) course taught by Maj. Mike Gilbert.

Gilbert has been diving since he was 13 years old and is a highly qualified instructor, certified by the National Association of Underwater Instructors and the YMCA.

Gilbert advises that those interested in becoming a diver should be in good physical condition, have a medical examination, and tell their doctor that they plan to begin diving. Beginners should be good swimmers.

Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first class is slated for Feb. 5. Cost of the course is \$225, which includes all instruction, classroom materials and diving equipment, except for mask, fins, snorkel and wet suit.

For more information or to register, call 561-3285, or visit Outdoor Recreation at building 667.

Intramural basketball

The 1991 Intramural Basketball Program is underway with seven teams in the full-court and six teams in half-court league. The half-court program (30 years and older) is held during the lunch hour and the full-court starts at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. All games are played at gym no. 1.

Results as of Jan. 22 (Full-court):

DOL-44 vs. USAG-36, LEC-52 vs. Co C-39.

LEC-54 vs. Co B, LAMC-50, DOL-58 vs. MEPCOM-47.

Co A, LAMC-63 vs. USAG-57, DOL-74 vs. LAIR-25. High scorers for the week: USAG's John Dumoulin-24 points; Sheldon Martin-22 points; DOL's Bobby Worley-21 points.

Half-court results: USAG-21 vs. DENTAC-8, DCSOPS-21 vs. RGPSF-6, USAG-21 vs. RGPSF-12. High scorers: DCSOPS Morris Hayes-12 points; USAG's John Dumoulin-12 points.

Schedule for week beginning Monday:

Monday: 11:30 a.m., USAG vs. DCSOPS; noon, MEPCOM vs. DENTAC (half-court); 5 p.m., DOL vs. Co A; 6 p.m., Co B LAMC vs. MEPCOM.

Tuesday: 5 p.m., DOL vs. Co B LAMC; 6 p.m., USAG vs. MEPCOM; Wednesday: 11:30 a.m., ANDES vs. RGPSF; noon, USAG vs. DENTAC (half-court).

Jan 31.: 5 p.m., LEC vs. LAIR; 6 p.m. Co A LAMC vs. Co B LAMC.

Feb. 1: 11:30 a.m., DCSOPS vs. RGPSF; noon, MEPCOM vs. ANDE'S (half-court).



photo by Joel P. Smith

Wayne Rogers, a recovery room technician at Letterman Army Medical Center stretches during warm ups

All-Army basketball trials being held here

story by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

This is the third year that Wayne Rogers prayed the Army would take him to court. And it looks like this year, Rogers' prayers will be answered—on the basketball court.

Rogers, a recovery room technician at Letterman Army Medical Center, is competing on post in the All-Army Basketball Trials, from Jan. 17 to early March. The trials will determine which players make the All-Army Basketball Team, which will compete in the Armed Forces Championship March 17-22 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rogers, Presidio Athlete of the Year in 1990, said he's wanted to try out for All-Army for several years, but each year, just before the trials, he seems to self-destruct.

Last year in December, Rogers broke his right arm when another player kicked his feet out from under him and then fell on his elbow, crushing the cup of the bone.

Rogers nearly missed his opportunity this year when he snapped the ring finger of his right hand playing intramural flag football for LAMC Company A. A ball carrier was flying past when Rogers reached out to snag the flag in his belt loop and accidentally stuck his finger through the loop. The finger snapped like a stick. Now, Rogers says he's lost a good deal of the feeling in both the ring finger and little finger of his right—shooting—hand.

"I have to concentrate really hard on the first three fingers, try to balance the ball on those fingers and also concentrate hard on the rim," Rogers, 22, said.

Rogers has tougher things to face. Due to U.S. actions in the Persian Gulf, many soldiers scheduled to play on the team have been reassigned. Bob Darling, with the post Sports Branch, said about 25 soldiers were expected to try out for the team.

Currently, however, only 10 athletes have arrived on post. Two others, Rogers and Reginald Brown, are Presidians. Brown, a military policeman with Law Enforcement Company, is the only returning member of the 1990 All-Army Basketball Team. Due to the responsibilities of his job, he was unavailable for comment.

Players such as David "Ice" Smith say that the lack of experience challenges new players, but undermines their sense of confidence. "You need veterans," said Smith, a supply sergeant at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. "You need people who've been there before, who know who we're playing, where we're playing, what to expect from the competition."

Smith, who played point guard and swingman for the University of Texas at San Antonio from 1985-6, said the team would miss the leadership, but might

benefit from the added challenge. "This makes everybody hungry," the 6-foot 4-inch guard said. "It's an advantage because everybody knows that they're going to have to do the job. This is the team."

Another advantage of the smaller team, Smith believes, is that players are not fighting to make the team. "That takes off a lot of the mental stress of not knowing if you're going to be here tomorrow," explained Smith.

"It relaxes your mind," he continued. "You can play natural. All you have to do now is bust your butt, try to win."

The former collegian quickly adds that staying on the team still isn't a sure thing. "You can't loaf. You can still be sent home if you loaf," Smith explained. "You still have to have that commitment."

Rogers said there's little opportunity to even catch your breath at the training camp, much less loaf. "For an hour and a half, all we do is run," explained the 6-foot-10 guard. "The whole time at practice, I'm just grabbing wind."

The smaller number of players intensifies the practice for the 12 remaining men. With fewer players to round out drills, turns at the hoop come a lot faster. In layup drills Jan. 17, for instance, the six players on side were constantly sprinting, running for the ball.

The Presidio has been the team's host for more than 20 years, according Darling. "This is where we get them into shape," said John Funes, acting coach. "Right now, we're not looking for much. We just want to see if there's anyone who doesn't want to work with the team."

Ebbie Gascon, project manager for the team, said team officials eventually would focus on "speed and teamwork." He added, "They come here to show what they've got. They like basketball and they want to play for the Army. It's a chance for them to improve their skill and take it a long way."

Athletes will live on post during the 2-month camp.

Gascon said the Army has won the Armed Forces Basketball Championship the last three years, beating the Marine Corps in 1990.

Top athletes from all the services are selected for the Armed Forces Basketball Team, which plays in the Amateur Athletic Union Championships and other national sports events.

Rogers said for right now, his teammates are most concerned with making the most of their abilities. "It looks like no one is coming but us," Rogers, who turned down a basketball scholarship to the U.S. Military Academy said.

"We just have to play harder, faster, and stronger. And we're going to do it."



Desert Shield

Presidio troops conduct riot control training

by Drew Seaman

One hundred and ten soldiers from the Sixth U.S. Army Band and Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command Battalion, United States Army Garrison practiced baton training and learned how to work as members of a riot control team on the Fort Scott basketball court Jan. 9.

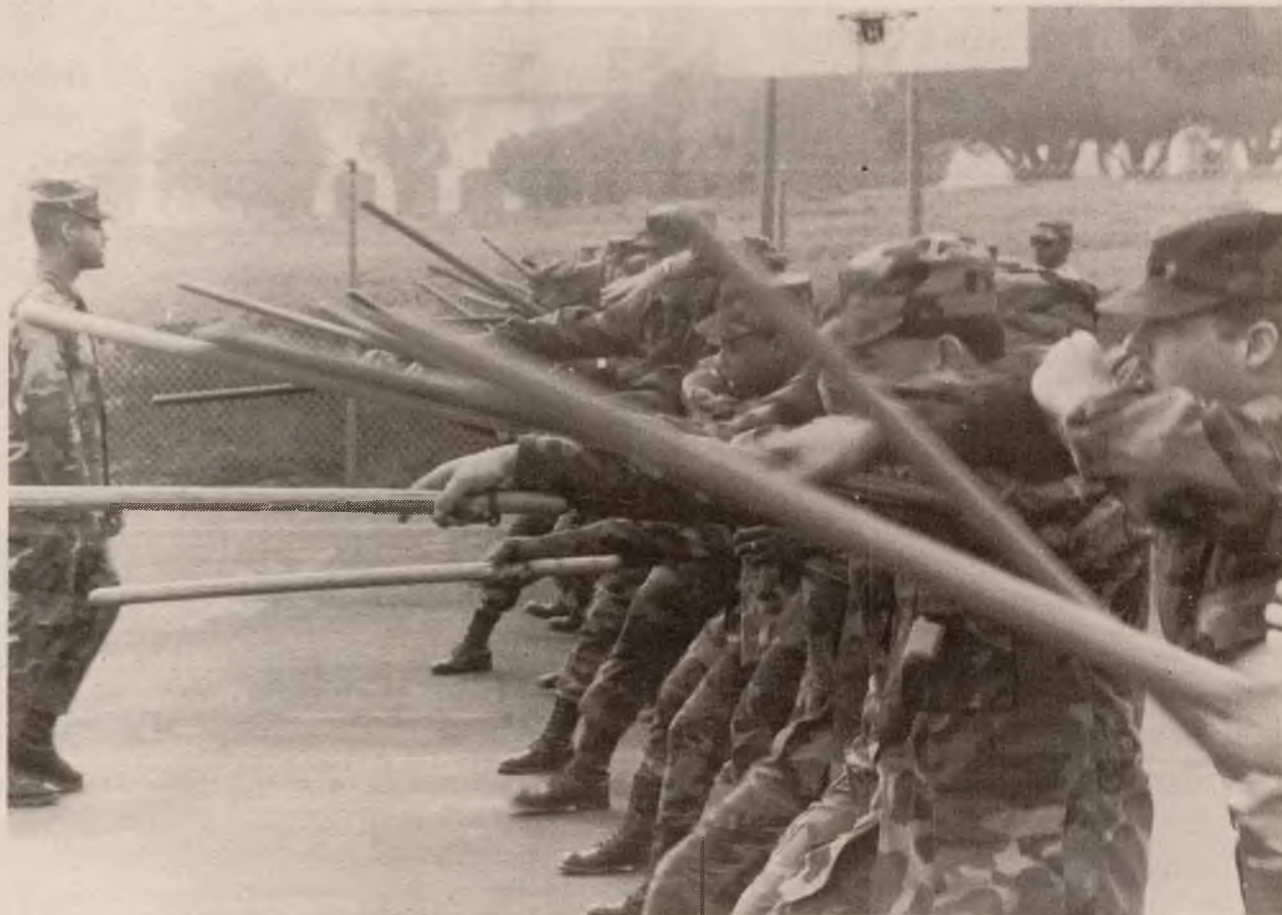
"Ever since the Presidio has been around people have been demonstrating here," said Staff Sgt. William L. Miller, a Law Enforcement Company military policeman. The military police usually deal with civil disturbances themselves but when they get out of hand, they call on Presidio soldiers to act as a back-up force.

Miller said, "We train soldiers to look professional when holding a demonstration in check. We're not out there to inflict bodily harm or pain. We're out there to prevent just that."

Miller said most of the demonstrations occur at Gorgas Gate because it's a highly visible area for the public. "The demonstrations have been light lately, but we've had over a 1,000 people at one time before," he said.

Staff Sgt. Marino M. Jacob, a participant in the riot control exercise, said if he's called on to "stand a line of defense" against protesters he'll do what he's called on to do. "We're not out there to make value judgements," he said adding, "We're out there to accomplish our mission."

Capt. John F. Duffy, the Headquarters Command Battalion operations officer, offered a word of advice to demonstrators. "The soldiers out on the demonstration control line aren't the one's making policies or dictating world events," he said. "They're just doing their jobs and shouldn't be treated with verbal or physical abuse."



Soldiers strike out with batons in a practice drill at Fort Scott.

photo by Drew Seaman

CENTCOM: Search for SCUD launchers continues

by Army News Service

Although Iraq's participation in the Persian Gulf war has been "very feeble" and largely limited to scattered SCUD missile attacks, a U.S. Central Command official says coalition efforts to locate and destroy Saddam Hussein's SCUD launchers have been only partially successful.

During a CENTCOM press briefing in Riyadh a 10 a.m. EST Jan. 21, Air Force Maj. Gen. Burton Moore also acknowledged hearing the reports of downed American fliers being held prisoner in Iraq, saying that while U.S. officials are "happy that our airmen survived the interception, the hostile fire, we hold Iraq accountable to treat them in accordance with the Geneva Convention."

Moore is the director of operations for CENTCOM's forward headquarters.

Nine SCUD missiles were launched toward Dhahran and Riyadh early Jan. 21. Moore said that all of the incoming SCUDs except one were intercepted by Patriots; the remaining SCUD fell into the sea near Dhahran. He added that some damage was caused in Riyadh, but could not confirm whether it was caused by debris from an intercepted SCUD or by a malfunctioning Patriot.

"I would say that his efforts to launch SCUDs, both here and in Israel, have been very ineffective," he said.

Moore said the coalition air forces were continuing their hunt for both fixed-site and mobile SCUD

launchers, and that they were "no where near" finishing off Iraq's SCUD threat.

"We have taken some of them out," he said. "We have not achieved 100 percent of our objectives against the fixed sites, the mobile sites and his SCUD missile capability."

Moore also reported that:

- 14 coalition aircraft had been lost to hostile fire, nine of them U.S. aircraft. Another two coalition aircraft — an Army Apache and a British Tornado — had been lost in non-combat incidents. The Iraqis had lost 17 planes in air-to-air fighting.

- More than 8,100 coalition sorties had been flown against Iraqi targets.

Vigilance urged to counter terrorist threat

by Army News Service and Star Presidian staff

Anti-terrorism experts expect the worst as war rages in the Middle East.

The "worst" includes attempted terrorist attacks on American soil. And while the potential for attacks in the United States would be at an all-time high, terrorist activities against American service members and facilities in the Middle East and Europe would be most certain, according to Lt. Col. Richard Priem.

He added that terrorist activity could begin now since fighting has broken out.

Several terrorist groups may be in position now to strike at American targets overseas, with surveillance of the targets and "pre-operational planning" already complete, said Priem, who is responsible for the Army's combatting terrorism policy.

For these groups, "the question at this point is the receipt of instructions, receipt of guidance, or for the final decision (to be made) to execute what's already been planned," he said.

Surveillance of suspected terrorist groups, along with FBI reports and recent statements made by government officials in Baghdad, leads military leaders at the Pentagon to believe terrorist attempts could be imminent. "We've worked very closely with the FBI to monitor the threat to Army activities and personnel in the continental United States," said Priem.

He added that while the potential for terrorism

may not be as great in the continental United States as it could become in other areas of the world, "certainly the potential is there, and anyone who assumes there is no terrorist threat here is making an unreasonable assessment."

"A number of individuals in the Iraqi government have made public statements to the effect that terrorism is one of the weapons they will use in the event of attack. I don't think there's any question that, between the public statements from Iraq and the information that we've developed worldwide, that they will use terrorism in one form or another in support of their objectives."

According to Priem, those objectives include attempts to embarrass the military and the American government, and to sway public opinion away from United Nations efforts in the Middle East. "The stage they'll be playing on is the world opinion stage," he said. "They'll be looking to make a statement—something that would be covered by the world media."

Priem says lessons learned from terrorist attacks in Europe and the Middle East over the past 10 years have helped prepare the Army for the threat posed by terrorists sympathetic to Iraq. Army security worldwide has been increased because of the potential threat, and soldiers, family members and civilian employees are being asked to be on the lookout for suspicious activities on and near their military post.

"There's no question that we're better prepared

to handle the threat than the military was years ago," Priem said. "We've evolved an effective system for increasing the security posture of our intelligence collection."

If you receive a telephone bomb threat, try to get as much information as possible. Report information immediately to the Military Police at 561-5656. Presidio mayors may assist you on what procedures are being implemented for possible bomb threats in your area.

It is important not to touch any article that seems suspicious. Check mail before opening any letters or packages and note any of the following:

- Foreign mailing, air mail and special delivery from sources unknown,
- Restrictive markings, such as confidential or personal,
- Excessive postage,
- Hand written or poorly typed addresses,
- Incorrect titles, titles but no names, misspellings of common names or words, oily stains or discoloration, no return address, excessive weight, rigid envelope, protruding wires or foil, excessive securing material such as masking tape, string, etc., or visual distractions.

If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, such as abandoned packages or any vehicles or strangers in your area, report it to the MPs at 561-2251 or 561-2252.

compiled by Joel P. Smith
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

National Prayer Breakfast

The Officers' Club will host the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 7 at 7 a.m. Retired Chaplain (Col.) Leroy Johnson is slated as the guest speaker. Tickets are \$5. For more information about the event, call the Post Chapel at 561-4711.

LAMC nurse dining-in

The Letterman Army Medical Center Dining In-Plus is slated for Feb. 1 at the Presidio Officers' Club at 6 p.m. Dress is formal and the cost is \$20. Feb. 1 is the anniversary of the founding of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901. Active duty nurses, civilian permanent RN staff and all ANC retired officers are invited.

National park volunteers

The National Park Service is offering a free 11-session training program from volunteer docents to introduce the public to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's newest park—the Presidio of San Francisco. Although the Presidio's conversion to the National Park Service will take several years, NPS officials are already holding tours on post. NPS plans to hold its first docent-led tours of the Presidio next spring.

If you'd like to be a volunteer, please attend a Presidio docent's orientation Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center, building 682, on Park Boulevard near Lincoln Boulevard on post. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a space at the meeting, or for more information, call 556-0865 or 556-1874.

Leave donations

Elayne Werner, with the Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office, and Ruby Poullard, a Presidio employee, are experiencing medical emergencies. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave, and have been approved as leave recipients. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave may call the Civilian Personnel Directorate at 561-5086.

Radio hotline

San Francisco State University's radio station, KUSF, sponsors an entertainment hotline. Call 221-AMEN to find out what bands are playing at city night clubs. The recording is updated each Monday.

Faculty concert at SFSU

San Francisco State University is hosting a faculty concert Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. in Knuth Hall in the Creative Arts building on the SFSU campus at Hallway and 19th avenues.

The concert features faculty artists Paul Yarbrough on the viola, and William Corbett-Jones on piano. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3.50 for students, seniors and SFSU faculty, staff and alumni. For more information, or for tickets, call 338-2467.

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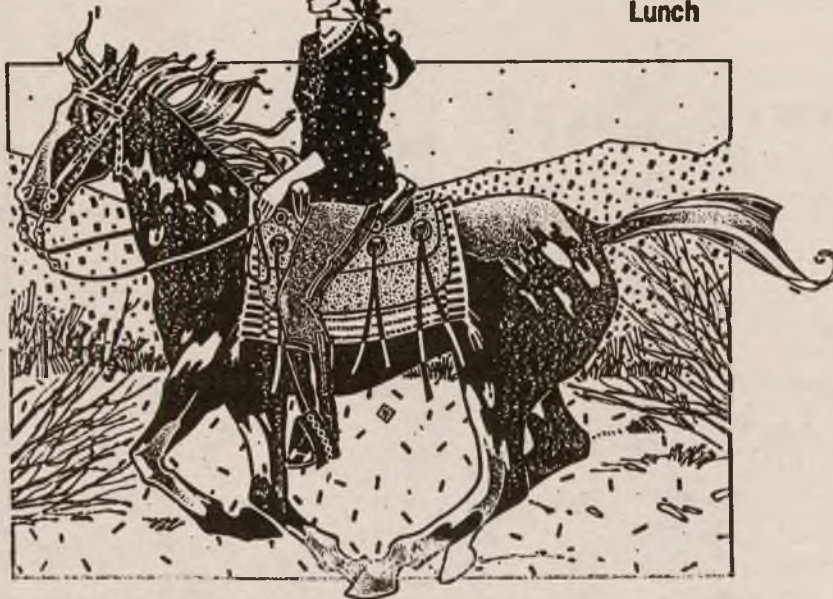
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Crisis intervention training

The Presidio Crisis Line is sponsoring a three-day workshop on crisis intervention and improving interpersonal skills at the end of this month and early February. Dates for the workshop are Wednesday (from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.), Feb. 2 (from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Feb. 4 (5:30 to 9:30 p.m.). There is no charge for the class, but participants are asked to volunteer for the Crisis Line. For more details, call Priscilla Fleischer at Army Community Services at 561-4513.

Messages to Desert Storm

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Report on Iraq

The U.S. Army War College offers a 93-page chronicled report on the events of the 8-year Iran-Iraq war. Iraq's threat to Israel and U.S. objectives for stability in the Persian Gulf are also discussed in "Iraqi Power and U.S. Security in the Middle East." For a copy, send \$3.25 to: Dept. 36-10, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., 20402-9325. You can also order with VISA or MasterCard by calling (202) 783-3238. Use the book's stock number, 008-020-01231-9, when ordering.

USO job search workshop

The USO's Resume and Job Search workshop is held each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is required. Military members and their spouses are eligible to attend. Job placements and job consultations are made by appointment only. Call the USO at 561-2436 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USO is also sponsoring a four-week workshop on career opportunities. The workshop focuses on Richard Bolles' career guidebook, "What Color is Your Parachute." Dates and times for the workshop have not been announced.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problems incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

LAMC chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed for Operation Desert Storm, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474.

Education news

"Elementary Persian I" will be offered as a language by the San Jose State University Continuing Education program from Tuesday to May 14 on college campus in San Jose, Calif. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:20 p.m.

The advanced language class, "Elementary Persian II," meets Mondays, Jan. 28 through May 13 from 7 to 9:45 p.m.

For more information, or to register, call (408) 924-2600 or 924-2601, or write: Elementary Persian, Office of Continuing Education, San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif. 95192-0135.

Lotus 1-2-3 workshop

Learn how to use Lotus 1-2-3 in a workshop at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 6 through March 13. The workshop is free to active-duty personnel; others pay \$200. You must be able to operate a microcomputer to enroll. For more information, call an education counselor at 561-4445.

Black History Month schedule

February is Black History Month—a time which recognizes the great leaders of Black America, but this year also recognizes the needy military families on post. A month-long canned food drive will help Presidians feed needy soldiers. Contact your unit's equal opportunity representative for details, or call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas S. Knight at 561-3405. Awards will be given to the unit or agencies that collect the greatest number of cans. Fort Point will also honor black Americans throughout the month. The historic fort, located beneath the southern span of the Golden Gate Bridge, will have a February exhibit focusing on the service of black soldiers from 1776 to the present.

The following events have been scheduled for the post for the month of February:

Feb. 1: Kickoff for the canned food drive;

Feb. 6: Musical drama, "Trying to Get Home," food sampling, art, book and apparel displays, and a self-portrait by an African artist at the Post Theatre from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 8: Allensworth exhibition at the Letterman Army Medical Center Schwartz Theater from 1 to 4 p.m.;

Feb. 12: Black History Month luncheon at the LAMC Dining Facility, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 15: Afro-American food buffet and art display at the NCO Club from 11:30 to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 20: Black History Month and storytelling hour for Presidio preschool-age children at the Child Development Center from 2 to 3 p.m.;

Feb. 26: Same as Feb. 20. However, the event is from 3 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 28: Black History month ethnic meal at the Fort Scott Dining Facility from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri., Jan. 25: The Rescuer's Down Under (G) 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 26: Child's Play II (R) 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 27: Pacific Heights (R) 7 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 28: Jacob's Ladder (R) 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

Fri., Jan. 25: White Palace (R) 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 26: Memphis Belle (PG-13) 7 p.m.

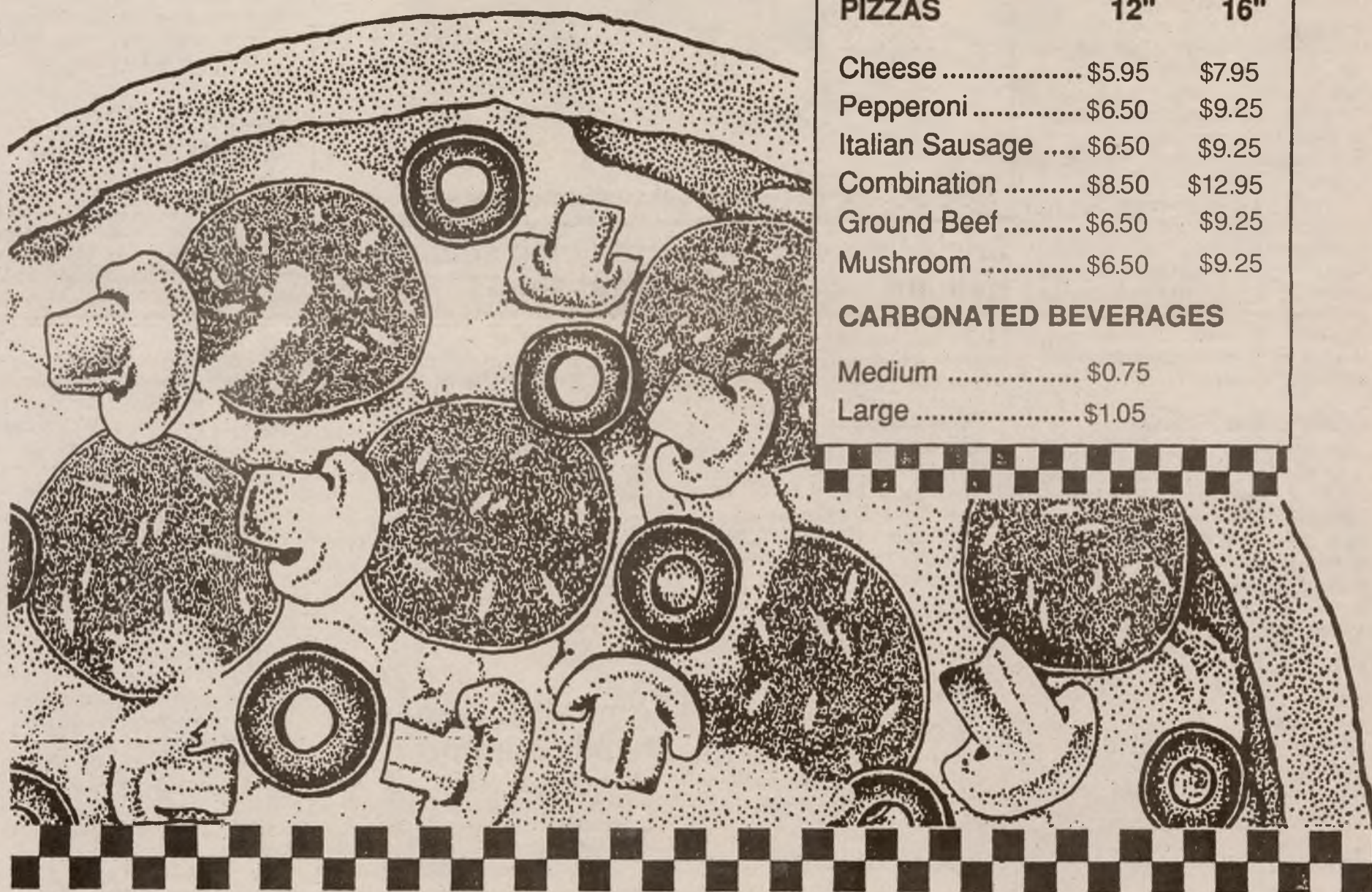
Sun., Jan. 27: White Palace (R) 4 p.m.



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Temporary Desert Storm mail restrictions to troops announced

by Army News Service

Central Command officials are asking families and friends of Desert Storm soldiers to temporarily limit their mailings to loved ones in the Middle East.

According to a message to field units from the Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va., CENTCOM officials have asked that, for the time being, only first-class letters and audio cassettes be mailed to servicemembers in the Middle East.

"This action is being taken to minimize the difficulty for our troops on the move to secure and transport personal articles and to reduce the possibility of items being lost, damaged or delayed," the PERSCOM message said.

PERSCOM officials added that the restrictions would likely be in place for two to three weeks.

"The task of supporting units on the move is a logistics challenge," the message said, "and every effort must be made to limit transportation support to what is necessary for sustainment."

800 number for Desert Storm information

Family and friends of soldiers in the Persian Gulf can call a new 1-800 number to get information concerning Operation Desert Storm.

By calling 1-800-626-1440, those interested can obtain information concerning the following:

- general phone numbers for Department of Defense, Department of the Army, and the American Red Cross,
- postal service and APO questions,
- soldier and family health and welfare issues,
- reserve component issues,

- financial/pay questions
- family support networks

Callers should not expect to get information on the following:

- precise unit locations/unit activities in Desert Storm
- information on individual soldiers until public release of casualties has been made (next of kin will be notified before any public release of casualties is available)

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Desert Storm family meetings

Army Community Service is sponsoring a child and family-member meeting for parents concerned about their child's reaction to a soldier's deployment to the Persian Gulf. The meeting is Tues. from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at ACS, building 103B, next to the Finance and Accounting Office on post. Those who attend will get to express their concerns, learn what problems they might be facing in the home and what resources are available to help. For more information, call Nancy Niederhauser at 561-5111.

Blood drive date change

The date and location of the Presidio blood drive scheduled on Thursday and Friday has been changed. The new dates are Feb. 7-8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Letterman Army Medical Center's Schwartz Theater will be the site of the blood drive. To donate, call your unit blood drive recruiter or telephone 561-4147.

Family support

For family assistance, contact your Family Support Group. If you don't know what FSG you belong to, or you have a particular individual problem, contact Anna Rodriguez at 561-5730.

Access to the post

Under current security conditions, the 15th Avenue Gate will remain closed at all times. The Marina and Gorgas Street gates will open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. daily.

If it becomes necessary, under more serious threat conditions, to further limit access to the installation, all gates will be closed except the Lombard Avenue gate, the Arguello Avenue gate, and the access route to the Golden Gate Bridge (Merchant Road). Under these circumstances, MPs will control access to the Presidio at these gates, and only those people with proper identification or a verifiable reason to enter the installation will be granted permission to do so.

Post hotline

A new hotline on post is available for those wanting information on gate closures and security threats to the installation. The number is 561-2659.

Vehicle registration

If you haven't registered your personal vehicle with post tags, you should do so immediately. You can register at the MP station. You'll need your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

GGNRA asks citizens to envision future of Presidio



Some of the 140 people attending the 'Presidio Vision Workshop' Saturday at the NCO Club, discuss their ideas for the future of the Presidio after the Army turns it over to the GGNRA.

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Attendees at the first "Presidio Visions Workshop" were asked to dream.

"Place yourself in the year 2000 as a good reference," David Sibbet, the meeting facilitator, urged the approximately 140 people who came to the Presidio NCO Club for Saturday's Golden Gate National Recreation Area sponsored meeting. "It is important that we allow ourselves to have a vision of what the Presidio will become."

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for sharing and creating visions of the future Presidio as a National Park to be recorded and fed into the planning process.

The effort to plan a park future for the Presidio is the result of 1989 decision by Congress to close the Presidio and other military installations through the Base Realignment and Closure Act. The Presidio is within the boundary of a national park area and by law is required to be transferred to the management of the National Park Service upon closure, to be no later than Sept. 30, 1995.

And dream people did. The variety of ideas show the diversity of San Francisco. Visions included: a world center for peace, a world military museum, Smithsonian West, a world cultural center, a huge AIDS research center built around the Letterman Army Medical Center building, a Pacific Rim

research center, an environmental research center, and the list goes on.

Other visions included cutting down all the trees and returning the Presidio to a more "native" state, making it a mass transportation hub for San Francisco, destroying all the non-historic buildings to improve the "open vistas" of the Presidio, keeping the golf course open and the opposing view of returning the golf course to its "native state". . . .

GGNRA planners wanted to get feedback on what Presidio qualities should be maintained, enhanced, or modified and uses and activities should take place on the Presidio after the Army leaves.

"This is a once in a generation opportunity and we want to make sure decisions are not made in a vacuum," Roger Kelly Brown, National Park Service Presidio Planning Team captain, explained.

To further involve the public in the planning process the GGNRA is holding seven more vision workshops. The three remaining workshops will be in San Francisco, including one at the Presidio Officers' Club, two in the east bay, one on the peninsula and one in Marin County. Workshops will also be held in Sacramento and Washington D.C. in March.

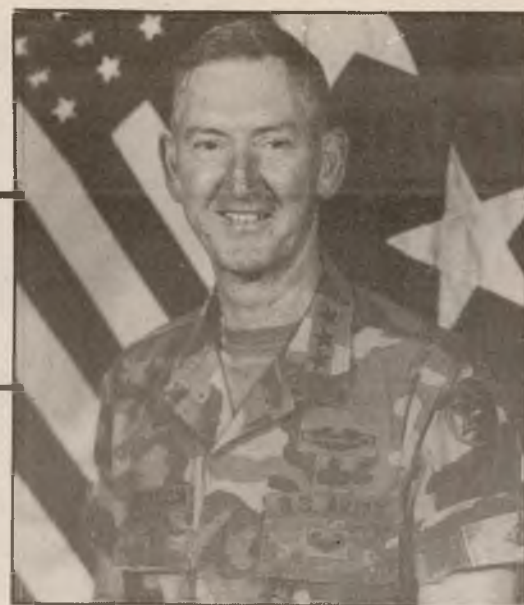
Four free bus, and several walking tours of the Presidio will be provided in connection with the Vision Workshops. For information and reservations on workshops and tours call 556-0865.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Fly a flag for freedom

Dear Presidians—

The Gulf War continues and I know you share with me our pride in all our service men and women. Those brave Navy and Air Force pilots who have done such professional work. The Marines who have already come under fire. The sailors who have launched the Tomahawk Missiles so expertly. And all those combat tankers, our airborne and air assault troops; the combat support signal and military police soldiers; and all the great combat service support truckers, fuel handlers, clerks, public affairs types, water purifiers, and on and on! They are all doing such a wonderful job, representing our country so well. Truly they are each and every one HOO AH! and make every day a great day to be a member of America's armed forces—or a family member, or a civilian employee, or a volunteer.

As I jog around post I am seeing more and more flags—and they look great. I want to again encourage every inhabitant of PSF to show your support to our fellow service men and women by displaying the flag. It doesn't have to be a big flag—the size doesn't count! It doesn't have to be on a pole—so long as it's displayed with respect is all that matters. It can be a tiny hand held flag or even one made at school by your child. The thing that counts is you're "Flying a Flag for Freedom" in support of our fellow soldiers! HOO AH!

Last Thursday, I attended a memorial service for Colonel Charles W. Davis (Ret). Colonel Davis was a true hero, a recipient of the Medal of Honor for heroism on the island of Guadalcanal in WWII. Many of his friends were present and soldiers from the Presidio were the pallbearers. I know Colonel Davis would have been so proud of these young soldiers and their very professional and respectful manner and military bearing.

Also on Thursday, I had a periodic tour and briefing by our museum staff headed by Mr. Hub Garcia. Have all of you been to our Presidio Museum? If not, you should. It is a very interesting place and well worth your while. It will soon close for a period of time to undergo some earthquake repair and during this period many items will be removed to other Army museums as part of our closure plan. So, if you haven't been to the museum yet, you ought to go.

Friday we celebrated Sixth U.S. Army's birthday—it's 48th—with a reading of the history, our monthly run, and lots of cake and Koolaid! The band played for us and a great time was had by all. It was a HOO AH! time!

On Saturday, I traveled to Butte, Montana (temperature -2!!) to speak at the "Spirit of Butte/Silver Bow Ball". Despite the temperature it was a great turn out to support the military in Montana. We had Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine participation from the National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve and Active forces. A special guest was Mary Andrews of the Sixth Army, USAR Volunteer of the Year for 1990!

One negative note today. Reports are that parent attendance at our Child Development Center Parent Advisory Council Meeting has really dropped off. I really urge all parents or any Presidian to attend these meetings. Our CDC is so

important to our soldiers—we all need to be interested and involved. Only if we participate can we hope to make it better. So how about it! Come on out to the CSD and help "run" your CDC.

Recently I got a wonderful letter from a patient at the LAMC Dental Lab. This patient was lauding Staff Sgt. Lopez and Mrs. Mary Ann Sanders for their kindness, courteousness and concerned care. Let me quote one paragraph from this letter—

"Col. Brown, Mrs. Sanders, and/or SSG Lopez could have treated me with the attitude that: 'Military retirees are a bother to us, and should be discouraged from seeking dental care at this clinic.' But, they did not take that attitude. They were very courteous to me, and very professional in their work. In fact, they went the extra mile to ensure I received the best possible dental care. I appreciate it, and believe you want to know about these things."

That's HOO AH!

Fellow Presidians—we formally had a contract with a civilian contract to police along our street and roads and all our common areas. Because of a cutback in fund, we have had to cancel the contract and resort to that age old custom of POLICE CALL for our soldiers. Now, they cannot do it all because every hour away from their jobs is an hour gone from their very important Army job. So I'm asking each Presidian to do two things. First, don't litter the PSF. Use designated trash receptacles and don't be a litter bug. And second, please help by policing those

common areas near you. Oh yes, I know, you didn't put it there! But we need your help to keep the PSF—A Very Special Place!

Some great feedback this week on some of our Presidians deployed to the Gulf. A letter from the Commander of the U.S. Army Forces Central Command, Personnel Command cited several of our soldiers who are working there. Specifically named was Specialist Davis. HOO AH! Specialist Davis, we're proud of you.

Another letter this week from a former Presidian brought some interesting information. After commenting on all those cookies, etc., our soldiers are receiving, this letter writer states, "What people really like to receive is letter mail and packages with old newspapers" There it is, right from the horses mouth! So, let's keep writing. Our campaign was not just a Christmas exercise, but one for the duration. Headquarters Command Battalion or the USASIX PAO can provide any of you with names and addresses. So, please write our folks in the Gulf. They need and deserve our support.

God bless you every one—and don't forget—Fly a Flag for Freedom and write to our soldiers!

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, JSA
Commanding

**"It is fatal to enter any war
without the will to win it."
—General Douglas MacArthur**



Sixth U.S. Army family members eye the Birthday cake before the run was finished Friday.

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News

Ask Presidians

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

“Important issue you would like to see get more publicity?”



Theresa Scanlan, junior, Balboa Senior High School: "The homeless issue. These people should receive more understanding because they don't have a choice. I'm sure they didn't say I'm going to be homeless. They're homeless because people refuse to be understanding."

Spec. Lisa Werger, lab technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "The support of troops in Saudi Arabia. My father is a combat engineer over there. I don't want him to come home to protests or hatred. People should be more understanding of our soldiers and visibly show our support in positive rallies."



Spec. Yvonne Cox, admissions clerk, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I'd like people to be more aware of what we're doing for America. People have the right to protest. But I hope they don't take it out on me or my family. We're doing our jobs and we're not the enemy."

Charles C. Cunningham, retired chief warrant officer, United States Coast Guard: "I'd like to know more about the closing of LAMC. Is it closing or not? If it does where will I go? I hope that the government has a plan to take care of us retirees who are left without alternative medical plans."



Emanuel Garcia, retired sergeant, United States Army: "Taxes. I think people should be concerned about taxes. I think they will go higher as the population increases basically because of the supply and demand economics. People will need more and the government will demand more money."

Florentino A. Velardez, retired airman first class, United States Air Force: “The cost of houses. It’s impossible for most families to buy a house nowadays. They average about \$300,000. I bought a house for \$23,000 in 1970 and now it’s worth \$250,000.



Free legal assistance for active duty Reserves

by Staff Judge Advocate's Office

Many Reservists and National Guardsmen called to active duty have encountered significant legal problems as they suffer a decrease in their income and quickly leave their personal affairs behind. The Staff Judge Advocate's Office has always been available to provide comprehensive legal counseling to these soldiers, however, since August the caseload for legal assistance has easily doubled and is expected to continue to increase.

The San Francisco Bay Area legal community has quickly responded to this need for legal services and several outstanding law firms are now providing free legal assistance to soldiers serving in the Persian Gulf and to their families.

One of the law firms providing free legal services to Bay Area Reservists and National Guardsmen called to active duty is the firm of Thelin, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges. This law firm will hold a spe-

cial legal clinic on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. If you would like more information about this legal clinic or need the names of other local law firms offering free legal service, including the Bar Association of San Francisco, you are directed to call the Garrison Legal Office.

If you are having financial problems, have questions on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, need to stay payment on a debt, or have any other legal problems you can call the Legal Assistance Office at 561-4273 for an appointment. Legal Assistance Clients who do not need a legal document prepared can attend a walk-in legal clinic held every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Legal Assistance Office if you would like a referral for other free legal services in your community. If you have a question about any of the legal services discussed above, need an appointment, or need a referral to a civilian attorney, please call the Legal Assistance Office.

New federal pay charts

Presidio federal General Schedule employees should be seeing a bigger pay check this pay period, the first full pay period of 1991. This increase will include a 4.1 percent cost of living increase and an 8 percent locality add-on.

This locality pay affects federal workers in three geographic areas: San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. President George Bush signed an executive order Dec. 12, 1990, to help close the gap be-

tween federal employees and their private sector counterparts in these three high-cost metropolitan areas.

**Next week:
Military pay chart**

8 Percent Interim Geographic Adjustments

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GENERAL SCHEDULE

Providing a 4.1 Percent Increase
Effective Jan. 1, 1991

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Support Our Troops

Novato rally supports troops in Middle East

Story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

More than 100 people gathered on sidewalks in Novato Saturday to support our troops in the Middle East.

"We finally get a chance to help someone out, and I'm going to support America and the troops," Ken Hall said. "It's like someone robbing your house and claiming everything as their own. That's what happened to Kuwait. They called the cops—United Nations."

Company C, 864th Eng. Bn. wives also came out to support their husbands.

"It feels great to come out here and see everyone supporting America and the troops," Darlene Meade said. "This is the least I can do to support my husband while he's defending his country."

Demonstrators marched from City Hall to the next intersection. People carrying flags and signs chanted, "USA, all the way," "2-4-6-8 it's time to free Kuwait" and "Support our troops!" Passing motorists waved flags and beeped their horns to show their support.

"It's really important to get out and show our support for the troops," Jamie K. Johnson, one of the demonstrators said. "If all the troops see is protesters then they'll never know there are some of us behind them all the way."



Two demonstrators drove by on a motorcycle, decorated with flags, beeping their horn to show their support.



Ross B. Hamilton came out with his parents to support the soldiers at the demonstration Saturday.

Desert Shield hotline

The Pentagon has set up special, 24-hour telephone lines to be used by relatives of military personnel seeking information about the status of family members in the Persian Gulf. The following numbers are available: Army - (800) 626-1440, Air Force - (800) 253-9276, Marines - (800) 523-2694, Coast Guard - (800) 367-8724. Immediate family members of Navy personnel should call (800) 255-3808, while other relatives and friends should call (800) 732-1206.

Write to GIs

To write to Army, Air Force and Marine personnel on the ground: Any Servicemember, Operation Desert Shield, APO New York 09848-0006.

To write to Navy and Marine personnel on ships: Any Servicemember, Operation Desert Shield, FPO New York 09866-0006.

864th address

To write to soldiers in Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion who have deployed to Saudi Arabia write: Co. C, 864 Engineer Bn, "Desert Shield", APO New York NY 09616.



Many came out to support the soldiers in front of the Novato City Hall, Saturday.

Celebrate Diversity

Black History Month: The Afro-American cultural heritage

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian

Black History Month will begin at the Presidio Friday with the musical drama "Trying to Get Home," starring Kerrigan Black, a popular East Bay performer. The free play will be held in the Post Theater Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A portrait artist, Geo, will be on hand to do personality sketches. There will also be food sampling, art, books and apparel displays.

The guest speaker at the theater will be Maj. Carl E. Settles, a family fellow/clinical psychologist. The Bowling Center, across the street from the theater, will offer barbecued ribs at \$3.75 for people who would like to eat lunch after the event.

The Letterman Army Medical Center will have a Black History Month luncheon and display Feb. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Noncommissioned Officers Club will preview an art display during their lunch buffet Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Child Development Center will have a BHM story telling hour for preschool aged children Feb. 20, 2 to 3 p.m. and another session Feb. 26, 3 to 4 p.m.

The Fort Scott dining facility will offer an ethnic meal Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Fort Point Museum will present an on-going exhibit honoring the Black soldier from 1776 to the present.

The Post Library will also provide a special display for the entire month.

The Exploratorium will present a weekend of films, performances, and activities beginning Feb. 23 to Feb. 24 celebrating the influence of African-American rhythms on kids' pastimes.

On the 23rd, the Dynamic Jumpers will demonstrate the amazing intricacy, speed and free style moves of double-dutch jump roping techniques at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

At 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the McBean Theater, bilingual storytellers Vivian Sykes and Sandra Balderama will recite bilingual (Spanish/English) rhythm songs and poetry, including the poetry that accompanies double dutch jump roping.

Films that will be shown at the McBean Theater during the weekend will be Pick Up Your Feet- The Double Dutch Show, Play and Cultural Continuity, Pizza Pizza Daddy-O! and Children's Chants and Games.

The group is made up of 25 girls from the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center in Oakland.

For more information about Presidio BHM activities call Angela Brumfield, Equal Opportunity Officer, at 561-4158. For more information about Exploratorium activities call Linda Dackman at 563-7337.



Clockwise, from lower left: a Civil War enlisted soldier; Susie King Taylor; James Lafayette; Gen. Colin Powell; Brig. Gen. Hazel Winfield Johnson; Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr.; Harriet Tubman; and a Buffalo Soldier of the 1860s.

Afro-American history/music

'Trying to get home' traces black music from spirituals to rap

Kerrigan Black's musical drama "Trying to Get Home," traces American music from period to period, demonstrating the black presence in each era. There have been almost 400 years of African musical influence in this country, according to Black. To explore the many distinct Afro-American genres and their significance in depth would demand more than a 40-minute theater piece allows. Kerrigan provides as expansive an overview as possible with a thoughtful selection of musical numbers.

You will hear more than 20 tunes, from spirituals, blues, and gospel, to jazz, do-wop, Rhythm and Blues, Motown, Civil Rights songs adopted from the church, a contemporary example of the historical Black longing to "get home" from the Broadway show "The Wiz," and to bring the program into the present, Kerrigan's own "History Rap."

Dr. Settles to speak

Major Carl E. Settles, a clinical psychologist, will be the guest speaker at the Post Theater Feb. 6.

Doctor Settles is presently enrolled in a Family Therapy post-doctoral fellowship at Letterman Army Medical Center. Since arriving at the Presidio in June of 1989, he has been a consultant to the Family Service Center at Naval Station Treasure Island on family problems related to the October 1989 earthquake as well as providing family consultation to the Presidio Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program, the Family Advocacy Case Management Team, and LAMC inpatient psychiatric unit.

He received a B.S. and Master's in Elementary Education from Prairie View A & M University in 1970, 1971 respectively and a Ph.D. in Counseling/Clinical Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976.

Settles has been married for 23 years to the former Carol Hadnot of Woodville, Texas, and they have two children, Carl Jr., 22 and Corey, 18.



**Carolyn
'Roniece'
Levias
to sing
at Post
Theatre**

Carolyn "Roniece" Levias will perform at the Post Theater Nov. 6.

She has worked in R-Jam Studios in Boston, Ma. on two of Bobby Brown's future projects, Lee Lee Brown (Bobby's sister), and Harold Travis. Bobby and Roniece have become friends and business associates. Roni's latest project included a duet with Warner/Reprise recording artist Michael Cooper (former lead singer of Con-Funk-Shun) titled "My Baby's House."

She is currently a junior at California State Hayward where she is majoring in Speech Communications and Theatre. She won a talent show given by the university. The play and her performance received excellent reviews.

In high school she won many awards, including best female vocalist 1986-1987, and was also Oakland High School Choir President.

During this time she received three scholarships: Oakland High School Music Award, Douglas Khann Fine Art Award, and the Bank of America Theatre/Drama Award. She also wrote and arranged an anti-drug musical/drama titled, "The King of Kokoland Meets High Powers' Daughter."

She works very closely with her cousin Greg Levias, a keyboard musician known for his work with Rick James, Patrice Rushen, The Mary Jane Girls, Tina Turner and The Deele.



Angela Brumfield, post Equal Employment Opportunity manager, discusses plans for honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on post.

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

LAMC takes over Gym -2

Letterman Army Medical Center will gain control of Post Gym -2 Friday. The new operational hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ski tickets available

Discount Squaw Valley ski lift tickets are available at ITT, Bldg. 215. The \$35 ticket is good for use all day. The regular price is \$38.

Intramural Basketball Program

The 1991 Intramural Basketball Program is underway with seven teams in the full-court and six teams in half-court league. The half-court program (30 years and older) is held during the lunch hour and the full-court starts at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. All games are played at gym no. 1.

Results as of Jan.23 (Full-court):

LEC-54 vs. USAG-51, Co. A, LAMC-59 vs. LAIR-46, USAG-51 vs. Co. B, LAMC-50, MEPCOM-65 vs. Co. A, LAMC-56.

High scorers for the week

LEC's Reginald Brown-21 against USAG. USAG's Anthony Allen-18 points against Co. B, LAMC and MEPCOM's Everett Robinson also with 18 points against Co. A, LAMC.

Half-court results:

Ande's Gang-21 vs. DENTAC-12, MEPCOM-21 vs. DCSOPS-15, DCSOPS-21 vs. DENTAC 20, USAG-21 vs. MEPCOM-7.

High scorers for the week (Half-court):

DENTAC's Ronald Clark-16, MEPCOM's Kenneth Gray-12 and USAG's John Dumilin-11.

Scuba Diving Class

A basic scuba diving class will get underway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. with the first class scheduled for next Tuesday. The cost will be \$225 which includes all instruction, classroom materials and diving equipment. The mask, fins, snorkel and wet suit are excluded from the cost. For more information call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 561-3285.

Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the Presidio military community:

Adults

Aerobic dance classes/Beverly Carpenter, 681-6721

Run for your life program/Bob Darling, 561-4120

Exercise stretching class/Lynn Fitzwater

Nautilus weight training instruction/Bob Darling, 561-1120

Volksmarch Club/Mike Conrad, 561-5613

Post running team/Bob Darling, 561-4120

Golf lessons/John Murray, 751-4063

Swimming lessons and lifesaving class/Sue Spencer, 561-3673

Fencing lessons/Bill O'Brien, 221-1749

Scuba club/Bill Gilbert, 362-4820 after 5 p.m.

Ladies tennis club/Sandy Halsey, 381-0654 after 5 p.m.

Youth

Summer swimming lessons/Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143

Soccer, basketball and baseball/Allen Posey, 561-5051

Aquarius swim team/Mike Koplin, 561-4224

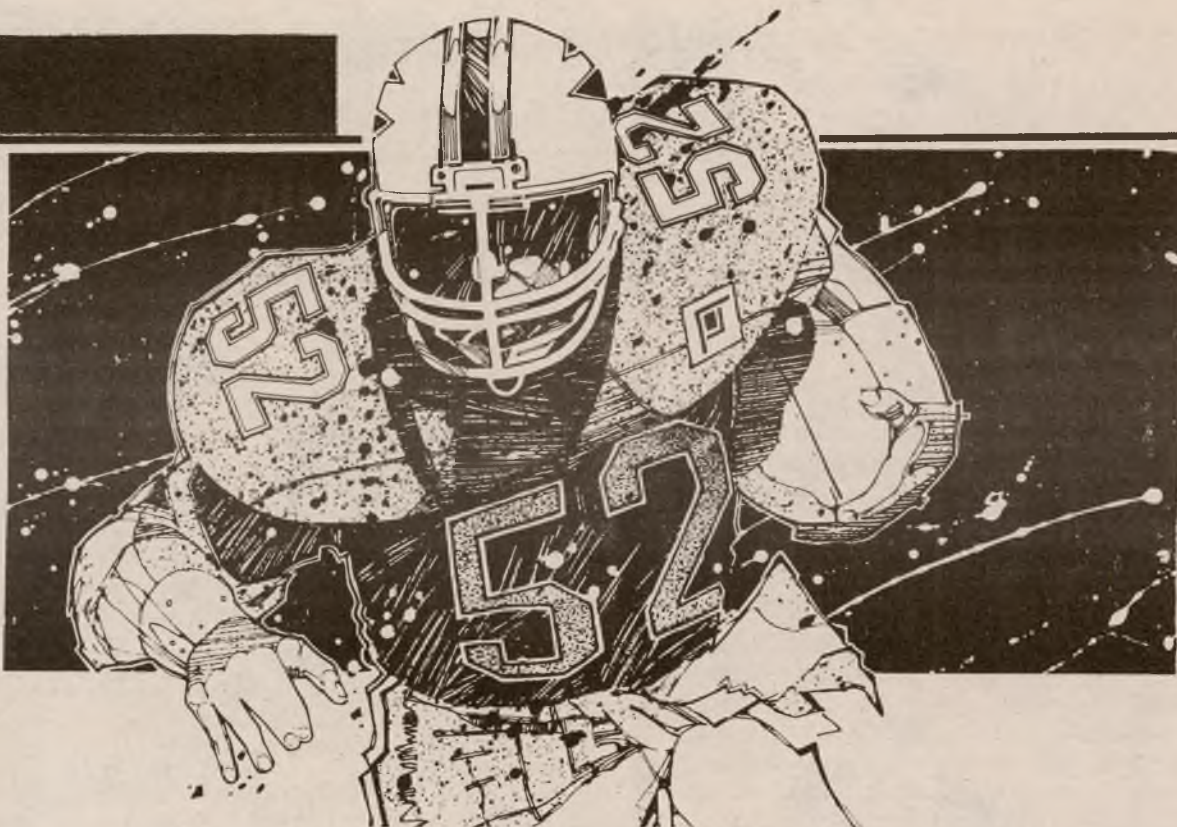
Tae Kwon Do lessons/Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143

Youth ballet lessons/Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205

Jazz dance/Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205

Junior bowling/Penny LeCroy/563-0981

For more information about sports, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.



Should the Super Bowl have been played?

by Capt. Mark Samisch
Army News Service
and Drew Seaman
Star Presidia staff

The New York Giants held their breaths for a 47-yard field goal attempt by Buffalo Bill's Scott Norwood in the closing seconds and held on to win their second Super Bowl, a 20-19 victory. Before the game, Americans could be found in restaurants, lounges and living rooms, speculating and sometimes arguing about the outcome of the "big game." And, although there was much speculation and heated debate concerning the playing of the "big game" this year, the discussions had nothing to do with the outcome — the debate is whether football should have been played at all.

"It was strange to watch the Bud Bowl and the Scud Bowl at the same time," said Eric Brooks, an avid football fan for the past 15 years. "The broadcast would go from coverage of the game to coverage in the Gulf. The Superbowl definately wasn't as hyped up as it has been in the past." But Brooks and his fellow Presidians agreed it was important to keep the perspective that it was just a game while events in the Gulf are real. The buildup to the Super Bowl was, in effect, nonexistent.

The "football or no football" debate centered around the controversy over whether we should

have preempted coverage of a famed American sporting event. Why all of the controversy? The answer is simply that some feel that it's disrespectful to turn our attention away from the events unfolding in the Persian Gulf.

In the first 48 hours after the initiation of hostilities, televisions were blanketed with coverage of our offensive to liberate Kuwait. And while all seemed to be going well for the coalition, there was and still is concern that this war may not be over as quickly as everyone had hoped.

Even though this conflict, now being termed "the Persian Gulf War," has either directly or indirectly affected the lives of all Americans, to change or postpone the Super Bowl doesn't help soldiers in the desert. Our commander in chief has even stated that the games should go on. Also, National Football League players showed their support by wearing American flag emblems on their helmets.

There is no question that the battlefield in the desert is of much greater importance and consequence than the playing field in Tampa, Fla. Still, for many Americans, professional football represents the spirit of healthy competition that is espoused in our democracy. Therefore, out of respect to our historical freedoms, professional sporting events, which are American institutions in their own right, should continue as planned.

ITT offers an escape from depression

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Spouses of soldiers involved in Operation Desert Storm probably don't have travel at the top of their lists right now. They're more concerned about the welfare of loved ones in the Persian Gulf.

But Sandy Cornett, the Information, Tour and Travel office manager, said, "that worrying and sitting home alone can probably do more harm than good." ITT, located in building 215, offers an escape from loneliness with everything from city guides to specially priced tickets.

ITT offers books and travel literature at bargain rates. The titles of the publications range from "The Napa Valley Guide" for \$4 to "Bargain Hunting in the Bay Area" for \$5.50.

ITT also books reservations with 10 major hotel chains, with special discount rates for the military.

This month, ITT offers a 10 percent savings off the roundtrip regular fare for an old fashioned steam train excursion. The train leaves from Roaring Camp in Santa Cruz to Bear Mountain.

The office is also offering a card redeemable for 50 percent off the regular price to visit Marine World Africa USA. The offer extends through February of this year.

For more information on ITT tours and discounts, call 561-3992.



Community Calendar

by Star Presidian staff

Lotus 1-2-3 workshop

Learn how to use Lotus 1-2-3 in a workshop at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, from 1 to 4 p.m. starting Wednesday through March 13. The workshop is free to active-duty personnel; others pay \$200. You must be able to operate a microcomputer to enroll. For more information, call an education counselor at 561-4445.

Black History Month schedule

February is Black History Month—a time which recognizes the great leaders of Black America, but this year also recognizes the needy military families on post. A month-long canned food drive will help Presidians feed needy soldiers. Contact your unit's equal opportunity representative for details, or call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas S. Knight at 561-3405. Awards will be given to the unit or agencies that collect the greatest number of cans. Fort Point will also honor black Americans throughout the month. The historic fort, located beneath the southern span of the Golden Gate Bridge, will have a February exhibit focusing on the service of black soldiers from 1776 to the present.

The following events have been scheduled for the post for the month of February:

Friday: Kickoff for the canned food drive;

Wednesday: Musical drama, "Trying to Get Home," food sampling, art, book and apparel displays, and a self-portrait by an African artist at the Post Theatre from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 8: Allensworth exhibition at the Letterman Army Medical Center Schwartz Theater from 1 to 4 p.m.;

Feb. 12: Black History Month luncheon at the LAMC Dining Facility, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 15: Afro-American food buffet and art display at the NCO Club from 11:30 to 1 p.m.;

Feb. 20: Black History Month and preschool-age hour for Presidio preschool children at the Child Development Center from 2 to 3 p.m.;

Feb. 26: Same as Feb. 20. However, the event is from 3 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 28: Black History Month ethnic meal at the Fort Scott Dining Facility from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

USO job search workshop

The USO's Resume and Job Search workshop is held each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is required. Military members and their spouses are eligible to attend. Job placements and job consultations are made by appointment only. Call the USO at 561-2436 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USO is also sponsoring a four-week workshop on career opportunities. The workshop focuses on Richard Bolles' career guidebook, "What Color is Your Parachute." Dates and times for the workshop have not been announced.



Registration rush

Presidians line up outside the Provost Marshal Office to register vehicles. The rush was precipitated by news of possible I.D. and registration checks at post gates as part of increased security measures on the Presidio.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problems incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

LAMC chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed for Operation Desert Storm, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474.

Crisis intervention training

The Presidio Crisis Line is sponsoring a three-day workshop on crisis intervention and improving interpersonal skills early this month. Dates for the workshop are Saturday (from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Monday (5:30 to 9:30 p.m.). There is no charge for the class, but participants are asked to volunteer for the Crisis Line. For more details, call Priscilla Fleischer at Army Community Services at 561-4513.

OWC luncheon

A luncheon about medical care after Letterman Army Medical Center will be held Thursday in the Officers' Club Ballroom at 11 a.m. For menu selections, reservations or more information, call Teena Larson at 931-7137 or Sharon Marra at 771-8535 by noon Monday.

Blood drive

The date and location of the Presidio Blood Drive has changed to the Letterman Army Medical Center Theatre Thursday and Feb. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call Jeanne Mote at 561-4147.

New recycling products

AAFES will also be moving into the recycling business soon. The exchange service plans to install compost bins at its home-and-garden stores. Composting bins will allow servicemembers to dump off their clippings, leaves and grass and later pick up the product—moist, rich humus.

Faculty concert

San Francisco State University is hosting a faculty concert Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. in Knuth Hall in the Creative Arts building on the SFSU campus at Hallway and 19th avenues.

The concert features faculty artists Paul Yarbrough on the viola, and William Corbett-Jones on piano. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3.50 for students, seniors and SFSU faculty, staff and alumni. For more information, or for tickets, call 338-2467.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop Saturday opening and Flea Market will be held this Saturday at building 204. To rent a vendor space bring a table and a valid ID card. Cost is \$5. There is an additional charge for extra space. For more information, call Adeline Michel at 922-3384.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross will hold an Introduction to Disaster Services class Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in building 97. For more information, call Lois Steckel at 561-2187 or 561-2141.

New items in Exchanges

Army-Air Force Exchange stores on post now have a greater selection of items formerly prohibited in exchange facilities. Major appliances, mattresses/box springs and diamond settings with individual stones up to a full carat have been approved for sale in military exchanges.

National Prayer Breakfast

The Officers' Club will host the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 7 at 7 a.m. Retired Chaplain (Col.) Leroy Johnson is slated as the guest speaker. Tickets are \$5. For more information about the event, call the Post Chapel at 561-4711.

LAMC Nurse Dining-In

The annual Letterman Army Medical Center Dining-In-Plus is slated for Friday at the Presidio Officers' Club at 6 p.m. Dress is formal and the cost is \$20. Friday is the anniversary of the founding of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901. Active-duty nurses, civilian permanent RN staff and all ANC retired officers are invited. For more information, call 561-4183.

Radio hotline

San Francisco State University's radio station, KUSF, sponsors an entertainment hotline. Call 221-AMEN to find out what bands are playing at city night clubs. The recording is updated each Monday.

Messages to Desert Storm

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Report on Iraq

The U.S. Army War College offers a 93-page chronicled report on the events of the 8-year Iran-Iraq war. Iraq's threat to Israel and U.S. objectives for stability in the Persian Gulf are also discussed in "Iraqi Power and U.S. Security in the Middle East." For a copy, send \$3.25 to: Dept. 36-1, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., 20402-9325. You can also order with VISA or MasterCard by calling (202) 783-3238. Use the book's stock number, 008-020-01231-9, when ordering.

Youth Services car wash

Youth Services will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. behind the Main Post Exchange. The car wash will be cancelled if it rains. Cost is \$2.50 for each car. Money earned from the car wash will be used to support Youth Activities on post.

Youth Services is also looking for chaperones for the Valentine's Day Teen Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Feb. 14. For more information, or to volunteer, call Joe Cheeseman at 561-5190 or 561-5143.

Officers' Club

A party will be held for young Presidio officers in the Attic Lounge of the Presidio Officers' Club Feb. 8, 7 to 11 p.m.. There will be a DJ, the bar will be open and free food will be available. For more information, call the Officers' Club at 921-0825.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri., Feb. 1: The Nutcracker Prince(G) 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2: Predator II(R) 7 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 3: Rocky IV(R) 7 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 4: Memphis Belle(PG-13) 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

Not available at press time.

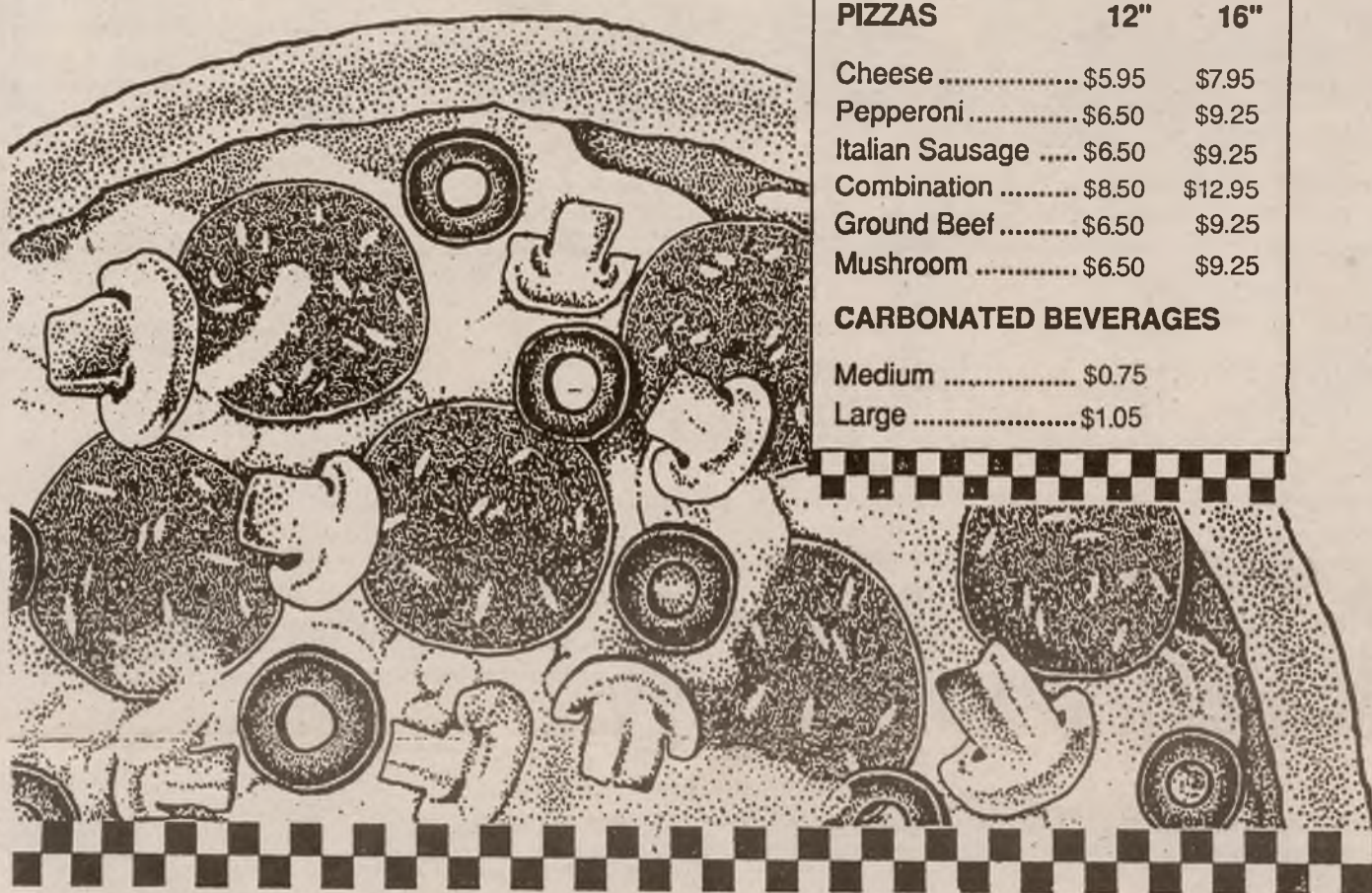


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BUSH: Troops do 'hard work of freedom'

By Army News Service

"Our cause is just, our cause is moral, our cause is right."

So President Bush told the assembled Congress during his State of the Union address Jan. 29 at 9 p.m. EST. So, too, did he tell a nationwide television audience, as major networks pre-empted their regular programming to carry the president's address live.

And, via the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, soldiers deployed in the Persian Gulf area were able to listen in on their commander in chief's reasons for the war on Saddam Hussein. AFRTS broadcast the President's message live on radio and television in 132 nations, including Saudi Arabia.

Bush spoke about the health of the nation, his domestic agenda, and the responsibility of Americans to serve "a higher purpose than ourselves — a shining purpose, the illumination of a thousand

points of light," his now-familiar call for community activism.

But troops in the gulf were likely more concerned with Bush's assessment of the war and his philosophy behind it.

The following are excerpted from his address:

"Halfway around the world, we are engaged in a great struggle in the skies and on the seas and sands. We know why we're there. We are Americans, part of something larger than ourselves.

"For two centuries, we've done the hard work of freedom. And tonight, we lead the world in facing down a threat to decency and humanity.

"What is at stake is more than one small country; it is a big idea, a new world order where diverse nations are drawn together in common cause to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind —

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News Briefs

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

LAMC/LAIR blood drive

A Letterman Army Medical Center/Letterman Army Institute of Research blood drive will be held today and tomorrow beginning 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Schwartz Theatre.

Gulf time

There is an 11-hour difference between Pacific Standard Time and time in the Middle East, with the gulf ahead by almost half a day. Example - When it's noon here in California, it's 11 p.m. in Saudi Arabia.

Desert Storm messages

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and in support of Operation Desert Storm wanting to send a free telegram may do so by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121.

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Desert Storm OPSEC

Operational Security is concerned with achieving essential secrecy and surprise in military operations and activities by protecting U.S. capabilities and intentions from adversary intelligence exploitation. All personnel must ensure they properly safeguard classified and unclassified information relating to Operation Desert Storm. Do not discuss or attempt to talk about classified information over unsecure telephone circuits. Messages providing FORSCOM classification and OPSEC guidance for Operation Desert Storm, were distributed by installation security to commanders/directors in 1990. If you are not in receipt of these messages, have your security manager contact Les Okamoto, Garrison OPSEC officer, 561-2565/3806.

Desert Storm volunteers

The Installation Volunteer Program has an immediate need for volunteers in support of Desert Storm on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon. For more information, contact Jeanne Mote at 561-4147.

Pregnant spouses support group

A support group for women who are pregnant with spouses in Saudi Arabia is scheduled to meet on Mondays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. for a total of eight sessions. The emphasis of the sessions will be on coping strategies. The date and location of the first session is still to be announced. For more information, call Capt. Leslie Tam or Capt. Simon Piacus at 561-4403/3120/2649.

What lies ahead for the Presidio

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

An update on the future of the Presidio and its government employees was the topic of a Jan. 30 "State of the Post" briefing given in the post theater by the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander.

How the Presidio will be affected by base realignment and closure, the Letterman Army Medical Center downsizing, the Fiscal Year 1991 Army budget, Operation Desert Storm and safety were the main issues addressed by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison to more than 200 federal employees and a handful of soldiers.

Base realignment and closure

"The closure of the Presidio has been written into law now and the law has not changed one iota," said Harrison. "The war is not going to prolong the Presidio's life and it's not going to change the closure of the post."

He added that the post will cease to be a military base by Sept. 30, 1995, and that it will gradually be turned over to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The commander said in addition to seeing the uniforms soldiers wear, we'll start seeing park rangers walking around the post.

The Presidio will scale down between now and 1995 and the GGNRA will begin to gradually take over. He said within the next six months to a year certain buildings and areas will be turned over to the GGNRA.

The commander stated that, even as the war is progressing, the continual build-down of the United States Army, base closure actions and further budget cuts will continue to occur. "I think if you look back in history you will probably not find any other example of a nation ever attempting what we are doing," he said. "In one hand we have more than 500,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members over there fighting a major conflict. On the second hand we're trying to build down forces because of monetary and budgetary problems — the challenges facing our country here in America."

The general stated that the Base Realignment and Closure Task Force has completed detailed plans for when the "out migrations" from LAMC, the Letterman Army Institute of Research, the United States Army Garrison, Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters and other Presidio tenant units will occur.

He said a study is still continuing on the future of Reserve forces training, housing, the child care center, post exchange and other activities on the Presidio. Harrison said as soon as decisions are made they will be made available to Presidians.

LAMC downsizing

"Within this year LAMC will be downsized to a 100-bed hospital... and at least 200 (DoD employee) positions will be lost by July 20 this year," said Harrison.

The affected federal employees will get their notices in early April to give them sufficient time to make other plans.

This initial reduction in force will only apply to LAMC and not to other organizations on post, according to the general. "I can't stand here and

guarantee it will never happen," he said. "But I can tell you we're making very detailed and elaborate plans... we will have a minimal impact on our work force." The general said the work force could be reduced with hiring freezes and attrition.

Factors to be considered in the LAMC reduction in force will be: tenure in the employment, veterans preference, length of service and performance ratings. The Civilian Personnel Directorate will be providing extensive briefings to LAMC personnel during the next few months.

Fiscal Year 1991 Army budget

In the 1991 budget, the Presidio will receive \$52.4 million which is \$7 million less than last year's budget (a ten percent reduction).

The general stated that even though the 1992 budget hasn't been released yet it will probably lead to more budgetary cuts despite the war.

How has this affected the Presidio? Harrison said, "You may have noticed that the people who used to empty our wastebaskets don't do it anymore. We've had to cancel all our contracts for janitorial work. No one comes to get my wastepaper basket anymore — except the aide."

"We used to have a contract for people to police the post. We don't have that anymore. We've had to go back to the old time-honored tradition of soldiers on police call."

Harrison said to alleviate the extra duties of the soldiers, people in housing areas, work areas and around post should take the initiative to clean up their areas. Other contracts will have to be terminated if more cuts occur in next year's budget, he concluded. One of the reasons for the contract cuts, according to the general, is to hold onto our civilian workforce.

Operation Desert Storm

The Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters has called more than 100 units to duty and all of them have met their deployment schedule. "We've got a mission here at the Presidio to mobilize, train and deploy our National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve soldiers," said Harrison.

He said there are two things that can happen in the outcome of Desert Storm which the Presidio will be ready for. Either soldiers will be coming back to be demobilized, which the Presidio is ready to handle or, "if the ground war starts and we start getting casualties we're prepared for that." The Presidio will receive more medics, and hospitals are "being beefed up" in the states and throughout Sixth U.S. Army, he said.

Safety

"Every hour of every day that I have a soldier or civilian employee who can't work because of an accident, there's some job that's not being done," he said.

During the past year, the Presidio has done well on its long-term compensation. "We've made our goal and exceeded our goal," he said. "We've done very well on our on-the-job injury plans."

"But then you come on down to a number of new claims. That means we didn't meet our goal. So I have to ask you yet again during the coming year to please live, think, talk and act 'safety' each and every day."

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Fly a flag for freedom

Dear Presidians-

Week three of the Gulf War is upon us. Our troops continue to perform magnificently and make us very proud. Our hearts ache over the combat losses we have experienced but we know these servicemen died honorably doing the jobs that they had volunteered to do. That doesn't ease the pain but it does offer some solace. We are anxious for those listed as missing or as POW's. We hope they will be reunited with their units soon. Our hearts go out to all the families of all these—serving soldiers, KIA's, MIA's, and those still being mobilized and moved to the war zone. And despite all of this—and because we are so proud and confident of our troops—it remains a GREAT day to be in as a part of our wonderful U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

On Monday, the 28th, I had the honor of presiding at the awards ceremony for Capt. Dennis Uldricks, who will soon be retiring. Dennis has been our Officer Assignments Officer for some time—a truly thankless job—and has performed outstandingly. I know we all wish him all the best in his new position in life. He's been HOO AH! and we know he will retain his HOO AH!

On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to talk to a large number of my civilian employees. This is always a great treat for me because I don't get to see these great folks that often. Unfortunately, not all the news was good but I think they realized that. Anyway, it gave us an opportunity to share and try to understand each other and our different positions. Bottomline—we have a great group of dedicated and loyal civilian employees who have served this post and the U.S. Army for many a year. We appreciate you as a group and individually. Truly you are HOO AH!

Mr. Varella, our new commissary officer, came to see me on Thursday. He joins us from Panama where he amassed a reputation for running a great store. So, we're happy to welcome Mr. Varella to PSF and we hope he will make our store the best in the system—a HOO AH! commissary!

One February was a great day at Letterman Army Medical Center. It was the 34th annual presentation of the Evangeline G. Bovard Award for the outstanding company grade and field grade Army nurse. All the nominees were outstanding but alas only one can win. The field grade honoree was Maj. Analiza Savage and Capt. Angela Martinelli was the company grade recipient. To each of these great CAREGIVERS our heartiest congratulations and a really big HOO AH!

The PSF NCO Club hosted bosses night on Friday. Readiness Group San Francisco was in charge of the entertainment and a good time was had by all! Thanks to the NCO Club for hosting and thanks to all who attended.

On Sunday afternoon, I attended a very impressive Inter-Faith Service in honor of "The Four Chaplains" who died in 1943 aboard the U.S. Troop Transport DORCHESTER. This was the 26th Anniversary Observance sponsored by the

California Department of the American Legion. Many people participated including our own Sixth Army Chaplain, Col. Henry Hunt. The ceremony was held at Saint Ignatius Church, a truly beautiful edifice. The sanctuary is magnificent and was a fitting setting for our famous Sixth Army Band. And did they rise to the occasion! I have never heard them sound better or play more appropriate selections. They really were outstandingly HOO AH! Each and every band member under the direction of Staff Sgt. Maj. Avalos is to be congratulated. You brought much honor on the U.S. Army in a most fitting tribute to four chaplains who died in another war—and to all our fellow service men and women now serving in the Gulf war.

Ending on a Gulf War note, Command Sgt. Maj. Whiteford received a good letter from his famous steno, Sgt. Juliana Jones, who is now in Saudi Arabia. He shared the letter with me and I want to share parts with you. Sgt. Jones arrived two days before hostilities began and she is in Riyadh which has undergone several SCUD attacks. In commenting on her training here at PSF and its relation to her life in the combat zone she made some interesting comments. Regarding masking she said "if it hadn't been automatic" she wasn't sure she could have done it the first time for real. Afterwards she stated it "felt good to know I was ready." And finally she said, "tell

everyone—learn it now before they need to prove it." So there you have it Presidians—a soldier's view of the need for good, tough, realistic training to prepare her for combat. The general didn't say it; the battalion commander didn't say it; the command sergeant major didn't say it. The SOLDIER who is THERE said it! But the way, if you would like to write Sgt. Jones—and I know she would appreciate it—her address is:

Sgt. Juliana Jones
HQ ARCENT (Compt)
APO New York 09772

God bless you each and every one. Continue to write our fellow service members in DESERT STORM and keep flying those flags for freedom—they sure do look good. Lots of good feedback on the continued sprouting of flags all over post. So how about it, Fly a Flag for Freedom TODAY! Show your support for our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen! HOO AH!

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Preparedness is the key to success and victory."

—General Douglas MacArthur



photo by Adrienne Sims

Family members of Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion soldiers gathered at a support meeting Jan. 16. There is a meeting every Friday at Army Community Services.

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News

Finance Center part of new DoD service

by Star Presidian staff and Army News Service

Two plus three equals one? It does using the new Department of Defense math. In January 1991, the finance and accounting organizations of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Defense Logistics Agency consolidated into one Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

According to DFAS officials, this organizational realignment will be invisible to active duty soldier, retiree, and annuitant pay. And, civilian pay will continue to be handled locally at this time.

Presidio finance officer 2nd Lt. Robbie Johnson, Chief of Pay and Examination, says so far the change has not affected how local soldiers are paid. However, later this year the Army is scheduled to switch over to a centralized pay system (JSS) currently used by the Air Force. The new system will require a closer working relationship between the Military Personnel Offices and Finance Offices. "The goal is to make it (military pay) more efficient and effective," Johnson concluded.

DFAS operates under the direction of the comptroller of the Department of Defense and has a small headquarters staff in the Washington, D.C. area.

DFAS officials said the consolidation will strengthen the overall effectiveness of financial management within the DOD. The transfer of missions and functions to the new DFAS organization is expected to standardize policies, systems and procedures. Prior to the consolidation, finance and accounting activities of the four services and DLA functioned independently.

The U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center in Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. will continue in operation. USAFAC, however, was redesignated as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Indianapolis Center during an activation ceremony Jan. 15.

According to a DFAS spokesperson, the department does not expect services to soldiers and civilians to be affected. They add that the transfer of missions and functions to the new organization is expected to take place without any disruptions, and payee concerns will continue to be a high priority.

Write to GIs

To write to Army, Air Force and Marine personnel on the ground: Any Servicemember, Operation Desert Shield, APO New York 09848-0006.

To write to Navy and Marine personnel on ships: Any Servicemember, Operation Desert Shield, FPO New York 09866-0006.

864th address

To write to soldiers in Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion who have deployed to Saudi Arabia write: Co. C, 864 Engineer Bn, "Desert Shield", APO New York NY 09616.

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O-9	5458.50	5601.30	5720.70	5720.70	5720.70	5866.20	5866.20	6110.40	6110.40	6620.10	6620.10	6987.00	6987.00	7486.80
O-8	4944.00	5092.20	5212.80	5212.80	5212.80	5601.30	5601.30	5866.20	5866.20	6110.40	6375.60	6620.10	6783.30	6783.30
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O-4	2052.60	2499.60	2666.40	2666.40	2715.90	2835.60	3029.10	3199.20	3345.30	3492.00	3588.60	3588.60	3588.60	3588.60
O-3	1907.40	2132.70	2280.00	2522.70	2643.30	2738.10	2886.30	3029.10	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50
O-2	1663.20	1816.50	2182.50	2255.70	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80
O-1	1444.20	1503.30	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50
Commissioned Officers With Over Four Years Active Duty As An Enlisted Member Or Warrant Officer														
O-3E	—	—	—	2522.70	2643.30	2738.10	2886.30	3029.10	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40
O-2E	—	—	—	2255.70	2302.80	2375.70	2499.60	2595.30	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40
O-1E	—	—	—	1816.50	1940.70	2012.10	2085.00	2157.60	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70
Warrant Officers														
W-4	1943.40	2085.00	2085.00	2132.70	2229.60	2328.00	2425.50	2595.30	2715.90	2811.00	2886.30	2979.60	3079.20	3318.90
W-3	1766.40	1916.10	1916.10	1940.70	1963.20	2106.90	2229.60	2302.80	2375.70	2446.50	2522.70	2620.80	2715.90	2811.00
W-2	1546.80	1673.70	1673.70	1722.60	1816.50	1916.10	1988.70	2061.60	2132.70	2207.70	2280.00	2352.00	2446.50	2446.50
W-1	1288.80	1477.80	1477.80	1601.10	1673.70	1745.70	1816.50	1891.50	1963.20	2036.40	2106.90	2182.50	2182.50	2182.50
Enlisted Members														
E-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	2260.80	2311.50	2364.00	2418.00	2472.30	2520.30	2652.60	2910.60
E-8	—	—	—	—	—	1896.00	1950.00	2001.60	2053.50	2107.80	2156.10	2209.20	2338.80	2599.20
E-7	1323.60	1428.90	1482.00	1533.60	1585.80	1636.50	1689.00	1741.50	1820.40	1872.00	1924.20	1949.10	2079.90	2338.80
E-6	1139.10	1241.10	1293.00	1347.90	1398.30	1448.70	1502.10	1579.50	1629.00	1681.80	1707.30	1707.30	1707.30	1707.30
E-5	999.30	1087.80	1140.60	1190.10	1268.40	1320.00	1372.50	1422.90	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70
E-4	932.10	984.30	1042.20	1122.90	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30
E-3	878.10	926.40	963.30	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40
E-2	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10
E-1**	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90
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*Basic pay is limited to \$8,441.70 by Level V of the Executive Schedule.
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Soldiers urged to become teachers

by Presidio Education Center

Our country is experiencing a teacher shortage. The U.S. Department of Education predicts a need for one million new teachers. Almost one half of the current work force will be retiring within the next decade. Teachers in subjects such as mathematics, science, and special education are particularly needed.

Recognizing the need, a joint initiative of the Defense and Education Departments encourages retired and retiring military personnel to consider second careers as teachers in the nation's schools. The Armed Services have many members who have unique experience and leadership capabilities which are excellent foundations for teaching.

This year San Francisco State University begins a special teacher preparation program for the military. The program is a partnership effort of the university, the San Francisco Unified School District, the California Department of Education, and the U.S. Army and Navy. The program will lead to a high school teaching credential and a master's degree. Retiring and retired personnel will be enrolled in

courses as a group starting June of 1991. Participants will have the chance to observe exemplary teachers in both urban and suburban settings. Student teaching under the direct supervision of a Cooperating Teacher will take place in one of five high schools participating in the program.

The COHORT group will be limited to 25 students. Personnel must have a bachelor's degree to be eligible. People with majors in math or physical sciences will be given priority. Most of the course work is in the evening or on weekends. However, classroom observations and practice teaching are scheduled during the day. Soldiers must be able to get released from duty for scheduled program activity. Soldiers will be allowed to enroll in the program only with written approval of their commanding officer.

Additional information is available from education counselors at the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, 561-2974, or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, 561-3692. Also, an orientation session of the program will be given by San Francisco State University at the Fort Scott Education Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

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peace and security, freedom and the rule of law. Such is a world worthy of our struggle and worthy of our children's future."

"There is no one more devoted, more committed to the hard work of freedom, than every soldier and sailor, every Marine, airman and Coast Guardsman — every man and woman now serving in the Persian gulf.

(At this point, the Congress rose in an long and moving ovation.)

"Oh, how they deserve that. What a fitting tribute to them. What a wonderful, fitting tribute to them.

"Each of them has volunteered to provide for this nation's defense—and now they bravely struggle to earn for America, for the world and for future generations, a just and lasting peace. "Our commitment to them must be the equal of their commitment to their country. They are truly America's finest."

"The world well knows how this conflict began and when. It began on August 2, when Saddam

invaded and sacked a small, defenseless neighbor. And I am certain of how it will end. So that peace can prevail, we will prevail."

"Most Americans know instinctively why we are in the gulf. They know we had to stop Saddam now, not later. They know that this brutal dictator will do anything, will use any weapon, will commit any outrage, no matter how many innocents suffer.

"They know we must make sure that control of the world's oil resources does not fall into his hands, only to finance further aggression. They know that we need to build a new, enduring peace based not on arms races and confrontation, but on shared principles and the rule of law.

"And we all realize that our responsibility to be the catalyst for peace in the region does not end with the successful conclusion of this war."

"Yes, the United States bears a major share of leadership in this effort. Among the nations of the world, only the United States of America has had both the moral standing and the means to back it up.

We're the only nation on this earth that could assemble the forces of peace.

"This is the burden of leadership and the strength that has made America the beacon of freedom in a searching world.

"Each of us will measure, within ourselves, the value of this great struggle. Any cost — any cost — in lives is beyond our power to measure. But the cost of closing our eyes to aggression is beyond mankind's power to imagine."

"Our cause is just, our cause is moral, our cause is right.

"Let future generations understand the burden and blessings of freedom. Let them say we stood where duty required us to stand. Let them know that together, we affirmed America, and the world, as a community of conscience.

"The winds of change are with us now. The forces of freedom are together united. We move toward the next century more confident ever that we have the will at home and abroad to do what must be done—the hard work of freedom."

Presidio People

Ask Presidians

"Racism, is it still prevalent in America? If you were faced with racism, how would you deal with it?"

Shahidah A-Musawwir, medical technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Racism still exists in society. But I think everybody on all sides of a racial issue have to work toward equality. One group of people can't be responsible for bringing about equality."



Spec. Johnny Stamps, infantryman, Ceremonial Platoon: "I don't think racism is a serious problem in America. Things have changed a lot in the last few decades and the ignorance that many people had about other cultures is a lot less today. I've never been faced with any sort of discrimination."

Staff Sgt. Olo Faitalia, orthopedic technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "People can't afford to be prejudiced. We have to accept people as they are. Turn your back on prejudice and go on with your own business. If you try to fight them, you're stooping to their level."

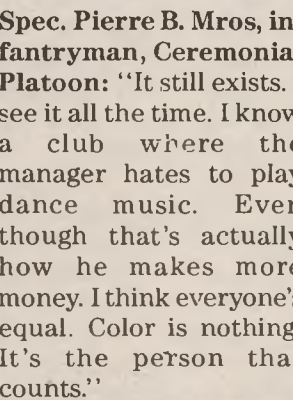


Sgt. Anthony Garris, operations non-commissioned officer, Headquarters Company, United States Army: "I think it still exists. If I had kids and they were faced with prejudice I would tell them to overlook it and go on. I would say to go for what they know and not to let anyone hold them down."

Spec. Okey O'Bryant, orthopedic technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "It hasn't been achieved yet. An example is the way some people hire blacks instead of whites. That's not fair they're hiring for a quota not the best person for a job."



Staff Sgt. Lynne Seabold, licensed practical nurse, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Prejudice is alive. I try to raise my kids to treat everyone as equals, but not everyone thinks that way. Don't resort to violence."



Spec. Pierre B. Mros, infantryman, Ceremonial Platoon: "It still exists. I see it all the time. I know a club where the manager hates to play dance music. Even though that's actually how he makes more money. I think everyone's equal. Color is nothing. It's the person that counts."



Co. C 'Earthmovers' dig into Saudi

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The black spot in the distant sandy wasteland grew bigger with every passing minute. Soon you could make out the "Earth Movers," Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion first platoon, toiling to complete a roadway in the desert sands of Saudi Arabia. Once completed, the roadway would be a main supply route to the front lines.

The Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion vertical platoon's mission is to build a pipeline from the port, according to Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona, Headquarters Command Battalion commander.

The vertical platoon is working its way North to the base camp. Soldiers don't get back to their base camp every night, but they are brought food and they take showers.

Since Co. C soldiers arrived in Saudi Arabia they have built two truck stops for convoys that go through. They have also set up their base camp, unloaded their equipment and built a roadway for supplies.

The Earth Movers are working close to their base camp and they spend their nights there, according to Vona.

"The living conditions are probably better than most in Saudi because of the carpenters and plumbers in Charlie Company," Command Sgt. Maj. Rose M. Aguayo, Headquarters Command Battalion, said. "The soldiers get showers at least every other night."

"We have a nice base camp and everyone in the Battalion wants to be with us," Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion commander wrote. Since Co. C arrived in Saudi Arabia before its battalion detachment, "they have had the chance to set the standard," Cunningham writes.

The night war broke out Co. C soldiers guarded their perimeter, according to Vona. "They have heard planes, but because of the distance from the border, they haven't seen any explosions."

"We are about as secure as we can be," Cunningham wrote about Co. C's location.

Company C soldiers are doing well and their commander has full faith and confidence in them, according to Aguayo.

"Since Co. C arrived in the Middle East, close to war," Vona said, it's soldiers "have been extremely busy." "When troops first started deploying to Saudi, we heard reports of them sitting around being bored—Charlie Company didn't have time to sit around."

According to Vona, moral is extremely high. "Every document or phone call I have received stated that the moral was high."

"The night we left, some of the guys were worried about their families and were pretty nervous, but once we started loading on the C-141 everyone started getting fired up," Staff Sgt. Richard I. Andrade, a construction supervisor for Co. C, said.

Deputy Chief of Staff for Training

Harold D. Johnson was promoted to Major. David Pierce, flight detachment Hamilton Army Airfield was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Three.

Directorate of Engineering and Housing

Pat Puckett, administrative management assistant, is the proud grandmother of Dante C. Green who was born Jan. 21.

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (Camp Parks)

Camp Parks is preparing for increased mobilization in support of Desert Storm. The front gate will be manned by the military police for security precautions. A valid identification card will be required upon entrance.

United States Army Information Systems Command

Sgt. Daren Waters received his associates of arts degree from Columbia College, Treasure Island in January.

Sixth U.S. Army mail room

Ed Buckner noticed two suspicious letters in the mail room Jan. 30. Although the situation proved to be harmless, both letters were potential letter bombs. Buckner was commended by Maj. Robert J. Gibbs, Sixth U.S. Army Bomb Control officer, for his initiative and dedication. Buckner also received a Sixth U.S. Army coin from Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison,

Andrade, returned from Saudi Arabia and is on convalescent leave with a broken ankle.

"I told the guys to save some of the fun for me," he said. "They're getting to do what they've been trained to do—I know they're going to love it."

Soldier reunited with Co. C

One of Co. C soldiers, Sgt. Howard Ketter, left for Saudi Arabia in August and was attached to a supply and services unit, according to Aguayo. Ketter, a cook, is once again close to his friends—Co. C. He runs a dining facility area at one of the truck stops Co. C built.

Support for family members

While Co. C soldiers are sweating it out in the Middle East, family members are sticking together on the home front.

Headquarters Command Battalion, Personnel Administration Center has several projects that support Co. C family members. They contact wives once every two weeks to make sure they're OK, according to Vona. There is a support group held once a month, a monthly newsletter is published and a Middle East Crisis Group is held every Friday at Army Community Service.

Daily Vona places any information on the bulletin board at the Battalion. "My bulletin board has almost become a Charlie Company bulletin board," he said.

PAC is also supporting the soldiers in the Middle East.

"Some people don't realize that we are still Charlie Company's PAC. We have to take care of their finances, awards and promotion," Vona said.

"Basically [PAC] is set up to provide family members with whatever they need," Aguayo said. "They're doing a super job."

Legal Office offers free tax help

To contact your unit tax advisor call the following:

US Army Aerial Dental Lab-Alameda
Sgt. 1st Class Henry Stratford and Spec. Burge Coles—869-8383/8369

Sixth U.S. Army Band
Staff Sgt. Kerry Hobbs—561-2625

Company A Letterman Army Medical Center
Staff Sgt. Maj. Michael Benjamin, Sgt. 1st Class Jewel Hanson, Staff Sgt. Reinaldo Osorio—561-2536 and Staff Sgt. Gary Cramberg—561-4713

Military Intelligence Battalion
Capt. Bruce Buckman—561-6002

91st Training Division
Sgt. 1st Class Marold Studesville—561-7125/7160

Letterman Army Institute of Research
Sgt. Vickie Warfield—561-4852/3177

Headquarters WS MEPCOM
Staff Sgt. Susan Abella—666-8321

Law Enforcement Company
Spec. Robert Bunting—561-3798/3613

Company B Letterman Army Medical Center
Capt. Lawrence Finley—561-5017 and Spec. Brett Nickerson—561-5007

Readiness Group
Sgt. 1st Class Angel Moren—561-4621

USAISC, Presidio
Beth Bice—561-3237

Sixth Recruiting Brigade
Capt. Lynn San Nicholas, Sgt. Elaine Rigler and Staff Sgt. Kevin Wright—561-7124/7102

Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander.

Fort Scott Education Center

Marilyn Van Ketel received a sustained superior performance award as a guidance counselor. The award was for her work during Sept. 1, 1989 to Aug. 31, 1990.

Jeane Redsecker, a supervisory education services specialist, received a special service award. The award was for work during June 21 to July 23 last year at the Child Development Center.



Celebrate Black History

Afro-American invention and innovation

by Rudi Williams
American Forces Information Service

Machinery to produce or improve the breads, margarine, rice and peanut products you eat, the cotton clothes and the shoes you wear, the steam heat that warms buildings, the signal lights that regulate traffic, the trains and subways you ride on, and hundreds of other products and systems evolved from the minds of African Americans — slaves and freedmen.

But until recently, most scientific contributions of black men and women were locked in the dungeons of history.

But until recently, most scientific contributions of black men and women were locked in the dungeons of history. Slaves were not allowed to patent their inventions. The Smithsonian Institution, colleges and universities, and other organizations have begun to uncover and highlight African Americans' inventions and innovations that have enhanced the living standards of all Americans.

In 1988, the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum in Washington, D.C., displayed what, according to Portia P. James, turned out to be the most popular exhibit in its history — *The Real McCoy: African American Invention and Innovation, 1619-1930*. It is now a traveling exhibit. James, the exhibit's curator, has published a book of the same title.

"Because 'the Real McCoy' used to be such a popular phrase, we wanted people to know it derived from the work of a black inventor, Elijah McCoy (1843-1929). He invented the hydrostatic lubricator that was used primarily to lubricate locomotive engines," said James. "When inspectors inspected engine lubrication, they would ask the engineer, 'Is this the real McCoy?' His lubricator was the standard for excellence."

Born in a community of escaped slaves in Colchester, Ont., Canada, McCoy studied mechanical engineering in Edinburgh, Scotland. But when he returned to the United States, the only job he could get was as a locomotive fireman. Blacks were not allowed to be engineers. "But that proved beneficial to him since the job exposed him to the problems of lubrication and overheating," said James. "He patented his first automatic lubrication device in 1872 and continued to improve it until it became the best available — 'the Real McCoy.'"

In 1923, Garrett Morgan patented an automatic traffic signal that was widely used until the advent of electric traffic lights, in which part of his invention was used. Before Mor-



Portia B. James

gan's invention, traffic signals had only two positions: red for stop and green for go. He added the yellow caution light.

"Morgan's story has a dramatic twist," said James. "He invented an early form of the gas mask he called a 'safety hood' and tried to sell it to the Army during World War I, but they wouldn't buy it because it wasn't suited for the battlefield. In the middle of the night on July 25, 1916, a huge underground explosion erupted in a tunnel workers were building under Lake Erie near Cleveland, Ohio. Police and fire department teams went in to rescue the men, but neither team came back."

"Someone said they had heard of this black guy who had a safety hood that allowed people to survive in places filled with poisonous fumes," said James. "They got Morgan out of bed, and he and his brother brought the survivors and bodies out. Many fire departments around the country were using his invention. But after they saw the picture of this black man wearing a strange contraption on his head rescuing the white men, they all canceled their orders. They didn't know the inventor was black."

"Most inventions are superseded, but elements of Jan Matzeliger's (1852-1889) shoe-lasting-machine technology survive in the industry today," said James. Matzeliger's invention revolutionized the shoe-making industry. His machine was dubbed the 'Niggerhead' machine by disgruntled shoe industry workers, who saw in it yet another threat to their livelihood."

Before Matzeliger's invention, shoe-lasting was done by hand. It was the painstaking task of smoothing, pulling and shaping the leather into the shape of a human foot. The United Shoe Machinery Co. bought his patents. It is still one of the biggest shoe production companies in the country. Matzeliger died in poverty, but his stock in the company became valuable. He willed it to friends and the First Church of Christ in Lynn, Mass., according to James.

Norbert Rillieux (1806-1894), the son of a wealthy New Orleans plantation owner and one of his slaves, produced many inventions that reduced the sugar industry's dependence on forced labor and eliminated injuries and fatalities to the slave laborers. The principle of Rillieux's evaporation process forms the basis of many industrial processes today, such as the production of condensed milk, soap, gelatin and glue and the recovery of waste alcohols in distilleries and paper factories. Patent No. 3237 was issued to Rillieux on Aug. 26, 1843, according to the U.S. Patent Office.

Educated at the L'Ecole Centrale in Paris, France, Rillieux's extraordinary aptitude for engineering led to his appointment as instructor of applied mechanics at the age of 24.

Mention Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse and Hiram Maxim and electricity comes to mind. But not many people have heard about African Americans Lewis Latimer (1848-1928) and Granville Woods (1856-1910). They, too, made significant contributions to the emergence of electrical lighting. Woods founded the Woods Electric

Co. in Cincinnati to research, manufacture and market his electrical inventions.

Called the "black Edison" for his inventions of telegraphic and electrical devices, Woods' first patent (1884) was for an improved steam boiler furnace. His first electrical invention was an improved telephone transmitter (1884). He sold his "electrical apparatus for transmitting messages" — Morse code or voice messages — to the Bell Telephone Co. of Boston. Woods won a legal battle with Lucius Phelps and Thomas Edison over patent protection.

The *American Catholic Tribune* printed an article about the disputed invention. It read: "Mr. Woods, who is the greatest electrician in the world, still continues to add to his long list of electrical inventions. The latest device he invented is the synchronous multiplex railway telegraph . . . the railway dispatcher can note the position of any train on the route at a glance . . . it also provides for telegraphing to and from the train while in motion . . . 200 operators can use a single wire at the same time. . . ."

Latimer patented an improved method for bonding carbon filaments for light bulbs while working for Hiram Maxim's United States Electric Lighting Co. in 1881 and invented a method for producing carbon filaments in 1882. Before that, Latimer made patent drawings for many of Alexander Graham Bell's telephones and testified in court on behalf of Bell when the patents were challenged.

Latimer became a supervisor for the installation of electric light plants in New York, Philadelphia and other cities. He returned to Edison's company in 1884 to work in the engineering department and was later transferred to the legal department as chief draftsman for patents under legal dispute. Latimer was appointed draftsman for the Board of Patent Control in 1896.

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"Whenever you look at early black history, there are so few records, photographs or documents available," said James. "It's sad how a whole history was not documented and you've got to scramble around to find a way to document it. We have a microfilm reel of more than 500 early African American inventors and innovators — up to about 1905. Many of them invented military weaponry and flying machines."

"The textbooks tell our children nothing about the great contribution of Afro-Americans to the growth and development of this country." And they don't. When we send our children to school in this country they learn nothing about us other than that we used to be cotton-pickers. Every little child going to school thinks his grandfather was a cotton-picker. Why, your grandfather was Nat Turner; your grandfather was Toussaint L'Ouverture; your grandfather was Hannibal. Your grandfather was some of the greatest black people who walked this earth. It was your grandfather's hands who forged civilization and it was your grandmother's hands who rocked the cradle of civilization. But the textbooks tell our children nothing about the great contributions of Afro-Americans to the growth and development of this country."

The quotation in the previous passage is from a statement by the Organization of Afro-American Unity being read and commented on by Malcolm X at the founding meeting of OAAU June 28, 1964.



Granville Woods came to be known as "the black Edison" for his many contributions to the U.S. electrification.

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Bowling results

The intramural bowling league completed the first half of the season. Following the position round Jan. 29, LAMC, Co. B -2 has a five-game lead over second-place teams LAMC, Co. A and LAMC, Co. B -1. There are a total of 17 teams remaining in the league. The following teams and individuals are currently leading in the various categories:

Team leaders - LAMC, C. B -2 with 50 wins, 22 losses and total pins of 38,618; LAMC, Co. A with 45 wins, 27 losses and T/pins of 39,443; LAMC, Co. B -1 with 45 wins, 27 losses and T/pins of 38,706; HQ Co., USAG with 42.5 wins, 29.5 losses and T/pins of 37,910; and DAC's with 41 wins, 31 losses and T/pins of 38,027.

Individual leaders - (Men's high average) Tony Lecroy -201, Gary Schabert -182. (Women's high average) Louisa Davis -170, Denise Johnson -169. (Men's high game scratch) Tony Lecroy -253, Rich Rendon -248. (Women's high game scratch) Denise Johnson -236, Louisa Davis -216. (Men's high game handicap) Don Adams -267, Ben Newsome -255. (Women's high game handicap) Denise Johnson -248, JoAnne Harder -235. (Men's high series scratch) Tony Lecroy -682, Rich Rendon -656. (Women's high series scratch) Denise Johnson -625, Kay Patrick -582. (Men's high series handicap) Tony Lecroy -682, Rich Rendon -656. (Women's high series handicap) Denise Johnson -661, Kay Patrick -639.

Basketball results

LEC and DOL remain undefeated with 3 and 0 records. Full court results: LEC -54 vs USAG -51, LAMC, Co. A -59 vs LAIR -46, USAG -51 vs LAMC -50, MEPCOM -65 vs LAMC -56. Full court high scorers: LEC's Reginald Brown -21 points against USAG, USAG's Anthony Allen -18 points against LAMC, Co. B and MEPCOM's Everett Robinson also with 18 points against LAMC, Co. A.

Half court results: Ande's Gang -21 vs DENTAC -12, MEPCOM -21 vs DCSOPS -15, DCSOPS -21 vs DENTAC -20 and USAG -21 vs MEPCOM -7.

Half court high scorers: DENTAC's Ronald Clark -16, MEPCOM's Kenneth Gray -12 and USAG's John Dumilin -11.

Standings as of Jan. 23: (Full court) LEC 3-0, DOL 3-0, MEPCOM 2-1, LAMC, Co. A 2-2, USAG 1-3, LAMC, Co. B 0-2 and LAIR 0-3.

(Half court) USAG 3-0, ANDE's 1-0, DCSOPS 2-1, MEPCOM 1-1, RGPSF 0-2 and DENTAC 0-3.

Youth team coaches needed

If you are 18 or older, enjoy youngsters and baseball, the San Francisco Youth Baseball League is looking for you. Coaches and umpires are needed for youth teams participating in the spring league. Special umpire workshops will be scheduled for participants. For information, call John or Peter at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department at 753-7029.

Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the Presidio military community:

Youth

Summer swimming lessons/Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143

Soccer, basketball and baseball/Allen Posey, 561-5051

Aquarius swim team/Mike Koplin, 561-4224

Tae Kwon Do lessons/Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143

Youth ballet lessons/Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205

Jazz dance/Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205

Junior bowling/Penny LeCroy/563-0981

For more information about sports, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Ski tickets available

Discount Squaw Valley ski lift tickets are available at ITT, Bldg. 215. The \$35 ticket is good for use all day. The regular price is \$38.



Glenn Nyhan thrusts a Tae Kwan Do sidekick into midair.

Martial arts instructor finds reward

story and photo by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Glenn Nyhan quietly sits with his eyes closed, deaf to all that surrounds him.

He can only see one image in his mind.

This image is his own.

Without any mistakes he performs a Korean Martial Art again and again through his mind. After each workout Nyhan meditates by picturing himself on a television screen practicing Tae Kwon Do perfectly.

After working eight hours at his data processing job, Nyhan instructs a Tae Kwon Do class for youngsters (7 to 16) working to get their yellow belts.

"It takes my energy to teach after working an eight hour day, but watching them improve makes it all worth it," Nyhan said. "It's great to teach when everything I put into it comes back to me."

Nyhan began teaching when he was a yellow belt, the second degree in Tae Kwon Do. His instructor realized his aptitude and desire to teach. This makes 10 years that Nyhan has been teaching the Korean Martial Art form.

Before teaching the kids on the Presidio, Nyhan instructed a class for adults.

"It's a big change working with kids," Nyhan says. "It almost makes me feel like a kid."

According to Nyhan, the class is going well and the kids are improving.

Teaching Tae Kwon Do to blind students was one of Nyhan's toughest challenges.

"I had to ask myself how could I teach or relate to my students," Nyhan said. "I found that excellent self defense can be taught in a short time."

Two of Nyhan's students, a blind couple, were attacked. The women felt the man's chest, then pushed his chin with the palm of her hand and knocked the man out, according to Nyhan. "That's

the real reward—knowing that the classes really helped someone out."

Nyhan students have come across situations when it was necessary to use Tae Kwon Do, but he has never had to use it to defend himself.

"I think I've never had to use it because of the energy I give off from being confident," Nyhan said. "The most important thing about Tae Kwon Do is it gives you self confidence which comes out in every day life. It relaxes you which helps relax others."

Although Nyhan doesn't have much free time with his career, instructing Tae Kwon Do and performing in a band, he finds time to work out five times a week. "If you have to practice on your own to improve."

The most important thing about Tae Kwon Do is learning self confidence, self reliance and discipline, according to Nyhan. "Besides learning discipline, the kids really have a good time—which is very important."

"The kids are enthusiastic, hard working and practice at home," Nyhan said about the class he is teaching. "You can tell when someone isn't practicing on their own, and I can tell these kids are."

Each individual belt has different forms and steps, according to Nyhan. When being tested students will be tested on everything taught prior to the test before.

"The kids should be ready for their yellow belt in a month and a half," Nyhan said. "It'll be great knowing I helped these kids receive something they've worked so hard for."

For more information about classes, call Youth Activities at 561-5143.

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

LAMC chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed for Operation Desert Storm, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474.

Messages to Desert Storm

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

USO job search workshop

The USO's Resume and Job Search workshop is held each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is required. Military members and their spouses are eligible to attend. Job placements and job consultations are made by appointment only. Call the USO at 561-2436 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problems incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross will hold an Introduction to Disaster Services class Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in building 97. For more information, call Lois Steckel at 561-2187 or 561-2141.

Processing pay actions

Soldiers should process their routine pay actions and problems through their Personnel Administration Section not Finance and Accounting. Military members going through Finance and Accounting without involving their PAC/Administrative Section will be referred back to their unit chain of command.

Record exam

Graduate Record Examinations will be given April 17, 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. The test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first examination. The examination must be ordered in person by March 6.

For more information, call the Letterman Army Medical Center Education Center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEB. 1991						
POST LIBRARY DISPLAY 1 - 28 FEB 91						
			Kick Off Musical Drama "Trying to Get Home" Food Sampling, Art. Book & Apparel Display Self Portrait by African Artist Post Theater 1130-1300		Start of Canned Food Drive	
		Black History Month Lunchbox LAMP Dining Facility 1130-1300			Allensworth Exhibition at the LAMC Schwartz Theater 1300-1600	
			Black History Month Story Telling Hour for Presidio Pre- School age children Child Dev. Center 1500-1600		Afro American Food Buffet and Art Display at NCO Club 1130-1300	
		Black History Month/ Story Telling Hour for Presidio Pre- School age children Child Dev. Center 1400-1500	End of Canned Food Drive Thank You For Your Help	Black History Month Ethnic Meal Served Ft. Scott Dining Facility 1130-1300		
					"Tours of Ft. Point" Ready and Forward" and Exhibit Honoring the Black Soldier 1776 to the Present Schedule your group or just come and browse at your leisure.	

CLEP test

The CLEP with Essay test will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center April 9 at 3:15 p.m. This examination is for soldiers planning to attend colleges which require this test rather than the multiple choice test. The test must be ordered by Feb. 28. For more information, call the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445 or the LAMC Education Center at 561-3692/4791.

SMART seminars

New SMART seminars for families continue at Army Community Service. The class schedule is: Tuesday—Managing Anger, Feb. 19—Conflict Resolution, Feb. 26—home and Work Stress Management. Child care is available with advance notice. To enroll or for more information, call Nancy Niederhauser at 561-5155.

Finance and Accounting

The Directorate of Resource Management Finance and Accounting Office is recruiting for a GS-544-08, Chief, Civilian Payroll Section. Local specialty pay applies to position. Interested applicants should send a SF-50 to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, building 37. For more information, call Donald Judge at 561-2029/2975.

OWC

The Officers' Wives Club will be taking a tour of the Marin Museum of the American Indian Thursday. The cost is \$4. Members who are interested should meet at the Officers' Club Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Ellen Litney at 346-9436.

Typing for beginners

The Typing/Keyboarding class will be held Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Feb. 26 through April 18. Beginners will first use a typewriter to learn the keys and then will work at a computer keyboard. For more information or to pick up an enrollment form, call a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974.

User's group meeting

The Presidio Macintosh User's Group Monthly meeting will be held in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference Room Feb. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call 561-2528.

Wordperfect workshop

A Wordperfect computer program workshop will be held at the Fort Scott Education Center Feb. 26 through April 18, Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Friday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The class is open to all Presidians with previous typing or keyboarding experience. For more information or to enroll, see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center or call 561-4445.

Lost animals

Presidio Military Police will pick up free roaming pets on the Presidio. The pets will be turned over to the Veterinary Services. Owners of pets wearing ID tags will be contacted as soon as possible. Pets without tags are confined for three working days to allow owners time to contact the Veterinary Services. Prior to releasing pets, owners must present proof of current rabies vaccination. A fee of \$3 is charged for each confinement day. For more information, call 561-3744.

PSF Vet Clinic

The Presidio Veterinary Clinic provides routine immunizations and medical services by appointments only. Children under 10 years of age are not permitted in the clinic. To schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 561-3744 between 8 a.m. and noon daily. Over-the-counter pet care products may be purchased between 8 a.m. and noon daily.

Pet registration

All animals kept on the Presidio must be registered with Veterinary Services. Owners must present proof of current rabies vaccination. Animals must be registered after each subsequent rabies vaccination.

Exploratorium events

In honor of Black History Month, the Exploratorium is offering a weekend of films, performances and activities celebrating the influence of African-American rhythms on kid's pastimes. The event is Feb. 23 and 24. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 23: "The Dynamic Jumpers." Twenty-five girls from the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center in Oakland will demonstrate the intricacy, speed and freestyle moves of double-dutch jump roping techniques. The event will be under the skylights, inside the museum at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

"Bilingual Storytellers Vivian Sykes and Sandra Balderama." Storytellers will give bilingual (Spanish/English) recitations of songs and poetry at McBean Theater at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 23 and 24: A variety of films will be presented at the McBean Theater, including: "Pick Up Your Feet—The Double Dutch Show," by Skip Blumberg, from noon to 12:30 p.m. and from 3 to 3:30 p.m.; "Play and Cultural Continuity" examines the music, dancing, intricate hand-clapping improvisations and traditional folkgames played between generations. The movie plays from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5 p.m. "Pizza Pizza Daddy-O!" plays at 1:30 p.m. The film documents a dozen fourth-grade girls playing, singing and participating in clapping games on a Los Angeles playground.

"Children's Chants and Games," at 1:45 p.m., observes the folklore of playground chants and games.

For more information about the events, call Linda Dackman at 563-7337.

Faculty concert at SFSU

San Francisco State University is hosting a faculty concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in Knuth Hall in the Creative Arts building on the SFSU campus at Hallway and 19th avenues.

The concert features faculty artists Paul Yarlough on the viola, and William Coriell-Jones on piano. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3.50 for students, seniors and SFSU faculty, staff and alumni. For more information, or for tickets, call 338-2467.

Youth Services

Youth Services is looking for chaperones for the Valentine's Day Teen Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Feb. 14. For more information, or to volunteer, call Joe Cheeseman at 561-5190 or 561-5143.

Introduction to microcomputers

A introduction into microcomputers class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 26 through March 21. The class is free for active duty military and \$125 for others. For more information, call the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-4445.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri. Feb. 8: The Rookie (R) 7 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 9: The Bonfire of the Vanities (R) 7 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 10: Graveyard Shift (R) 7 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 11: Narrow Margin (R) 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theatre

Fri. Feb. 8: Child's Play II (R) 7 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 9: Reversal of Fortune (R) 7 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 10: Ghostbusters II (PG) 1 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 10: Child's Play II (R) 4 p.m.





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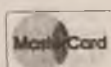
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864th engineer returns from Saudi Arabia

Broken ankle forces return to LAMC

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

After being moved to four different hospitals, Staff Sgt. Richard I. Andrada finally made it to Letterman Army Medical Center.

Andrada, a construction supervisor for Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, left for the desert with a broken ankle. Being tough and determined, he felt his injury was not serious enough to keep him from standing by his soldiers through one of the most trying times they would have to face.

Along with the rest of Co. C, Andrada boarded the C-141 the morning of Dec. 22, 1990.

After the long flight and pressure on his ankle, his injury worsened making it impossible for him to perform his job in Saudi Arabia.

"The doctors took one look at my ankle and said 'your leg is ALLLLL torn up,'" Andrada said. "They couldn't believe I went [to Saudi Arabia] like this."

"I didn't want to leave," Andrada said. "I'm feel-

ing really guilty about being back here with the guys in Saudi—I should be with them."

"It's weird being there," Andrada says, "some of the guys went to Saudi with differences, but in that environment they've become so close."

"It takes a real team effort to accomplish the mission," Andrada said. "They are all working really hard together and getting the job done."

Sandstorms add another obstacle for soldiers to accomplish the mission.

According to Andrada, sandstorms reduce visibility and interfere with moving the supplies and working.

"Sometimes you can't see right in front of you," Andrada said about the sandstorms.

"I know the guys are working around the clock," Andrada said. "I could tell by their visits to the hospital."

"I know it's rough for the female soldiers in our company," he said. "It's like being on another planet. The women are shown absolutely no respect."

"I heard that one female sergeant was chewing out a private for something he did wrong, and some Arabs started dogging her for talking to a man that

way," Andrada said. "It's completely different—American women would never put up with the way women are treated there."

Although soldiers are facing some tough times, Andrada believes Co. C soldiers are keeping up their sense of humor and spirit.

"I know the first sergeant and captain are taking care of their soldiers and keeping their spirits up," Andrada said. "They both have a great sense of humor."

After being through four hospitals, Andrada experienced the strengths of the medical system set up in Saudi Arabia.

According to Andrada, the medivac set up in the Middle East is working well under the conditions.

"The medivac is set up for the worst," Andrada said. "It's set up well enough to offer excellent medical care."

Andrada is not only confident in the medical care, but he feels that allied forces are determined and strong.

"I know that we're going to kick some butt," Andrada said confidently.

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News Briefs

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Spouses' health benefits briefing

Letterman Army Medical Center Commander Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger will address Presidio spouses Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Schwartz Theater. All spouses are encouraged to attend. General Burger will discuss LAMC closure and health benefit issues. This is an opportunity to ask questions and receive first-hand information on these important matters.

New APO for 864th Engineers

There is a new APO zip code for the soldiers of Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion in Saudi Arabia. The new address is:

Company C, 864th Eng. Bn.
APO New York 09689

Black history month luncheons

There has been a change in the dates for the Black History Month luncheons at Letterman Army Medical Center dining facility and Fort Scott dining facility. LAMC will hold its luncheon Wednesday and Fort Scott will hold its luncheon Feb. 28.

Holiday store hours

The following store hours will be in effect Monday in celebration of George Washington's birthday. The main Post Exchange, Class Six Liquor Store, Four Seasons and Burger King will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The service station will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The main shoppette will be open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Anthony's Pizza and Frank's Franks will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Marie's Place will be open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Military Clothing Sales Store and all other Army and Air Force Exchange Services will be closed.

Commissary closure

The Presidio Commissary will be closed Tuesday for observance of Presidents Day.

Pre-transition briefing

The Military Personnel Division at the Presidio will conduct a pre-transition briefing Feb. 21 at the Presidio Audio/Visual Center in building 603. The 8 a.m. to noon class will feature topics such as veterans' benefits, employment assistance and clearing information designed to assist in making the transition to civilian life as simple as possible.

This briefing is mandatory if you are separating within the next 120 days or will be taking transition leave prior to separation. For more information, call Mr. A. Calica at 561-2151/3297.

Closure could be before '95

LAMC begins downsizing

by Mike Meines
LAMC Public Affairs Officer

Letterman Army Medical Center will be closed by 1995. More than likely, it will close by 1993.

This will have a very big impact on the staff and beneficiaries of LAMC.

The closure will be accomplished according to a definite time line that will begin July 1, 1991 with the ending of the Graduate Medical Education Program. On that date there will no longer be intern, resident or fellowship programs at Letterman.

It will take approximately three months to fully implement the downsizing from the present 340-bed medical center configuration to a 100-bed community hospital facility. During that period, many Letterman beneficiaries will be looking for alternative means of obtaining their health care.

Starting in October 1991, Letterman will be considered a community hospital, and many of its graduate medical education programs will have been transferred.

The downsizing will not end there, however. Through attrition and normal reassignments, Letterman will spend approximately two years cutting back to a health clinic and will remain such until the last soldier has left the Presidio.

Letterman and Oak Knoll officials, in close coordination with the San Francisco Medical Command, are attempting to educate beneficiaries about their rights concerning CHAMPUS and MEDICARE. This will be an ongoing project until the final closure of Letterman is complete. There are plans for many different programs to be available to eligible personnel in the Bay Area.

This is a time for the spirit of the San Francisco Medical Command to excel. The mission of LAMC and the medical command remains the same "... to provide the best possible health care to our beneficiaries."

Early retirement for LAMC employees requested

Letterman Army Medical Center Commander Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger will be requesting Voluntary Early Retirement Authority from the Office of Personnel Management, effective April 1 through 30.

The request will include all grades and job series, and is subject to approval by both Health Services Command and OPM.

Things civilian employees should know about VERA include:

ELIGIBILITY: In order to retire under VERA, an employee must:

- Have completed at least 20 years of creditable service and be at least age 50, or have completed at



least 25 years of creditable service regardless of age.

- Have served in a position covered by the Civil Service Retirement System for at least one year out of the two years immediately before retirement (This requirement does not apply to employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System).

- Be serving under other than a temporary appointment.

- Have been on the rolls of the component for which early retirements are authorized at least 30 calendar days before the date of Letterman's request of OPM for the authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENTS: All eligible employees who elect to retire under a VERA must be off Letterman's rolls no later than the earlier of:

- The expiration date of the authority; or
- the termination of the authority.

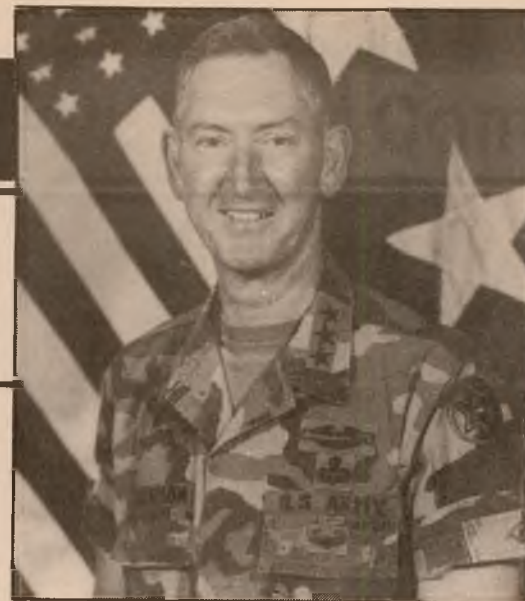
COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY: The commander has the right to terminate a VERA before its expiration date without any prior notice. The commander must immediately terminate this authority if the number of employees electing a voluntary early retirement equals the number of projected separations due to a Reduction-In-Force. In the event VERA is terminated before the expiration date, employees who have already applied for retirement, but whose retirement effective date will be after the premature cutoff date, will have the option to change the effective date of their retirement to a date prior to the premature termination date of VERA (provided they still meet the eligibility criteria.)

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Fly a flag for freedom

Dear Presidians—

Week four of the Gulf war and our magnificent fellow service men and women continue to make us proud. Their performance and the great outpouring of support by our fellow citizens make it another great day to be in as part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Speaking of support by our fellow citizens, one of the most unique support efforts came to my attention last week. The Lew Galla Salon in downtown San Francisco closed its doors to regular customers for an afternoon and afforded female family members of military personnel a very special treat. They provided the "works" for 34 female family members—shampoos, facials, hair cuts, styling, make-up, etc. Everyone knows how special ladies find it to be pampered at the beauty parlor. Well, these ladies really got a very much deserved pampering. Kim Stokes of the Sixth U.S. Army PAO staff, coordinated this event and I know that all the ladies who participated appreciate her efforts. I understand it was a HOO AH! afternoon!

On Thursday, we had a wonderful turn out for our Presidio Annual Prayer Breakfast. The Officers' Club and our great Sixth Army Band again provided great support and Mrs. Susan Jaworowski, our great soloist, was superb. Our great speaker, Dr. Leroy Johnson was dynamite! Truly he was HOO AH! personified. His message was inspiring and his delivery spellbinding. I regret all of you didn't have to opportunity to hear him.

On Friday, General Edwin Burba, Commanding General, U.S. Forces Command visited PSF. The Sixth Army staff presented him a series of briefings—all very professionally done. General Burba commands all action and U.S. Army Reserve forces in the continental United States and Puerto Rico so he is a very busy man. But our staff was able to cover a large amount of territory in a very short period and provide General Burba with the facts he needed. Colonel Bud Halsey (Retired), then took him on a guided tour of PSF and as always wowed us all with his in depth knowledge of the history of PSF—which has always been a Very Special Place!

Saturday, I was the guest of our local chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge of World War II fame. These great and very distinguished vets were interested in Operation Desert Storm and our role in it. I tried to provide them as much information as I could and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting them and hearing of some of their exploits. These are a group of very dedicated Americans.

As Desert Storm progresses there are so many folks and organizations to thank and recognize. One of particular note is our Enlisted Spouses Club (ESP). They are involved in so much but two things in particular I want you to know about. Have you noticed the beautiful red and white bows gracing the front of most of our major buildings on post? The ESP was primarily responsible for these remembrances and we thank them. The other very prominent things are the Desert Shield tags they are making and distributing. They are very attractive and a super

way to show your individual support of our service men and women. I know my wife wears one and everywhere we go she gets asked about it and complemented for it. She delights in telling everyone about this super group and all they do. So—to all the members of the Enlisted Spouses Club—thanks and a real big HOO AH!

Finally, I again want to congratulate all of you that are Flying a Flag for Freedom! Running along Storey and Ruckman Avenues I note a lot of flags—all different sizes, shapes, and descriptions. And that's fine—it's the thought that counts. And please, you folks in other areas don't take offense because I mention Storey and Ruckman

Avenues—it's just that this old man can't run to every housing area every week! But whatever—to all of you Presidians who are supporting our fellow service personnel in any way—thanks and God Bless You—and God Bless America!

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Let us run with patience the
race that is set before us."

—Hebrews 12:1

DEH develops energy conservation projects

by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing and the Star Presidian staff

The importance of energy conservation has been highlighted for many years now. Today, more than ever, the volatile situation in the Middle East and the mounting federal budget deficit make it imperative that each of us takes a personal interest in using energy wisely.

Reduction in our energy consumption will not only preserve our natural resources but also soften the financial impact of energy expenditures on our national budget.

Specifically, here at the Presidio, the Directorate of Engineering and Housing received a \$2 million reduction in its utility account for fiscal year 1991, and is facing an unfunded 12 percent local utility rate hike which has been in effect since Jan. 1. The combined effect of these actions is that the Presidio must reduce its annual utility usage by \$2.5 million, which is equivalent to a 36 percent reduction in consumption level.

DEH has developed several energy conservation projects that have the potential to bring about a substantial reduction in the Presidio's energy expenditure, but these projects alone will not realize the necessary fiscal year savings. Everyone's assistance is needed.

It is expected that each one of us will make every effort to start saving energy. As a minimum, each individual should:

- Turn off lights when leaving the office or work area for a relatively long time, such as when going to meetings or lunch.
- Turn off lights in common areas such as conference rooms and storage spaces when not in use.
- Turn off all security and decorative lights on the exterior of buildings during daylight hours.
- Turn off sporadically used equipment; turn it on only when needed.
- Maintain thermostats which trigger the space heating apparatus at 68 degrees in office areas and 55 degrees in warehouse and shop areas.

- Lower the thermostat setting to 30 degrees in office buildings and 45 degrees in warehouses and shops at the end of the work day.

- Do not heat an entire building when only one or a few offices are in use. Portable heaters may be used to provide local warmth in the space occupied, rather than using the central heating system. However, do not use portable heaters to raise the local temperature above 68 degrees by the central heating system.

- Do not open windows and doors while the building heating system is on. If you feel the office space is too warm, close your heating vents. If you suspect the cause is a poor heating system, call the DEH work order desk at 561-4505 for an assessment of the problem.

If your office has drapes or shades, leave them closed at night.

- Do not leave the space heating system on in maintenance areas when the bay doors are left open.
- Minimize the use of all water. Use hot water only when needed, and then use only the absolute minimum consistent with hygiene and comfort.

- Notify the DEH work order desk of all instances involving water wasted due to leaky faucets and malfunctioning water closets.

- Tell others when they are wasting energy; make them more aware of the conservation needs.

Commanders may appoint building energy monitors to identify energy waste and to disseminate information on the need to conserve on a periodic basis. Our habits must change and sensitizing all employees on the urgent need to conserve energy will help.

The achievement of the energy savings required will take a total effort on everyone's part. Specific requirements will come from the command, but we all must share the responsibility of reducing energy waste.

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News

How to help yourself and your children deal with war

by Nancy Niederhauser
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There are many common human reactions when any of us are faced with a serious emotional trauma. The outbreak of war is an extremely frightening event for everyone. Being separated from loved ones, particularly because of deployment in wartime can be especially scary. We may also worry we ourselves, or our loved ones will be sent to the Persian Gulf. The danger and uncertainty affects all of us.

Reactions

Following are some of the reactions you might expect to see in your children during this time in history: (from Dennis D. Embry, Ph.D., "Someone in my family went off to the Middle East")

In your children:

- Crying or tearfulness.
- A major change in relationships with friends.
- Increased acts of violence toward people and things.
- Shrinking away from people, or becoming very quiet.
- Sleeping difficulties.
- Fear of new people or situations.
- A rise in physical complaints (stomach aches, headaches or other illness when nothing seems to be wrong)
- Increase in problems at school:
- Drop in grades.
- Unwillingness to go to school.
- Odd complaints about school and/or teachers.

In adolescents:

- All of the above, plus
 - Getting into trouble at school, home or with the law.
 - Low self-esteem and self-criticism such as, blaming themselves for a problem.
 - Lots of anger over small events.
 - Loss of interest in usual hobbies or activities.
- You probably realize these symptoms are not limited to children. We adults can experience many or all of the same reactions.

Separation and loss cycle

There are predictable stages in our reactions to the separation from a loved one, whether it is due to illness, divorce, deployment or death. This cycle was identified by Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. This cycle also applies to the fear of loss and loss of stability in our lives caused by the war.

Denial: The first reaction to the news of the losses or the impending loss is denial. "It can't be true. It won't happen."

This is a denial of the facts. We can also deny our emotions or our reaction to the loss. "So I have to go to the Gulf, I'm a soldier, that's just how it is. . . no problem!" "She knew I was a soldier when she mar-



ried me; she shouldn't be so upset!"

Anger: We usually experience some anger in relation to the loss. It can be directed at the Army, the President, the soldier, ourself and our children. We usually express the feeling to people closest to us, not at the Army or the President of the United States.

Bargaining: Bargaining is our attempt to take control of a situation beyond our control. "If I'm a perfect mother and wife, he'll come home safe." Or, "if only we hadn't had that argument before she left, maybe she would be safer." Or, "if I do or say the exact right things, he won't have to go."

Depression: Depression comes when we realize we are not in control. Depression is anger turned inward; we feel sad and powerless.

Acceptance: Acceptance comes in time for all of us, after we have gone through the painful process of dealing with the situation and have been able to fully heal the trauma.

Because we are people, not automobiles, we go through these stages in our own ways, in various orders, in various time frames. However, if you are concerned about the severity of a reaction, or the prolonged duration of a strong reaction, help is available through many organizations at the Presidio.

Coping: Because we are still in the midst of the trauma, Operation Desert Storm, we continue to adjust and react to new information. The best coping techniques for us all are ones to help us survive in the face of this frightening uncertainty. The following is a list of ideas that can help:

- Acknowledge your feelings, to yourself and your children.
- Examine possible feelings of fear and anger. Get help for yourself so you don't overwhelm your chil-

dren with your fear or anger.

- Let your children and yourself know it's okay to be scared.
 - 'Set firm but "elastic" limits with your children right now. Children feel safer when they see their parents and the adults in their lives are still in charge.
 - Get information about the war, but don't become a "CNN Junkie!"
 - Discuss the war with your children. Clarify their misconceptions; in particular, show them how far away the war is from their home.
 - Get support from friends, relatives and professionals—attend support groups. Don't isolate yourself in front of the television.
 - Recognize the things you can control and those you can't. You don't have a direct control over foreign policy or battle strategies. You have control over what you do and say and some control over your feelings.
 - Channel your anxieties: write letters to loved ones, Congress, the president, any service person and keep a diary.
 - Take good care of yourself, your children. Consider eating better, not worse, exercise, sleep enough—not too much. You owe it to yourself.
- These painful times for the world, especially for those who are part of the military community. Understanding the normal reactions and making a commitment to take a few basic steps to take care of yourself and your family right now can help. Army Community Service is available at 561-5155 to assist you in obtaining more information about services to families in the Presidio Community.

SJA explains wills and their importance

by Brett E. Bacon
Staff Judge Advocate office

Property:

A will is a legal blueprint designed to specify how your property should be disposed of at the time of death. A will is "probated" when it is submitted to the appropriate state probate court and is declared to be authentic and legally sufficient.

In simple terms, a good will should state what you own and who should get it. For example, everything you own at the time of death could be transferred to your spouse.

A will can also be designed to make specific bequests, such as, "to my daughter, my authentic Mickey Mantle baseball card." It is important to note that a will cannot dispose of insurance proceeds, which will pass to the beneficiary of the insurance policy regardless of what the will might say on the matter.

Also, a will does not dispose of property held in joint ownership, such as a car or home held in joint ownership with a spouse or family member.

If a valid will does not exist at the time of death, the laws of the state will determine who gets a slice of the estate pie, and how big the slice will be. Generally, the state laws will divide the property among the closest relatives. Contrary to common belief, property of the deceased does not automatically go to the state.

If you are single and have no children, you may not need a will if you agree with the property distribution scheme in your state. You should first consult with one of the Legal Assistant Attorneys or other counsel in order to determine the intestate laws of your state, before finally deciding whether a will is necessary.

A will can prove to be extremely important when disposing of property if you are married, have children or wish to give property to someone other than your closest relatives or charity.

Guardianship:

If you have minor children, perhaps one of the most significant functions of a will can be the appointment of a guardian. If you die without a will and a guardian is needed for the minor children, the state court will appoint a guardian, which may or may not reflect your wishes.

In addition, a basic trust can also be created in the will for minor children, which can be provide for the transfer of remaining property to them at a specific age. A trust can also establish the ground rules by which property is managed for the benefit of a minor beneficiary.

Executor:

An executor is the person or organization who is responsible for managing the details of your estate

plan and the terms of your will. Your will can name an executor and instruct the court to waive any bond requirements, which can save money for your estate.

It is important to choose a trustworthy individual as executor because they will be handling the nuts and bolts of details of carrying out the instructions in your will.

Debt payments and funeral arrangements

A will can also be used as a means of directing payment of debts and funeral expenses. However, it is important to note that a will is not the appropriate document to make funeral arrangements, due to the long delays that can sometimes occur when probating a will. Instead, funeral arrangements should be set forth in a letter to the executor or a close family member.

Conclusion:

When making important legal decisions, it is important to seek the advice of an attorney regarding your individual circumstances and needs. If you have individual questions regarding wills, or wish to have a will prepared, contact the Office of Staff Judge Advocate, Legal Assistance, building 223. For more information, call Brett Bacon, at 561-4273.

Presidio People

Ask Presidians

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

"Any thoughts relative to the closing of Letterman?"

Joseph L. Doran, retired sergeant first class, United States Army: "I wish they wouldn't close the Letterman Army Medical Center hospital. I drive all the way from Fort Ord to come here. The hospital's very important. What are all the old people going to do, drive a hundred miles to find a hospital?"



Francis E. Gallagher, retired lieutenant colonel, United States Army: "My major concern is, what hospital are we veterans going to have available to us? The Letterman hospital closure will affect over a 100,000 people. I haven't heard of any alternative plans on how to help us out. It's a shame."



John Ribarich, patient tray service, Nutrition Department, Letterman Army Medical Center: "The closure's going to affect me because of the hospital downsizing. I'm going to be 57 years old soon and it's not easy to find another job. A lot of people are going to be out of work."



Dale Lee, cashier, Letterman Army Medical Center: "In April, some of us will be without a job. I'm concerned about my future. There should be some way for us to maintain a work schedule here where we could go to school. I could be in a nursing assistant program which could give me something to fall back on. This is such a beautiful place. Why close it?"

Helen Wuill, military spouse: "My husband, Harry, and I retired here because of the vicinity of Letterman. We've had to find alternative plans on how we are going to deal with medical situations."



Private First Class Kelly L. Thomas, food service specialist, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Since the Presidio is closing what's going to happen to the hospital? It's a mistake. A lot of people are going to have to relocate. Why is it being closed? This post is too nice."



Company C family members with their loved ones a Happy Valentine's Day.



Susan C. Ley



Sgt. Maj. Ted Disney



Ann M. Chiofalo



Marlena Joyce

Valentine messages

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff



Pat A. Kloefkorn: "I would like to tell my husband that we miss him and love him very much. We are anxiously awaiting his return home." Pat's husband, Lance, worked in Preventive Medicine at LAMC. He is now attached to a medical unit from Fort Campbell Ky.

Marlena Joyce, finance specialist, Finance and Accounting:

"If you love somebody, really love them. Make sure you never stop doing the romantic things, such as special surprises not only on Valentine's Day, but always. Keep the flame alive."

David LeTourneau, Computer Operator, Sixth U.S. Army:

To Spec. Tesse Geston: "I love you, and I want a car for Valentine's Day. I hope our first Valentine's Day will be a great one."

Sgt. Maj. Ted Disney, Reserve Component Advisor, Sixth U.S. Army: "To my wife of 23 years, Love Ya."

Ann M. Chiofalo, Army Community Service volunteer: "My Valentine's wish is for peace, and I hope everyone's Valentine's Day is filled with love because that's what it's made for."

Susan C. Ley, secretary, Headquarters Command Battalion: "I have the most wonderful valentine in the world and his name is Marty Ley."

Taxes

SJA office offers tax return help for Presidians

by the Star Presidian staff

In these taxing times, it helps to have someone explain tax forms. Trained specialists at the tax center, building 223, can help you understand all the forms.

A service offered through the Staff Judge Advocate's Office is helping Presidians meet the April 15 tax deadline by holding walk-in clinics Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Tax preparers at the center can work one-on-one with Presidians who have questions concerning their tax forms. "The Tax Hot Line," 561-2TAX, is open to all Presidians who wish to schedule an appointment.

Tax advisors are trained by the Internal Revenue Service. Most units on the post also have tax advisors who have been trained by the IRS and the California Franchise Board—in preparing forms and solving tough tax problems.

More than 300 Presidians prepared their taxes through the tax center last year. Patricia T. Halsey, SJA Chief of Client Services Branch, expects a larger turnout this year since more family members will need help due to participation in Operation Desert Storm.

The Garrison SJA office has federal and state tax forms available. Tax advisors will answer all questions and prepare state and federal tax forms free for Presidians, according to Halsey.

Important changes for 1990

Earned Income Credit:

If your earned income and your adjusted gross income are both less than \$20,264 and you have a child who lived with you for more than half the year, you may be entitled to a refundable credit of up to \$953.

Personal interest

Personal Interest includes interest on car loans, credit cards and personal loans. You can now deduct 10 percent of personal interest you paid in 1990.

Penalties

There are now new rules for certain accuracy penalties, including the penalties for negligence and for substantial understatement of income tax. The penalties have increased for failing to provide a social security number and for failing to file a return when the failure is due to fraud.

Change of address

If you change your address, you should use the new Form 8822 to notify the Internal Revenue Service.

California allows military families to file tax return separately

Military families who earn income in California are allowed to file their California income tax return as "Married filing separately" even if they have filed their federal income tax return as "Married filing jointly." This is different than the requirement for civilian families, who must file their California state income tax return the same as their federal.

When filing the non-resident return the taxpayer should compute the tax both ways married filing jointly and married filing separately to determine which is the best tax bracket for the family. When filing the resident return, the return should be filed as married filing separately unless the service mem-

ber is a domiciliary of California.

If the filing status used is married filing separately the service member does not sign the return and their name and social security number are only entered in block three. The California resident and non-resident instruction booklets do not point this out in a concise manner and many commercial tax preparers are unaware of this filing advantage that is available to military families.

If you have any tax questions contact your unit advisor or the Presidio Tax Center at 561-2TAX.

IRS tax help

Free tax help is available by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

You don't always get what you pay for...



Tax delay for Desert Storm troops

by Army News Service

Congress feels that income tax worries shouldn't be on the minds of soldiers trudging through the sand of Operation Desert Storm.

Earlier this week, Congress voted to approve a bill that would give all military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf region and their spouses extra time to file income tax forms.

The proposed legislation applies to soldiers serving in the Persian Gulf region after Aug. 2, and says that neither soldiers nor their spouses have to file taxes until six months after the soldier leaves the area.

The congressional bill comes after the President's executive order of Jan. 17 that gives tax advantages to servicemembers serving in a combat zone by exempting entire gross incomes of enlisted soldiers and warrant officers, and the first \$500 of gross incomes

per month of officers while they are deployed.

Army personnel officials say that the W-2 forms will be sent to the soldier's APO address, not the stateside address. At that time, the servicemember can either retain the form to file upon return, or send it to his spouse to be filed.

If a spouse wishes to file a joint return, the Internal Revenue Service will accept a general power of attorney that can be used to sign for the servicemember. However, the power of attorney needs to have been prepared by members of the Army Judge Advocate General's office during mobilization procedures, and must specifically authorize the spouse to prepare, execute and file income tax returns.

Officials expect every state to follow the federal government's lead on delayed taxes, but each state's taxation department should be called to verify. The telephone number can be found in respective state taxation booklets and is usually a toll-free number.

Tax help

The post tax center in building 223 will hold a weekly walk-in clinic every Monday and Wednesday. Individuals with 1040A and 1040EZ forms will be assisted promptly at 9 a.m. and the forms will be prepared promptly at 10 a.m. Bring last year's tax return and all other documents to the clinic. Individual appointments are available by calling 561-2TAX.

Tax returns for family members in the Mideast

A power of attorney is needed to file tax returns for service members in the Middle East. A joint return may not be filed without both spouses' signatures unless one spouse has power of attorney.

Unit Tax Advisors:

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Lab-Alameda
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USAISC, Presidio
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Sgt. Vickie Warfield—
561-4852/3177.

Headquarters WS MEPCOM
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Company A Letterman Army
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Benjamin, Sgt. 1st Class
Jewel Hanson, Staff Sgt.
Reinaldo Osorio—561-2536
and Staff Sgt. Gary
Cramberg—561-4713.

Military Intelligence
Battalion
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561-6002.

Sixth Recruiting Brigade
Capt. Lynn San Nicholas,
Sgt. Elaine Rigler and
Staff Sgt Kevin Wright—
561-7124/7102.

91st Training Division
Sgt. 1st Class Marold
Studesville—561-7125/7160.

Law Enforcement Company
Spec. Robert Bunting—
561-3798/3613.

Company B Letterman Army
Medical Center
Capt. Lawrence Finley—
561-5017 and Spec. Brett
Nickerson—561-5007.

Sixth U.S. Army Band
Staff Sgt. Kerry Hobbs—
561-2625.

Readiness Group
Sgt. 1st Class Angel Amoren—
561-4621.

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Volleyball tournament

Winners of the Youth Services volleyball tournament Jan. 26 were Presidio Kids with Joe for first place and the Raiders for second place. The Presidio team members were Joe Cheeseman, Tammy Furhmann, Robin Perry, Lisa Tilley and Sarah White. The Raiders team members were Danny Andrews, Earl Cain, Tina Furhmann, Jennifer Parks and Rian Perry. Trophies and certificates were awarded to participants of both teams.

Youth team coaches needed

If you are 18 or older, enjoy youngsters and baseball, the San Francisco Youth Baseball League is looking for you. Coaches and umpires are needed for youth teams participating in the spring league. Special umpire workshops will be scheduled for participants. For information, call John or Peter at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department at 753-7029.

Youth baseball registration

Individual players ages 6-14 may sign up to join a youth baseball league team. They must bring proof of age and identification to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Athletic Office at the rear of Kezar Pavilion, Stanyan and Waller streets at one of the following times: Friday noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

League play will begin the week of April 6 for all the following age-group teams: Tee-ball, ages 6, 7 and 8; Pinto, ages 7 and 8; Mustang, ages 9 and 10; Bronco, ages 11 and 12; and Pony, ages 13 and 14.

Children ages 9-14 must have proof of age, a birth or baptismal certificate or green card. Children ages 11-14 must bring a small photograph (1/2 wallet size) to register for the league.

For more information call, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Athletic Office at 753-7029.

Free tennis instruction

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department offers free tennis instruction to adults in beginner, intermediate and advanced group classes. Most classes begin the first and second week of February, but enrollment may be at any time in these ongoing classes. Class size averages 12-15 students in most locations. Participants are requested to donate one unopened can of tennis balls upon registration. Bring your own racket. For class locations and schedules, contact the athletic office at 753-7032.

The SFRPD also offers free tennis instruction for children at recreation centers throughout the city beginning this week.

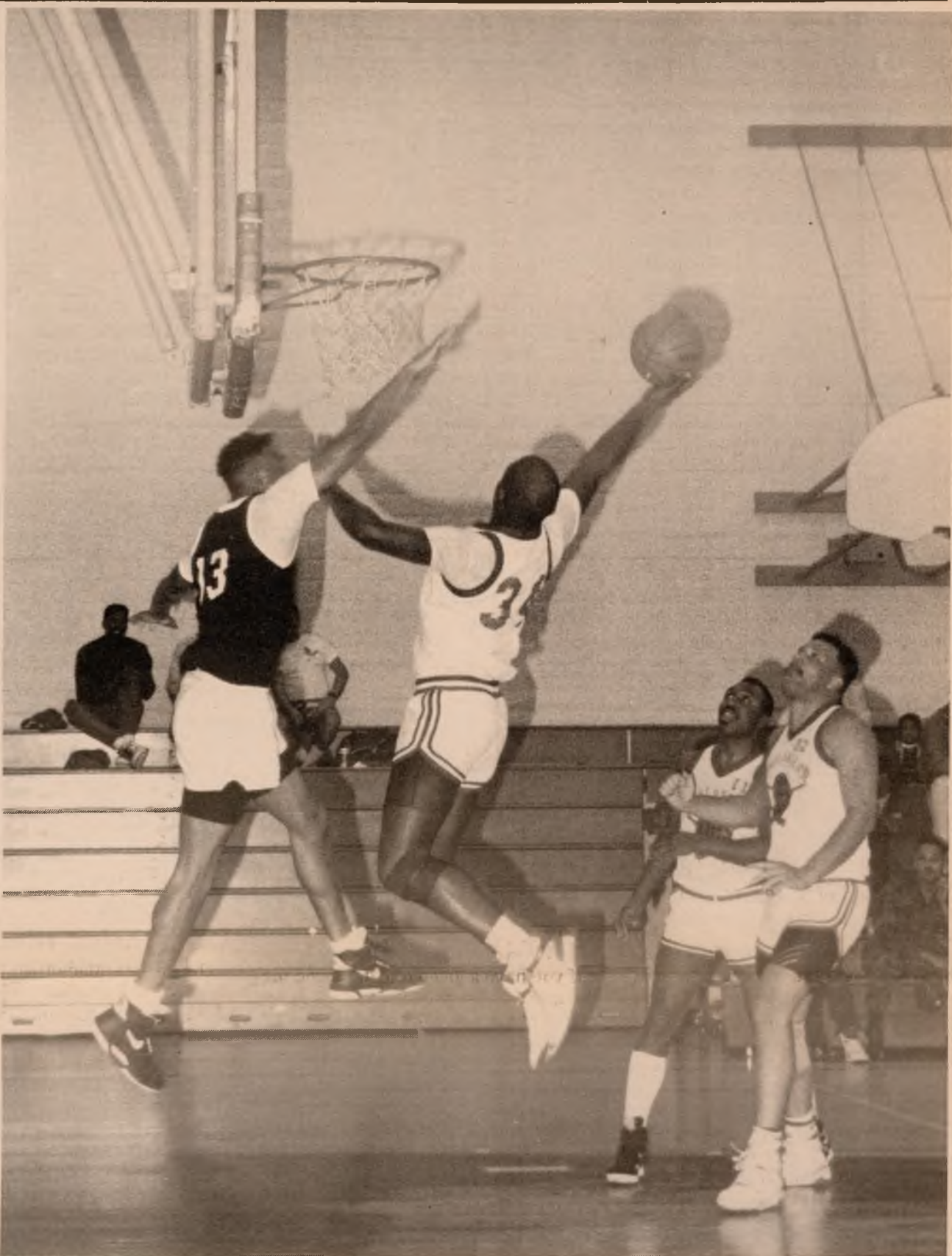
Beginners through intermediates receive group instruction with emphasis on the basic strokes; forehand, backhand, serve and volley. Advanced beginners and intermediates are encouraged to participate in suitable tournaments.

All interested boys and girls must register in person. Tennis balls and rackets are provided.

Contact your local recreation center or call the athletic office at 753-7032 for location and schedule of classes.

Winter ski trips

Two ski trips have been scheduled by the Outdoor Recreation Center for March 8-10 and April 5-7 for South Lake Tahoe. The cost is \$85 prepaid with Outdoor Recreation rental equipment or \$70 prepaid with own equipment. Charges include round-trip transportation and two nights lodging. Meals and lift tickets are not included. The trips are open to active-duty military, family members, retired military, reservists and Department of Defense civilians. For additional information call, 561-3285, or come by the Information, Tours and Travel Office, building 215.



Gunslangers score two on a fast break during the championship game at Gym. No. 1, Sunday.

Blue and Gold fights for championship win

story and photo by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

With seconds remaining in the final championship game, the crowd was sitting on the edge of their seats. Spectators and players were still uncertain who would be named the champs.

The Blue and Gold won the final game 127 to 122 over the Gunslangers to remain undefeated throughout the championship tournament, at Gym No. 1, Sunday.

Gunslangers stayed close trailing by no more than 10 points throughout the first half.

The Blue and Gold led 62 to 58 at the half. Both teams came back hot. Trading shots back and forth until the Gunslangers went on a roll making three jumpers.

The Blue and Gold stopped the Guns scoring run with a steal, and a fast break layup. After the fast break, the Blue and Gold team took charge and began their run.

The Blue and Gold surged to the biggest lead of game, 84 to 70. With 14:42 left in the game, the Gunslangers called time out.

The Gunslangers didn't give up. They made four shots to the Blue and Gold's one closing up the score 86 to 78.

With 10:35 left in the game, the Gunslangers stole the ball tried for a fast break, but the defense had the "Guns" beat three on one. Despite the disadvantage, the Gunslangers scored.

The Blue and Gold broke 100 with nine minutes remaining.

The Gunslangers began shooting three-pointers. After closing the score to 108 to 102, the Blue and Gold began putting on half-court man-to-man pressure.

The teams went back and forth keeping point spread at six.

With 2:20 remaining, the Gunslangers nailed another 3-pointer to close the score to 118 to 115, the closest the Guns had been since the beginning of the first half.

With only 57 seconds remaining the Blue and Gold completed a three point play the hard way to increase 127 to 119.

The Gunslangers made another 3-pointer with 9 seconds remaining, to make the score 127-122.

The Blue and Gold didn't take the ball out to make another play, they just waited to claim their win as the seconds ticked away.

Tournament standings

	W	L
Blue and Gold.....	3	0
Cal-Med.....	2	0
Gunslangers.....	2	1
All Army.....	2	2
Athletes for Peace.....	1	1
Moffet Flyers.....	1	1
New Pizza.....	1	1
Alameda.....	0	1
CDC Distributors.....	0	2

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

Black History Month schedule

February is Black History Month—a time which recognizes the great blacks of in America. Fort Point will also honor black Americans throughout the month. The historic fort, located beneath the southern span of the Golden Gate Bridge, will have a February exhibit focusing on the service of black soldiers from 1776 to the present.

The following events have been scheduled for the post for the month of February:

Friday: An Afro-American food buffet and art display at the NCO Club from 11:30 to 1 p.m.;

Wednesday: Black History Month and storytelling hour for Presidio preschool-age children at the Child Development Center from 2 to 3 p.m.;

Feb. 22: The Children of the Child Development Center will present "UMOJA" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 28: Black History Month ethnic meal at the Fort Scott Dining Facility from 11:30 to 1 p.m.



photo by Drew Seaman

Black History Month

Many Presidians enjoyed the buffet at the Afro-American luncheon Feb. 6 at the Post Theatre.

Recycling

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

CLEP test

The College Level Examination Program with Essay test will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center April 9 at 3:15 p.m. This examination is for soldiers planning to attend colleges which require this test rather than the multiple choice test. The test must be ordered by Feb. 28. For more information, call the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445 or the LAMC Education Center at 561-3692/4791.

Record examination

Graduate record examinations will be given April 17, 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. The test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first examination. The examination must be ordered in person by March 6.

For more information, call the Letterman Army Medical Center Education Center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

USO job search workshop

The USO's Resume and Job Search workshop is held each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is required. Military members and their spouses are eligible to attend. Job placements and job consultations are made by appointment only. Call the USO at 561-2436 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Support group for pregnant women

A support group for women who are pregnant with spouses in Saudi Arabia will meet Mondays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. The date and location of the first session has not been decided. For more information, call Leslie Tan or Simon Pincus at 561-4403/3120/2649.

LAMC chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed for Operation Desert Storm, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problems incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

Messages to Desert Storm

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Finance & Accounting job opening

The Directorate of Resource Management Finance and Accounting Office is recruiting for a GS-544-08, Chief, Civilian Payroll Section. Local specialty pay applies to position. Interested applicants should send a SF-50 to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, building 37. For more information, call Donald Judge at 561-2029/2975.

Mechanic training

Sequoia Institute will be offering a workshop for teens interested in pursuing automotive and diesel mechanical fields. The workshop will be held Monday at 10 a.m. Reservations are required. Free T-shirts will be given to participants. For more information or to make reservations, call 561-5143/5910.

Computer meeting

The Presidio Macintosh User's Group Monthly meeting will be held in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference Room Feb. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call 561-2528.

Movie Night

A movie night will be held in building 1331 Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. A movie permission slip attached to the youth activities flyer must be completed by anyone wishing to attend this event. Admission is \$1. For more information, call Youth Services at 561-5143/5910.

ITT News

Hotel reservations

Presidians who make hotel reservations through ITT will receive discounted room rates. This offer is for leisure and official travel.

Disneyland tickets

Military members can save \$10 on each adult ticket purchased in February through ITT. Tickets for adults and children are \$17.50 and may only be used until March 3. For more information, call ITT at 561-3992.

Hamlet

Hamlet will be playing at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater Thursday through March 31. Tickets are \$10 to \$20 weeknights and \$10 to \$29 weekends. Tickets are available through A.C.T. Central Box Office. For more information, call 749-2ACT.

USO volunteers

USO volunteers are needed for Desert Storm support activities. To volunteer or for more information, call 561-2436, Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vet Clinic

The Presidio Veterinary Clinic provides routine immunizations and medical services by appointments only. Children under 10 years of age are not permitted in the clinic. To schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 561-3744 between 8 a.m. and noon daily. Over-the-counter pet care products may be purchased between 8 and noon daily.

Pet registration

All animals kept on the Presidio must be registered with Veterinary Services. Owners must present proof of current rabies vaccination. Animals must be registered after each subsequent rabies vaccination.

Lost animal policy

Presidio Military Police will pick up free roaming pets on the Presidio. The pets will be turned over to the Veterinary Services. Owners of pets wearing ID tags will be contacted as soon as possible. Pets without tags are confined for three working days to allow owners time to contact the Veterinary Services. Prior to releasing pets, owners must present proof of current rabies vaccination. A fee of \$3 is charged for each confinement day. For more information, call 561-3744.

Exploratorium

In honor of Black History Month, the Exploratorium is offering a weekend of films, performances and activities celebrating the influence of African-American rhythms on kid's pastimes. The event is Feb. 23 and 24. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 23: "The Dynamic Jumpers." Twenty-five girls from the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center in Oakland will demonstrate the intricacy, speed and free-style moves of double-dutch jump roping techniques. The event will be under the skylights, inside the museum at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

"Bilingual Storytellers Vivian Sykes and Sandra Balderama." Storytellers will give bilingual (Spanish/English) recitations of songs and poetry at McBean Theater at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 23 and 24: A variety of films will be presented at the McBean Theater, including: "Pick Up Your Feet—The Double Dutch Show," by Skip Blumberg, from noon to 12:30 p.m. and from 3 to 3:30 p.m.; "Play and Cultural Continuity" examines the music, dancing, intricate hand-clapping improvisations and traditional folkgames played between generations. The movie plays from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5 p.m. "Pizza Pizza Daddy-O!" plays at 1:30 p.m. The film documents a dozen fourth-grade girls playing, singing and participating in clapping games on a Los Angeles playground.

For more information about the events, call Linda Dackman at 563-7337.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri. Feb. 15: Ghost (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 16: The Russia House (R) 7 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 17: State of Grace (R) 7 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 18: Robot Jox (PG) 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theatre

Fri. Feb. 15: Graveyard Shift (R) 7 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 16: Lethal Weapon II (R) 7 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 17: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) 1 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 17: Graveyard Shift (R) 4 p.m.



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Civilian personnel closure concerns addressed

RIF, transfer of function, early retirement explained

by K.M.Petrack, Star Presidian Managing Editor and Gary Stella, CPO Technical Services Chief

Many questions are being asked by Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio and Letterman Army Medical Center civilian employees on the subjects of Reduction-in-Force (RIF), transfer of function, and discontinued service (early retirement), and how these issues are going to affect them. With the RIF at Letterman Army Medical Center just months away, employees are realizing that the Base Closure and Realignment action is a reality within sight and not just a possibility somewhere out there in the future.

Transfer of function

Transfer of function is of particular interest to employees whose positions may transfer to other locations. A transfer of function takes place when a function ceases in one competitive area and moves to one or more other competitive areas which do not perform the function at the time of transfer.

If you decline a job offer outside your commuting area, commuting area is defined as an area to and from which individuals would normally commute, and meet eligible age and length of service requirements for early retirement - age 50 with at least 20 years service, or 25 years of service at any age - you may apply for discontinued service retirement.

If, however, you decline a job offer outside your commuting area but you do not desire to go out on discontinued service retirement (if you qualify), then the losing competitive area may use adverse action to separate you if you choose not to transfer with your function.

Early retirement

If your separation for early retirement is labeled as "voluntary," you would not be eligible to withdraw your accumulated "lump sum" retirement contributions upon retirement - which could be considerable and range upwards of \$20,000 to \$80,000 or more. "Voluntary" early retirement would mean the loss of the lump sum option.

Those employees whose retirement is considered "involuntary" would be eligible for the lump sum option. An example of involuntary would be - upon

closure your job is abolished and no job offer is received. This issue will be discussed in detail with eligible employees by the Civilian Personnel Office.

There are two bills currently before Congress addressing the retirement issue - one reintroduced by Congressman William Roth, Jr., and one (HR-4531) reintroduced by Congresswoman Barbara Boxer. Some sources say the prognosis for either bill passing does not appear favorable.

Roth's bill would offer early retirement government-wide to those who qualify. Boxer's bill would add five years to the age or time in service, or a combination of the two, for all Department of Defense employees who are subjected to base closure and realignment actions.

If you have *general* questions or concerns relative to the above and other base realignment and closure issues, write to the editor, *Star Presidian*, building 38, and we will seek authoritative answers for publication in upcoming issues of the newspaper. If you have retirement questions relative to your own situation, you may contact Gary Stella, Technical Services Division chief, at 561-5757, or his staff at 561-3018.

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News Briefs

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Power outage

A power outage is scheduled for Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The outage is part of an on going contract to upgrade electrical systems.

The area/buildings affected by the outage are:

Buildings T-2, 35-37, 87, 88, 218, 1000 through 1063, and 1151 through 1153. The Directorate of Engineering and Housing apologizes for any inconvenience. Any questions you may have can be answered by contacting the DEH Environmental Office at 561-4817 or 561-5176.

Community service Hotline

Call the provost marshal office's 24-hour community service "Hotline" at 561-2959, to obtain update information on protests or demonstrations scheduled near the Presidio or in the Bay Area. The updates will tell you where demonstrations may take place and provide other useful information.

Pre-transition briefing

The Military Personnel Division at the Presidio will conduct a pre-transition briefing today at the Presidio Audio/Visual Center in building 603. The 8 a.m. to noon class will feature topics such as veterans' benefits, employment assistance and clearing information designed to assist in making the transition to civilian life as simple as possible.

This briefing is mandatory if you are separating within the next 120 days or will be taking transition leave prior to separation. For more information, call Mr. A. Calica at 561-2151 or 561-3297.

No change in 864th APO

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion's APO address has not changed. The correct address is:

Company C, 864th Eng. Bn.

APO New York, NY 09616

Black History Month luncheon

The Black History Month luncheon will be held at the Fort Scott dining facility from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 28.

Commissary meeting

The Presidio Commissary Council meeting will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the commissary conference room in building 653.

Presidio soldiers ready for Gulf call

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

All soldiers from U.S. Army Garrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco Readiness Group processed through Gym No. 2 last week in a Preparation for Overseas Movement.

More than 500 soldiers received immunizations, HIV tests, medical and dental record examinations as well as personnel records checks for emergency data, in what is the first step of a U.S. Forces Command-wide effort to identify deployable soldiers for possible duty in Southwest Asia, according to Maj. Vicki Bowman, Adjutant General for the Presidio.

"This doesn't necessarily mean these troops will go," Bowman explained. "We were tasked by Forces Command to identify deployable soldiers by MOS (military occupational specialty) and the POM is to help us meet that requirement."

Since most soldiers receive a seven-to-ten-day notification if they are deploying as part of Operation Desert Storm, the POM will not necessarily speed up their deployment, "they just won't be as sore from the shots," according to the Presidio adjutant.

Administrative stations included in a "full" POM were left out to focus more on identifying deployable soldiers. Areas such as legal consultations to ensure wills and powers of attorneys are current, finance reviews to ensure pay options and allotments are correct . . . were left out and would have to be completed by the individual deploying soldier.

The medical staff in a "full" POM would have also included doctors to assess, on the spot, whether a soldier is deployable or not. Instead soldiers were referred to Letterman Army Medical Center for follow-up appointments.

"Normally, we would have a doctor here to evaluate a soldier's status, but we're just ID'ing possible problems and telling them to follow up on their own," said Sgt. 1st Class John Elliott, assistant NCOIC, LAMC Preventive Medicine Service.

"This gives us lead time to correct problems without overloading the hospital staff and also serves to identify non-deployable people," he said.

Major Bowman says the POM is kind of a wake-up call for soldiers.

"This wakes us all up to check to be sure our personal affairs are in order if we are called for deployment," she concluded.



photo by Duvel White

Letterman hosts job fair

Presidio of San Francisco employees are invited to attend the 1991 Letterman Army Medical Center Job Fair at Schwartz Theater Tuesday.

Recruiters from the Office of Personnel Management and federal hospitals throughout California will be available between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

All job seekers are invited, although recruiters are primarily seeking applications from employees in the medical, secretarial, clerical and food service occupational fields. Presidians may submit copies of Standard Forms 171, 50 and their most recent performance appraisal to any of the agency representatives.

For additional information call the Civilian Personnel Directorate, Mr. John Nobriga at 561-3171.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Peace with freedom is Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians—

Week five of the Gulf War and we all await word of peace or a ground offensive. It is difficult for some people to understand that of all people—soldiers hate war the most for it is soldiers who bleed and die. But despite our hatred of war, there are things worse than war—one of those is having nothing to believe in that is worth fighting and dying for. Some speak for peace at any price. But peace without freedom is not worth very much. Many people in this world live in peace—but are not free to worship as they choose, to speak their opinions, to vote for their leadership, to travel freely or to live without fear. Peace with freedom is what DESERT STORM is all about and why 500,000 American service men and women are in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf area.

John Stuart Mill, a philosopher, once said,

"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feelings which thinks *nothing* is worth war is much worse. A man who has *nothing* for which he is willing to fight, *nothing* he cares more about than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free."

We all remain very proud of the performance of all our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. All our combat, combat support and combat service support soldiers make it yet another PROUD and GREAT day to be a member of the American armed forces here at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

On 11 and 12 February, I was TDY to visit the great Idaho National Guard team. I visited Gowen Field and the tank training program. As a special treat I got to ride a M1 tank down their new Multi-purpose Range Complex. On a previous visit I got to drive the M1. This time I rode with an experienced crew (I rode as loader!) and actually engaged targets with the laser MILES gear. Exciting! It puts tank warfare in a much more personal perspective for this old infantryman. The crew was superbly trained and the tank is outstanding. It's user friendly! And it and the crew performed in a superior manner. Seeing soldiers perform so well is truly HOO AH!

On Wednesday, I journeyed to Gym No. 2 for the PSF Processing for Overseas Movement (POM). It was very well set up and operated very efficiently. There was a short wait at the shot record table but that was because they were thoroughly examining every shot record to insure we got everybody caught up properly. (I had to take oral polio and a typhoid shot—neither hurt at the time but boy oh boy, that typhoid shot reared up and bit me later! It was definitely not HOO AH!) To all the service personnel and civilian employees who manned the POM—thanks—ya done good.

Also on Wednesday, I visited two of our officers who were in LAMC—Colonel Dave Neck who had injured his hand. In fact he almost did in his thumb so his fellow staff officers now affectionately refer to him as "Colonel Thumb"! And Lieutenant Colonel Molnar from the IG shop, who recently underwent back surgery. Both are

doing well and were being very well cared for by our great LAMC CAREGIVERS. If you have to be in the hospital—LAMC is the place to be 'cause all the caregivers are HOO AH!

Right Arm night was hosted at the PSF Officers Club on Wednesday night. And would you believe it? HQ, Sixth Army won the competition! They really had the balls-in-bucket relay and the PT relay down pat. HOO AH! to all the Sixth Army team members.

On Thursday, LAMC hosted its quarterly retreat ceremony. They were celebrating the 22nd anniversary of the dedication of LAMC. The LAMC Color Guard and troops from companies A, B, and C looked great and the Sixth Army Band, as always, sounded great. The whole ceremony was HOO AH!

Our SJA office hosted their annual conference in Napa at the Clarion Inn. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to other commitments but I'm told it went well and much was accomplished. HOO AH! to all our Sixth Army SJAs.

On Saturday, I flew to Long Beach to attend to some Readiness Group Los Angeles business and to attend the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard Leadership Conference and Ball. It was all well done and the soldiers put on quite an impressive "Flags Over California" pageant.

Command Sergeant Major Whiteford and a panel of NCO's conducted the yearly selection of Soldiers and NCOs of the Year in Reno over the long weekend. Special congratulations to Pfc. Glenn M. McNeill of Law Enforcement Command, PSF, for placing second in the Active Component Soldier of the Year Competition. And a very special congrats to Staff Sgt. Lee W. Elgin III, of Law Enforcement Command, PSF, for winning the Active Component NCO of the Year competition. HOO AH! to both these great PSF troopers.

Monday was Presidents Day honoring the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. It was a holiday for most, but all our MPs and many of our soldiers had to work because we were targeted for an anti-war protest. Our troops appeared on CNN and looked very professional as they went about arresting some 34 trespassers. My thanks to all these troops for their professionalism and dedication to duty. I wonder if these protesters ever stop to think how inconsiderate their actions are of soldiers and soldiers' families? Well, I have instructed the leadership to arrange a day off for all these fine soldiers who missed their holiday.

HOO AH! made the news last week! In the February 18 issue of U.S. News and World Report, page 31, a writer talks about HOO AH! and how our troops use it in Saudi Arabia. He cites it as a word "of unknown origin and imprecise meaning" and cites mail from home as being "definitely HOO AH!" Last week while making a periodic visit to Hamilton Army Air Field I was stopped by a retiree and asked about HOO AH! So, I will soon republish my explanation of the origin and meaning of this expression. Can't today as this column has already run too long—but soon, soon!

Lieutenant Colonel Vona got a letter last week from a former Presidian now serving in Saudi Arabia. Specialist Ulysses B. Sherman writes of his appreciation for all the support from the Headquarters, Command Battalion and PSF. He ends by asking that I shout out his name at the next Sixth Army and PSF Fun Run. Well, we'll do more than that—we'll announce his name for all to hear and dedicate the run to him and to all the soldiers from C/864th Engineers. Remember at the November run—the last Charlie Company did with us as a unit—we promised to dedicate all our runs to them until they return safely to run with us again. Should any of you want to write SPC Sherman his address is:

ARCENT PERSCOM (PROV) FWD
APO New York 09616

Remember mail from home is HOO AH!

Lieutenant Colonel Vona also got a letter from Staff Sgt. Harrell's new boss in Saudi. Staff Sergeant Harrell formerly worked in DCST and is now doing a super job as Assistant NBC/Operations NCOIC in the 724th Support Battalion.

Another letter from Sgt. Lavonne D. Settlemire, formerly of the Sixth Army SJA office, brings thanks for all the cards and letters and packages. Should you want to write to either of these NCOs, Lieutenant Colonel Vona can provide the addresses.

So you see how important our support is to these great soldiers. So, come on Presidians, Fly a Flag for Freedom today! And write a soldier a card or letter. They deserve our support now more than ever—for possibly by the time you read this they may truly be in harm's way. Lets all continue to pray for a quick and successful solution to the Gulf War.

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Only in winter can you tell which trees are truly green. Only when the winds of adversity blow can you tell whether an individual or a country has courage and steadfastness."

—John F. Kennedy

P.S. Today, 18 February, I got a really special note on my Dial-A-Boss line. It was from a family member who lives on the PSF telling me how great the people at our AAFES Auto Repair Shop are. Especially cited was Mr. Sullivan and the mechanic who repaired a car and then took the time to explain everything to the customer. Isn't that wonderful? That our employees are so helpful and courteous that customers take the time to write and tell me! That's double HOO AH!

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News

Red Cross links soldiers, families during Operation Desert Storm

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff
and Army News Service

The American Red Cross has stepped-up its efforts to provide an essential communications link between soldiers serving as the "thunder and lightning" of Desert Storm and their families during emergencies.

"We are soldiers' emergency communications link to home," Lois E. Steckel, Presidio American Red Cross Station chairman said. "Through an act of congress in 1905 the American Red Cross is recognized as the official communications link between active-duty military personnel and their families during family emergencies."

American Red Cross workers provide emergency communications services to service members assigned to Operation Desert Storm. Only messages regarding the birth of a servicemembers child, the serious illness, injury, or death of a member of a servicemember's immediate family can be forwarded to forces on the ground in the Persian Gulf area. A recent change directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to "minimize communications" is in effect for military personnel world-wide. Minimize condition prohibits the transmission of non-emergency messages between troops and their families at this time.

To provide continued emergency communications between the increasing number of soldiers overseas and their families back home the Red Cross has increased its presence in the Persian Gulf.

Currently, there are 67 volunteers stationed in 18 separate locations throughout Saudi Arabia, according to Jerry Anderson, Red Cross liaison officer to DoD. Forty more personnel are due to leave for the Middle East this week.

Although Desert Storm's Red Cross headquarters is in Riyadh, Anderson stresses that a majority of its volunteers are deployed forward with the soldiers. "Most of our members are actually with the divisions and Marine regiments," said Anderson.

The planned Red Cross mobilization is expected to culminate with 154 personnel in the Gulf by March. Other services the American Red Cross provides include, emergency financial assistance, interest free loans or grants for travel expenses relating to family emergencies, and information and referral to other soldier support agencies.

For family emergencies Presidians should call the Red Cross Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. After hours call 776-1500 to begin the process of notifying servicemember of a family emergency.

Soldiers urged to become teachers

by Presidio Education Center

Our country is experiencing a teacher shortage. The U.S. Department of Education predicts a need for one million new teachers. Almost one half of the current work force will be retiring within the next decade. Teachers in subjects such as mathematics, science, and special education are particularly needed.

Recognizing the need, a joint initiative of the Defense and Education departments encourages retired and retiring military personnel to consider second careers as teachers in the nation's schools. The Armed Services have many members who have unique experience and leadership capabilities which are excellent foundations for teaching.

This year San Francisco State University begins a special teacher preparation program for the military. The program is a partnership effort of the university, the San Francisco Unified School District, the California Department of Education, and the U.S. Army and Navy. The program will lead to a high school teaching credential and a master's degree.

Retiring and retired personnel will be enrolled in courses as a group starting June of 1991. Participants will have the chance to observe exemplary teachers in both urban and suburban settings. Student teaching under the direct supervision of a Cooperating Teacher will take place in one of five high schools participating in the program.

The COHORT group will be limited to 25 students. Personnel must have a bachelor's degree to be eligible. People with majors in math or physical sciences will be given priority. Most of the course work is in the evening or on weekends. However, classroom observations and practice teaching are scheduled during the day. Soldiers must be able to get released from duty for scheduled program activity. Soldiers will be allowed to enroll in the program only with written approval of their commanding officer.

Additional information is available from education counselors at the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, 561-2974, or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, 561-3692.

Rules change for retirees who return to federal service

by Army News Service

New dual compensation rules allow some retired military and civilian federal personnel to receive their full retirement pay while employed by the federal government.

Previously, if a retired soldier or civilian was hired by the federal government as a civilian he could retain only a part of his/her retirement pay annually. As a result, organizations such as service schools, find it difficult to recruit former military members as civilian faculty.

According to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, the new pay reform law will allow the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to waive the reduction on a case-by-case basis.

OPM will consider agency requests on military or civilian retirees who are currently employed by the federal government during the 180 day period following the policy implementation date. Requests from agencies will be considered only if it's necessary to retain an individual whose services are needed to complete a critical or emergency project, or whose loss would create unusually severe recruitment difficulties.

JAG lawyer explains

Proper handling of will

by Brett E. Bacon
Staff Judge Advocate office

Once a last will and testament is created, questions often arise regarding the proper treatment of this important legal instrument. The first step is to destroy any prior wills. Otherwise, a probate judge may be faced with the uncomfortable task of determining the validity of a will which has been cast into doubt by the existence of another will. Although there is standard language in most wills that effectively revokes all prior wills, it is wise to destroy all prior wills in order to save your family unnecessary confusion and legal disputes.

Proper storage of your will is the next important step. Be sure to store your original will in a safe and secure location that is known to the executor of the will. The executor is responsible for carrying out the wishes of the deceased; therefore, make certain the executor knows of its location. A bank safety deposit may not be the best choice, since an executor may be refused access to the safety deposit box by the bank, absent proof of executor authority, which is found within the will.

Some states will store your original will in the county records where you reside, for a nominal fee. California and New Hampshire are two examples of states that offer such services.

Copies of the will can be made, but be sure to

clearly mark all pages as "copy." It is advisable to provide copies to the executor, major beneficiaries and guardians. It is important to note that the copy of the will can not be probated, and a judge will refuse to recognize anything but the original document. Therefore, if the original will is lost, stolen, destroyed or illegible, a new will must be created in order to be legally enforceable.

A will is designed to meet your particular estate planning needs at the time of death. Therefore, if there are any major changes in your life after your will is created, a judge advocate or civilian attorney should be consulted to determine if your will should be updated. Typical examples of major events that suggest an update of your will may be appropriate includes: marriage, divorce, adding or deleting family beneficiaries, birth or death of family members, or a significant change in the size of the estate.

If it is determined that your will should be updated, never attempt to redraft your own will. Also, never mark, add or scratch out provisions of your existing will. A probate judge may refuse to recognize the validity of the will altogether if changes are made after the original will is signed.

For more information, call Capt. Brett E. Bacon at 561-4273.

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Presidio People

Ask Presidians

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

"Women prisoners of war; your reaction?"

Staff Sgt. William Comstock, Sixth U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Camp Parks: "Anger. Anger that Saddam Hussein would take a female prisoner of war. Anger that he would probably not treat her any better than male POWs. It brings up in my mind the whole dilemma of whether women ought to be in combat."



Retired Air Force Master Sgt. Harry Smith: "I don't like it. Too bad this has to happen. I don't think women should be subjected to that. It is bad enough that men have to. I don't think women should."



Sgt. Bridgette Windley, activated Army Reservist, whose sister is in Saudi Arabia: "Bad. It's sad. I know what she's wondering. 'Is anyone going to come get me? What are these people going to do to me?' ... And the abuse she is taking from these men for being an American soldier."



Lorraine Reed, retired family member: "Concern, deep concern for them. I'm not any more concerned for them than the men. Each has a burden to bear. I suppose they can be taken advantage of more than men, but when you enter the service that must be a consideration. I am very proud of them and pray for them, all POWs, not just the women."



Margaret Ketter, family member: "I feel sad for the family. I understand Islamic Law says women should be treated with respect, but I feel for her. Where I come from a woman was precious, like a gem, and you treated her like one. Some women can endure more pain than men, but just the thought of a female POW is heart wrenching."



Clarence Swiggins, Audio-visual officer, Training Support Center: "I have a lot of compassion for them, more than male prisoners of war, because they are women and will be treated differently. I think women should be in the military, but not in the front lines to be put in a possible POW situation."



LETTER FROM SAUDI

Commander/SGM

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the soldiers and civilians at the Presidio for your support and thoughtfulness.

I have received numerous cards and packages from offices and individuals expressing their concern and sending their prayers. I'm certain you know how important mail is in a place such as this. I'm sorry that I don't have the time to write and thank everyone individually, but I hope that you can pass on this message and let them know they are greatly appreciated.

My company commander received a letter from you yesterday. He passed on to me, your concern. He also promises he'll take care of me.

I'd like you all to know that as ugly and stressful as it gets out here, I'm doing well. As it gets closer to the 15th we're having more restrictions and with it—stress (of course). Our unit, as a whole, is doing well and morale is good.

I'd also like to let you know that I received an Army Achievement Medal for my work at Fort Hood in preparing this battalion to deploy. I did over 350 wills and 1,000 powers of attorney. The entire battalion worked 12-18-hour days, seven days a week. It's all paying off now. We're all doing well and have had no serious incidents in the three months we've been in Saudi Arabia.

Thanks again for your support and concern. I hope to be back with you all soon.

Lavonne D. Settlemyre
Sgt., U.S. Army



photo by Duvel White

Land navigation

Pfc. Dawn Lopez and Spec. Karen Pergrim plot points as part of Headquarters Company, USAG's land navigation training Feb. 13 at Fort Barry.

Sixth U.S. Army

Capt. Mary K. Hervath, formerly LEC's commander, became the Protocol officer Feb. 1.

Transition Point

Sgt. Brenda A. Rivers, finance specialist, delivered a baby boy, Lenaldre Terrell, Feb. 8.

Ceremonial Platoon

Spec. Christopher V. Middlekauff, Ceremonial Platoon, received a Good Conduct Medal for the period of Oct. 1, 1987, through Sept. 30, 1990. This is Middlekauff's first award.

MILPO

Spec. Won Ku Sim, strength management specialist, MILPO, received a Good Conduct Medal for his conduct between Nov. 10, 1987, and Nov. 9, 1990.

Law Enforcement Company

1st Lt. Joel M. Johnson became LEC's commander

Feb. 1. Johnson was formerly at the Presidio Provost Marshall.

Letterman Army Medical Center

Spec. June H. Chong has been chosen to compete in the Post Soldier of the Year competition after being named Presidio Soldier of the Month for November 1990.

Air Delivery

Four soldiers from the Rigger Ship recently graduated from Air Assault School. Spec. Valerie D. Neck, Spec. Jose Astacio and Sgt. Jerald P. Gonzales graduated in December, 1990.

Spec. Michael A. Carpenter graduated from Air Assault School in November. He was the only soldier to graduate from the school during the time he attended.

LAMC, Preventive Medicine

Staff Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. LeCroy has been named Presidio Male Athlete of the Year for his accomplishments bowling and coaching

the youth bowling team.

Headquarters Command Battalion

Spec. Michael Williams, Spec. Ulysses Sherman and Spec. Troy Davis were complimented for their performances in Saudi Arabia. Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona received a letter from their unit commander expressing his belief in these soldiers skills.

Command Sgt. Maj. Rose M. Aguayo received a letter from Sgt. Taylor who worked at the Staff Judge Advocate office before his deployment to Saudi Arabia. He encourages soldiers to concentrate on their soldier skills and training.

Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison

Sgt. Johnny R. Miramontes, protocol NCO, and Sgt. Jeffrey Oates, training NCO, received a wheel device drivers' badge for driving a military vehicle for 12 months or 8,000 miles accident free.



Sgt. Kenneth Cassius plays his saxophone during concert band practice.

story and photos by Adrienne Sims

Sixth U.S. Army Bandmembers caused football fans to go wild at the NFC playoff game. Fans chanted "USA! USA!" after hearing the band's playing of "God Bless America" at Candlestick Park, Jan. 20.

"Playing at the NFC playoff game was really exciting," said Sgt. Theresa L. Winterhalter, Sixth U.S. Army Band Operations NCO.

If the band is not otherwise committed, they hold practice everyday. Concert band practice is held every morning and marching band practice is held in the afternoon. The concert and marching band consists of 40 people.

The band is not only concentrating on playing their tunes, but they also perform funeral details, riot control and physical training. "It's tough to squeeze all of that into one duty day," Winterhalter said.

Band members hold three jobs, according to Winterhalter. "They are a soldier first, a musician and administrative or supply clerks. We operate just like any other company, but we hold more than just one job—the band members also run the company."

The main function of the band members is supporting morale and esprit de corps of the troops, according to Winterhalter. "We perform once a quarter to support Boss' and Right Arm Night."

Band members work a 40-hour week and weekends. Through all their hard work, they find time to enjoy themselves. Their work is their entertainment.

"It's a lot of fun," Spec. Carrie J. Lodin said about being in the band. "We travel places and see and do many interesting things."

Sixth U.S. Army bandmembers — more than musicians



Band members participate in riot control training.

Band members enjoy their job which includes many exciting performances. They played at the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander's house New Year's eve. They also have played for the presidents and vice presidents who have visited the Presidio.

"We perform high level and low level performances, and I enjoy them all," Winterhalter says.

Although the band members are spending most their time working and practicing, they find time to

get to know each other, according to Lodin. "The band is really close knit, we're all good friends."

On top of all their performances and details, the band members are participating in recruiting at high schools. "We want to show people that there is more to the Army than picking up an M16," according to Winterhalter.

"It's exciting to perform with the band," Winterhalter says. "It's different than other military jobs—it's not just a nine-to-five job."



Sixth U.S. Army band members perform for the Sixth U.S. Army's 48th birthday Friday.

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Youth baseball

Presidio Youth Sports is currently registering boys and girls for T-ball and baseball. Baseball is for children ages 7-14. Proof of birth and a photograph are required along with a \$20 per child registration fee or a \$50 family rate for three or more children.

T-ball is for children ages 6-8 and registration is \$15 per child or \$40 family rate for three or more children. Registration will be open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until March 7 at the sports office in Gym 1.

Intramural basketball

The game of the week was 57-50 MEPCOM win over previously unbeaten DOL. Going into the game MEPCOM had only one loss, an early season 58-47 loss to DOL. Even with the loss DOL remains in first place with eight victories and only the one loss, while MEPCOM's record is seven wins against one loss.

Last weeks results:

Co. A, LAMC 52 - USAG 46, MEPCOM 57 - DOL 50, DOL 52 - LAIR 48, Co. B, LAMC 45 - USAG 43.

High scorers

USAG's John Dumoulin 18, MEPCOM's David Holland 18, and Co. A, LAMC's Johnny Gaillard 16 points.

Standings - full court

	W-L
DOL	8-1
MEPCOM	7-1
LEC	5-3
Co. A, LAMC	5-3
Co. B, LAMC	2-6
LAIR	1-7
USAG	1-8

Remaining full court league schedule

Feb 28: 5 p.m. DOL vs. Co. B, LAMC

6 p.m. LEC vs. LAIR

March 5: 5 p.m. Co. A, LAMC vs. Co. B, LAMC

6 p.m. USAG vs. LAIR

7 p.m. DOL vs. LEC

Half court results

MEPCOM 21 - Readiness Group 19, DENTAC 21 - DCSOPS 17, USAG 21 - MEPCOM 19, Ande's Gang 21 - DCSOPS 8, Readiness Group 21 - DENTAC 13.

High scorers

Ande's Gang Paul Anderson 11, Readiness Group Jordan Fitzpatrick 11 points. Play-offs for the half court competition will start Tuesday at 11:30.

Standings - half court

	W-L
Ande's Gang	7-0
USAG	7-1
MEPCOM	3-4
DCSOPS	4-5
RGPSF	2-6
DENTAC	1-8

Youth team coaches needed

If you are 18 or older, enjoy youngsters and baseball, the San Francisco Youth Baseball League is looking for you. Coaches and umpires are needed for youth teams participating in the spring league. Special umpire workshops will be scheduled for participants. For information, call John or Peter at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department at 753-7029.

Basketball coaches meeting

A meeting for coaches will be held at 12:30 p.m. March 7 at Gym no. 1 to discuss the play-offs scheduled to begin March 11. All teams participating in league competition will be eligible to enter the play-offs. Each team must have a representative at this meeting. For more information call John Funes at 561-5032.



Star Presidian file photo

The Outdoor Recreation Center offers a variety of ski packages to Lake Tahoe.

Tahoe offers getaway weekend

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

It's not impossible to escape the ropes of stress clinging so tightly around you.

The stress during the work day and the dullness at night can become a vision of the past after a weekend at Lake Tahoe.

Lake Tahoe offers the chance to release you from those ropes that restrain you from reaching out for the pleasures of the world.

Outdoor Recreation is offering two getaway weekends in South Lake Tahoe—March 8, 9 and 10, and April 5, 6 and 7. Sign-up, payment and refund deadlines for the trip are Friday and March 15. Cost is \$70 per person. The trip includes round trip transportation and two nights lodging, based on double occupancy.

Outdoor Recreation offers skis, boots and poles for \$15 for those who want to take the slopes.

"You can make it what you want," said Sandy Cornett, Information, Tour and Travel officer. "Lake Tahoe is beautiful."

Tahoe has more to offer than skiing.

The Tahoe Queen offers tour packages, other water events are offered, and games and shows will keep visitors excited throughout the weekend.

For those who just need to get away from all the hustle and bustle of their everyday life, Lake Tahoe has many relaxing activities.

There are parks for those who like to cook out. Golf is a popular sport offered at Lake Tahoe. Horses can also be rented. Camping is also great for people who like to relax and get away from the city.

Lake Tahoe is a great place to just walk or hike, according to Cornett. "It's nice just to walk along by the lake."

Lake Tahoe trips depart from Outdoor Recreation, building 667, at 4:30 p.m., Friday and return approximately at 10:30 p.m., Sunday.

Full payment is required to reserve a seat on the bus. Full refunds are available for any cancellations because of verifiable military duty.

Because space is limited, it is important to sign up early for desired dates.

Trips are open to active duty military, family members, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense Civilian employees. One civilian guest is permitted for each military member.

To make reservations or for more information, call Sandy Cornett at 561-3992.



DATES

8-10 MARCH

5-7 APRIL

Space Is Limited - Sign Up Now!!

Outdoor Recreation reserves the right to cancel trips due to insufficient registration by deadline date.

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SIGN-UP DEADLINE

Tomorrow

March 15

**ITT Bldg. 215
Presidio of San Francisco
561-3992**

Free tennis instruction

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department offers free tennis instruction to adults in beginner, intermediate and advanced group classes. Most classes begin the first and second week of February, but enrollment may be at any time in these ongoing classes. Class size averages 12-15 students in most locations. Participants are requested to donate one unopened can of tennis balls upon registration. Bring your own racket. For class locations and schedules, contact the athletic office at 753-7032.

The SFRPD also offers free tennis instruction for children at recreation centers throughout the city.

All interested boys and girls must register in person. Tennis balls and rackets are provided. Contact your local recreation center or call the athletic office at 753-7032 for location and schedule of classes.

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

USO volunteers

USO volunteers are needed for Desert Storm support activities. To volunteer or for more information, call 561-2436, Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

'Hamlet'

Hamlet will be playing at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater now through March 31. Tickets are \$10 to \$20 weeknights and \$10 to \$29 weekends. Tickets are available through A.C.T. Central Box Office. For more information, call 749-2ACT.

Ed Center

If you are 18 or older and have an ID card, you are eligible for valuable opportunities available at the Presidio Education Centers.

The first step is to talk with a guidance counselor. No appointment is necessary; just come in during operating hours. Tell the counselor what your goals and interests are, and she will describe the local programs and schools which can meet your needs.

You may be able to accomplish your goal on post.

Free courses in wordprocessing, typing/keyboarding and military correspondence are offered weekday mornings. If you need to work on basic skills, individualized math and reading programs are available from 7:30 to 9 a.m. or 4:30 to 6 p.m. You can pick a college correspondence course from the Education Center's extensive catalog, or arrange testing for college credit for \$25 to \$40 for each exam.

The Computer Based Learning Center program is another program for family members that is not offered at every installation. If you are not already computer literate, the CBLC is a good place to start. Workshops cost \$50 to \$400, but you can learn the same content in free individual tutorials. Other advantages of tutorials are you work at your own pace and set your own schedule. An instructor is available at all times if you need help. If you have some computer experience already, you can refresh your skills or learn new programs through the CBLC. Also available is CYBIS, formerly PLATO, a system that delivers courses through computer, without requiring the student to know anything about computers.

Hundreds of subjects are offered through CYBIS, such as business, math and test preparation. Some subjects carry college credit.

The main Education Center, building 1216, is open for counseling Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call the Education Center at 561-4445.

LAMC chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed for Operation Desert Storm, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474.

You don't always get what you pay for...



Comedy writing

The San Jose State University will be offering a comedy writing seminar, March 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Edie Matthews, a Bay Area comedienne, will be instructing the seminar. For more information, call Judy Rickard at (408) 924-2600 or Terri Spice at 924-2601.

ITT news

Hotel reservations

Presidians who make hotel reservations through ITT will receive discounted room rates. This offer is for leisure and official travel.

Disneyland tickets

Military members can save \$10 on each adult ticket purchased in February through ITT. Tickets for adults and children are \$17.50 and may only be used until March 3. For more information, call ITT at 561-3992.

Leave donation

James Kimsey, a Directorate of Logistics employee, is experiencing a personal emergency. Kimsey has exhausted all sick and annual leave and has requested to become a leave recipient. Anyone wishing to donate leave, call Mike Modena at 561-3898.

Photo class

A black and white photography class will begin March 7 and will be held eight Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Photography Center. The class offers basic lessons about design, composition, camera, lenses, light meters, film choices, processing and printing. All materials except film are provided.

A flash photography class will be held three Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning March 7. The cost is \$25. The three sessions will highlight the specifics of exposure, synchronization, guide numbers, ready lights and mountings.

For more information, call 554-9522.

Black History Month schedule

February is Black History Month—a time which recognizes the great blacks in America. Fort Point will also honor black Americans throughout the month. The historic fort, located beneath the southern span of the Golden Gate Bridge, will have a February exhibit focusing on the service of black soldiers from 1776 to the present.

The following events have been scheduled for the post for the month of February:

Friday: The Children of the Child Development Center will present "UMOJA" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 28: Black History Month ethnic meal at the Fort Scott Dining Facility from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Recycling

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

Messages to Desert Storm

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. No fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problems incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

Record examination

Graduate record examinations will be given April 17, 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. The test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first examination. The examination must be ordered in person by March 6.

For more information, call the Letterman Army Medical Center Education Center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974.

CLEP test

The College Level Examination Program with Essay test will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center April 9 at 3:15 p.m. This examination is for soldiers planning to attend colleges which require this test rather than the multiple choice test. The test must be ordered by Feb. 28. For more information, call the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445 or the LAMC Education Center at 561-3692.

Computer group

The Presidio Macintosh User's Group monthly meeting will be held in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference Room Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call 561-2528.

Finance and Accounting job

The Directorate of Resource Management Finance and Accounting Office is recruiting for a GS-544-08, Chief, Civilian Payroll Section. Local specialty pay applies to position. Interested applicants should send an SF-50 to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, building 37. For more information, call Donald Judge at 561-2029.

Movie night

A movie night will be held in building 1331 Wednesday at 7 p.m. A movie permission slip attached to the youth activities flyer must be completed by anyone wishing to attend this event. Admission is \$1. For more information, call Youth Services at 561-5143.

Job seekers workshop

A job seekers workshop for separating or retiring military personnel and their spouses will be held Wednesday, 1 to 4 p.m. The seminar will focus on proven methods of successful job search activities, including goal setting, resume writing and salary negotiation.

The classes will be held in building 3 at Alameda, Naval Base.

Experts will assist in preparation of the Non Commissioned Officers Association's mini resume. The mini resume that is prepared at the workshop will be immediately placed in a computer data bank and made available to hundreds of national and international companies and corporations.

There are no membership requirements or grade restrictions and there is no charge for the workshops.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri. Feb. 22: The Jungle Book (G) 7 p.m.

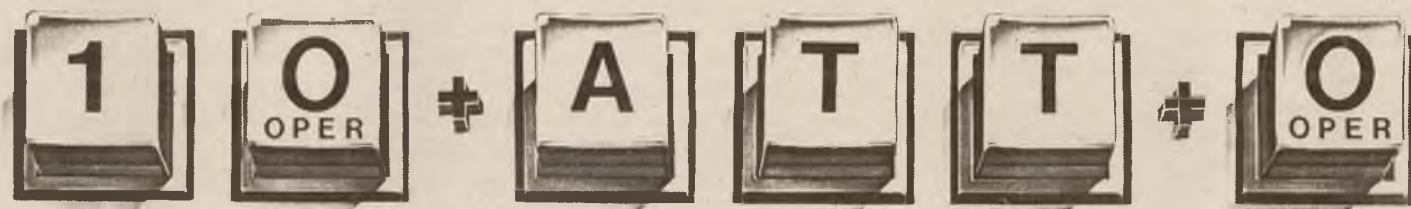
Sat. Feb. 23: Almost an Angel (PG) 7 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 24: Child's Play II (R) 7 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 25: Three Men and a Little Lady (PG) 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater movies
not available at press time.





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Water rationing a reality for Presidio community

Drought forces 50 percent cuts

by Star Presidian staff and Directorate of Engineering and Housing

Tomorrow marks the start of Marin Municipal Water District's 50 percent water usage level reduction from water usage levels during 1986 and 1987.

Because of the continuing drought, San Francisco is not far behind. The city has announced a plan to achieve a 45 percent reduction of water usage from the 1987, the last non-drought year, level.

Although conditions have not yet reached the low water supply point experienced in 1987, they are rapidly approaching that level.

The Presidio produces its own water from wells and Lobos Creek. However, in the past the amount produced in the summer months has not been sufficient to sustain the installation needs. During the dry summer period, the water shortage has been historically eliminated by purchasing city water to make up the water shortfall.

Directorate of Engineering and Housing emphasizes that the reason we are not self sufficient during the summer months is not because we do not produce enough water to cover our basic needs, but rather because of poor water conservation habits.

"We cannot continue using water in a non-conservative manner while disregarding the plight of our city neighbors," a DEH article says. They continue by suggesting that by conserving water the Presidio can go through the entire year without hav-

ing to purchase water from the city and in this manner avoid any impact on the city water availability.

Currently the water cuts will impact most those personnel working or living in forts Baker, Barry or Cronkhite. These areas receive all water directly from the Marin Municipal Water District. The area serviced by this water district is the southern part of Marin County and is facing the worst drought conditions in the entire Bay Area. The district is not only imposing a 50 percent mandatory water cut but is giving it teeth with stiff penalties for all customers exceeding their quota. The Presidio does not have any funding available to pay water usage fines and must ensure that water is being conserved sufficiently to avoid penalties.

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News Briefs

MOS/Medical Retention Board

All soldiers who have permanent profiles with a numerical factor of three or four will be mandatorily referred for evaluation to an MOS/Medical Retention Board. Soldiers having these factors, who have not been referred to an MMRB must call the Military Personnel Operations Branch at 561-2151 or 561-3297. The next MMRB will be held April 23 at 8 a.m., at the Sixth U.S. Army conference facility, Bldg. 35.

Bake sale

The Enlisted Spouses' Club will hold a bake sale at the NCO/Enlisted Club March 7 at 7 p.m. Cookbooks and Desert Storm badges will also be sold.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. The Presidio-Equal Opportunity Office has scheduled a series of events to commemorate the occasion including a panel discussion about the "Paths and Perils."

The panel discussion will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the NCO/Enlisted Club, March 21.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Nurturing Tradition, Fostering Change." There will be two ongoing exhibits all month at the Post Library and the Fort Point Museum.

Free Auto Check

Family members who have spouses in the Middle East supporting Operation Desert Storm will be provided free service at the Auto Shop, Bldg. 662 on McDowell Avenue.

Included in the free service will be brakes, tires, oil, coolant and other check areas.

The Auto Shop is open Wednesday through Friday 2 to 10 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment or for more information, call 561-5521.

Family members must have ID cards and verification orders.

Traffic restriction

Traffic will be restricted to one lane at the intersection of Kobbe Avenue and Park Boulevard March 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The restriction is due to area beautification.

Desert Storm messages

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and in support of Operation Desert Storm wanting to send a telegram may do so by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121.

Gulf time

There is an 11-hour difference between Pacific Standard Time and time in the Middle East, with the gulf ahead by almost half a day. Example - When it's noon here in California, it's 11 p.m. in Saudi Arabia.

CDC celebrates black history



photo by Chuck Blancet

A Presidio preschooler learns about black history during last week's Black History Month celebration at the Child Development Center.

LAMC CG discusses plans for closure

Star Presidian staff

The Letterman Army Medical Center closure and how it will affect LAMC's patients was the topic of a briefing given by the LAMC Commander in Schwartz Theater Feb. 20.

The Letterman Army Medical Center plans to phase down from a 340-bed medical center to a 100-bed hospital in June 1991, said Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, speaking before a crowd of active-duty and retired service members' spouses.

He said that LAMC will function as a hospital from 1991 through 1993, when the hospital will become a clinic until the Presidio closes in 1995.

LAMC will continue to provide care for active duty personnel and their family members until the closure. "The vast majority of health care for active duty personnel and their family members will be handled right here at Letterman," he said.

Such things as open heart surgery, joint replacement and other sophisticated operations will no longer be performed at LAMC. These types of medical operations will more than likely be performed at the Naval Regional Medical Center (Oak Knoll) in Oakland.

Priorities for treatment at LAMC will remain the same until closure.

"Active duty soldiers and their family members don't need to be concerned," the commander said. "Health care will be provided to them here as it always has been."

"For our retiree community, I would strongly advise them to be sure they have supplemental insurance either for the CHAMPUS supplement, or if over 65, for the Medicare supplement."

"We are actually responsible for well over 400,000 patients that are eligible for care in our area," the commander said. Patients LAMC is unable to help will be referred to other places.

The commander said LAMC personnel are talking to individuals at the naval hospital in Oakland, the hospital at Travis Air Force Base and the CHAMPUS reform initiative at Foundation Health to see what patients they can take care of when LAMC begins downsizing.

As Letterman's resources become more and more limited, retirees will be forced to look for other health options. According to the commander the hospital has mailed out packets to be returned with patients' medical information so LAMC can help these individuals receive alternate health care once the hospital is closed.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Troops deserve our support

Dear Presidians—

Well, week six has brought us the initiation of the ground offensive in the Gulf War. Now more than ever our troops need and deserve our support, our concern and our prayers. So far the war news is very good and our troops of all services continue to perform outstandingly. But, ground combat is a very intense, very dangerous and very demanding experience. It is a very personal experience - not clean and exciting as portrayed in the "Rambo" movies - but dirty, hard and physically taxing. It ain't fun! But at times it is required and the young men and women who must go into harms way deserve our support and prayers. So, come on Presidians - write a soldier today and Fly a Flag for Freedom! HOO AH!

Last week I journeyed to St. Louis to attend the annual U.S. Army Reserve General Officers' Conference. The senior Army leadership came to address this very important group. All our Sixth Army Reserve leaders were present and represented us very well as have all our mobilized Reserve soldiers now serving in the Gulf.

On Friday while I was gone the Command Group farewelled Major Wayland Mouser, our Sixth Army on PSF Protocol Officer. Major Mouser has performed superbly in a most demanding job. Most people think the protocol position is one of fun and glamour but believe me it is one of hard work, long hours and great frustration. Major Mouser is to retire soon and start a new career. All of us thank him for his service to Sixth Army and PSF and with him and his family all the best.

As our ground troops from the Army and Marine Corps continue to perform so magnificently we are reminded of the value of good, hard, tough, realistic training. For the last several years we have enjoyed in our Army a period of unparalleled excellence in training. There have been many reasons for this - support of the American people, sufficient funds, terrific training opportunities, a dynamic professional development program for our NCOs and officers and a quality force of young men and women. Now we are seeing the payoff in battlefield success and minimum casualties. So, our challenge in the years ahead is to continue our insistence on excellence in training - it wins wars and saves lives - and that's HOO AH!

As the ground offensive continues I know that most, if not all of us, know someone serving in the Gulf. Keep them in your prayers and be proud of them and the terrific job they are all doing. Truly they are each and every one HOO AH!

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war."

—Chinese Proverb



Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Fred T. Dong, Golden Gate Chapter Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, at the Presidio Officers' Club.

AER helps families of deployed troops

by Army Community Services

Immediate family members of Army soldiers deployed to Operation Desert Storm, including guardians of dependent children, who are faced with emergency financial problems are eligible for assistance from Army Emergency Relief according to James Ritchie, a Presidio Army Emergency Relief officer.

Assistance is available whether they are in the United States or overseas and regardless if the soldier is active duty or mobilized from the Army Reserve or National Guard.

Emergency assistance can be provided for non-receipt of pay or allotments, repairs to essential automobiles, payment of utility bills to prevent disconnection or rent to prevent eviction, and certain necessary medical expenses not provided in military facilities or covered by CHAMPUS. "The Key," Ritchie stated, "is preventing any privation to a soldier's family. A family should always contact the nearest AER section with any question they may have. Even if we can't help we may be able to refer them to another agency that can."

Help is also available to Army families from Air

Force Aid Society offices, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society sections, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance offices. Army Emergency Relief will also assist family members of other services. The American Red Cross can also be contacted at any of their chapter offices throughout the United States.

In order to receive assistance, a family member should present a valid ID card, a general or special power of attorney authorizing assistance, and evidence of need (LES, repair estimate, utility bill, eviction notice, etc.) Family members of activated Reserve or National Guard soldiers should also have a copy of their sponsor's mobilization orders.

The Presidio AER office is located in Army Community Services, Bldg. 103-B and its telephone number is 561-5156. Normal office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, in the event of an extreme emergency the AER Officer is available 24 hours-a-day by calling the Presidio Staff Duty Officer.

"Army Emergency Relief is doing everything it can to ensure soldiers' families are taken care of during this difficult time. We are here to help and we want to help," Ritchie concluded.

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Civilian RIF regulations outlined

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During the past year, the Civilian Personnel Directorate has reviewed and updated employee records and Annual Performance Appraisals in anticipation of reductions at Letterman Army Medical Center (LAMC), Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Garrison. The RIF at LAMC is expected to affect 200 positions by July.

The RIF regulations are derived from Veterans' Preference Act of 1944. The law established four factors to be considered when releasing employees: tenure (type of appointment), veterans preference, length of service, and performance ratings.

In applying the RIF regulations, an agency first determines the competitive area—the geographical and organizational limits within which employees compete for retention. Next, the agency groups interchangeable positions into competitive levels based on similarity of grade, series, qualifications, duties and working conditions. Positions with different types of work schedules (e.g., full-time, part-time, intermittent, etc.) are placed in different competitive levels. Competitive and excepted service positions are in separate competitive levels.

Finally the four retention factors are applied and the competitive level becomes a retention register listing employees in the order of their retention standing. Employees are placed into three groups according to tenure: Group I, career employees who are not serving on probation; Group II, career employees who are serving a probationary period, career conditional employees; and Group III and employees serving under term and similar non-status appointments (an employee serving under a temporary appointment in the competitive service is not a competing employee for RIF purposes and is not listed on the retention register). Each tenure group is divided into three subgroups reflecting their entitlement to veterans preference: Subgroup AD, veterans with a compensable service-connected disability of 30 percent or more, Subgroup A, veterans

not included in Subgroup AD, and Subgroup B, non-veterans.

Employees are then ranked by length of service within each subgroup. The service dates include creditable civilian military service, and additional service credit for certain performance ratings.

Employees receive extra RIF service credit for performance based upon the mathematical average of their last three annual performance ratings of record received during the three year period prior to the day the agency issues specific RIF notices. Credit is granted as follows: 20 additional years for an "Exceptional" rating, 16 years for a "highly successful" rating and 12 additional years for a "Fully Successful" rating. If an employee received fewer than three annual ratings during the three year period, credit is given for an assumed rating of "Fully Successful" to bring the employee's rating up to three, regardless of the employee's actual length of service.

Employees are released from the retention register in the inverse order of their retention standing (the employee with the lowest standing is the individual who is actually reached for RIF action). All employees in Group III are released before employees in Group II and all the employees in Group II are released before employees in Group I. Then within subgroups, all employees in Subgroup B are released before Subgroup A, and all employees in Subgroup A are released before Subgroup AD.

The following questions and answers relative to RIF are reprinted with permission from the "Fog Horn":

Here are some answers to the most common questions about Reduction-In-Force procedures.

What are assignment rights?

In the competitive service, employees subject to RIF are granted "assignment rights" to positions for which they are qualified. This means an employee who must be released from his/her competitive level in a RIF has the right to displace an employee in another competitive level who has lower retention standing. These rights are exercised through the

process of "bump and retreat."

What are bump and retreat rights?

Bumping and retreating are methods by which a competitive service employee's assignment rights to positions for which they are qualified may be satisfied. Bumping is the employee's right of assignment to a position occupied by another employee in a lower tenure group, or lower tenure subgroup within the same tenure group in another competitive level in the same competitive area. Retreating is the employee's right of assignment to a position formerly held, or essentially identical to one previously held, when the position is occupied by a lower-standing employee in the same tenure subgroup, and is in another competitive level in the same competitive area.

Is the Civilian Personnel Office required to find a position for me if my position is abolished?

There is no guarantee of placement in the event an employee's position is abolished as a result of RIF. The CPD is, however, available to respond to questions or concerns of affected employees and will try to help separated employees find continuing employment elsewhere. The CPD will register eligible employees in out-placement programs, provide career counseling, job search counseling or assistance with SF 171 preparation.

If my position is abolished and I'm offered a vacancy at a lower grade, what happens to my pay?

If you are placed in a lower graded vacancy as a result of RIF and you are ineligible for grade retention, your salary will be set at the appropriate step of the new grade if your rate of basic pay falls within the pay range of the new position. If your salary exceeds the highest step of the new grade, you will retain either your current rate of basic pay or 150 percent of the maximum rate of basic pay for the new grade, whichever is less. Pay retention eligibility is the same for all competitive service employees.

If you need additional information about the RIF procedure or your rights as a Department of the Army Employee, call Dwight E. Carnes at 561-4378.

Water continued from page 1

Although old habits are sometimes hard to overcome, Presidians must become more conservation conscious. By conserving water and staying within the quota the Presidio will save money and "show our Bay Area neighbors that we are part of the community and as such are willing to do our part to preserve scarce resources during this drought," according to the DEH article.

Here are typical activities with water consumption data listing both non-conserving and conserving figures:



ACTIVITY	NON-CONSERVING	CONSERVING
Shower	Leisurely Shower, 25 Gallons	Water restricting shower head, wet down, rinse off: 4 Gallons
Toilet Flushing (Tank Type)	3 to 7 gallons per flush	Use brick in tank or other displacement: 3 to 6 gallons
Brushing Teeth	Tap Running 10 gallons	Wet brush, water in a glass to rinse: 1/2 gallons or less
Tub Bath	Full: 60 gallons	Minimal water level; 20-30 gallons
Shaving	Tap Running 20 gallons	Fill Basin: 1 gallon
Washing Hands	Tap Running 2 gallons	Fill Basing: 1 gallon
Dishwashing (by hand)	Tap Running 45 gallons	Washing and Rinse in dishpan or sink: 5 gallons
Automatic Dishwasher	Full cycle: 15 gallons	Short cycle: 11 gallons
Washing Machine	Full cycle, top Water level: 35 gallons	Short cycle, minimal Water level: 25 gallons
Leaks	Toilet leak: Up to 100 gallons per day. Other leaks 70 gallons and up per day	Toilets are notorious for hidden leaks, the greatest cause of waste water
Watering Lawns	300 gallons per hour	Water shrubs only to survive, grass turns brown: 25 gallons.

Presidio People

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"Base closure issues you'd like to see addressed?"

Cpl. Robert F. Martinelli, administrative assistant, Sixth U.S. Army Command Group: "Most likely, the potential reassignment of civilian employees. If the base closes and they lose their job, what is being done to get them another job?"



Reginia B. Allen, staffing assistant, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "I am from the east coast, and my husband is stationed here. I am concerned that the soldiers who are now stationed here may have to stay at the Presidio until the base closes."



Barbara J. Allen, military pay clerk, Finance and Accounting office: "I wonder if they'll let us have early retirement like they do with Letterman employees? Will we receive a lump sum when retiring? Are they going to find jobs for civilians that don't have their twenty years in?"



Bob Doering, senior auditor, Internal Review office: "Will the Presidio seek early retirement authority from OPM in order to mitigate eventual RIF turmoil and employee displacements? If so, what early warning signals can we look for to know such action is imminent? What specifically constitutes a reasonable offer to an otherwise involuntarily separated employee as pertains to permanent grade reductions, mandatory change to less competitive job series and significant increase in overtime and travel requirements? Can an employee who's posi-



tion is abolished be forced by management to accept an undesirable offer in lieu of an immediate annuity; with a greater commuting distance, outside the current agency or to a position with duties the employee does not feel competent to perform."

John D'Aquisto, Chief, Army Garrison Auditor, Internal Review Office: "I am mostly concerned with what is going to happen to the people. When they take a professional individual and reassign them and change their GS work, that individual is suffering a handicap to their future. If the individual was working in

a job that required a college degree and is assigned to a position that does not, it makes it almost impossible for them to compete for other positions. Why not give the individual the option to take an early out. It may be a greater disservice to him to be reassigned than to let him go."

Family Support Division

The Presidio Family Support Division provided complimentary coffee and doughnuts to reservists who were being processed through the Presidio earlier this month.

The Presidio Officers' Club and Outdoor Recreation provided assistance and support for the Family Support Division.

Jeanne' Mote, volunteer coordinator; Bartly Porter, Youth Services director; Joseph Cheesman, Youth Service specialist; Anna Rodriguez, Family Network coordinator; and Janet Reilly, volunteer managed the refreshments.

The refreshments were appreciated and well received, according to Gloria Hartsough, Chief, Family Support Division.

Sixth Army Protocol

Maj. Wayland Mouser received a Meritorious Service Medal from Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander at his retirement ceremony Tuesday. Mouser was the Protocol officer before retiring. Mouser and his wife will reside in Denver after his retirement.

Readiness Group, PSF

Charles L. Beipelspacher, Chief, Branch Assistance Team, Administration and Finance, was promoted to staff sergeant major from master sergeant earlier this month.

Garrison Staff Judge Advocate

Sgt. James A. Williams, NCOIC of Client Services, received a Humanitarian Service Medal.

Sgt. George W. Kennedy, Claims NCO, received a Army Commendation Medal from his last unit in Pirmansen, Germany.

Mae L. Q. Combong, senior claims examiner, received a 10 year government service pin.

Fort Baker

Three new co-mayors were elected at a meeting held at the Fort Baker Chapel, Feb. 5. The co-mayors are Gayla Wood, Lorrie Coles and Cynthia Bryant. A fourth co-mayor is needed. Fort Baker needs volunteers to help plan neighborhood picnics, publish the newsletter, deliver the Presidian and contribute ideas to get community projects going.

Headquarters Company United States Army Garrison

Capt. Thomas P. Cassidy received an Army Commendation Medal when he changed duty stations.



Father and son

Sgt. 1st Class Steven L. Carson, Sixth U.S. Army NCO Academy Camp Parks, receives the oath of reenlistment from his father Chief Warrant Officer Lee Carson of 312th Personnel Service Company, Los Alamitos, Calif. Together the Carsons have served the nation for over one-half century. Chief Warrant Officer Carson has over 38 years of service. Sgt. 1st Class Carson has just passed 13 years of service.

Sgt. 1st Class William J. Gillihan received an Army Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance as the NCOIC of earthquake disaster relief.

Sgt. Josie Morris received a battalion certificate for her outstanding performance during the Headquarters Command Battalion inspection.

Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Cabredo Jr. received a battalion certificate.

Headquarters Command Battalion Law Enforcement Company

Staff Sgt. Lee W. Elgin III was named Sixth U.S. Army NCO of the Year at the competition in Reno, Nev., Feb. 14. Elgin competed against 18 non-commissioned officers. An awards ceremony will be held for Elgin. The date is not set. Elgin also received a battalion certificate for displaying one of the best military appearance of a non-commissioned officer during the Headquarters Command Battalion inspection.

Pfc. Glenn McNeill placed second at the Sixth U.S. Army Soldier of the Year Board at Reno, Nev., Feb. 14. McNeill competed against four soldiers. McNeill also received a battalion certificate for his military appearance during a battalion inspection.

Staff Sgt. David J. Hamilton and Pfc. Kevin E. Fairchild received battalion certificates for their outstanding appearance during the Headquarters Command Battalion inspection.

Pfc. Michael T. Bailey received a Department of the Army certificate for being named the Battalion Soldier of the Month for January.

Letterman Army Medical Center

Awards:

Maj. Carol Swanson received a Meritorious Service Medal.

Col. Nicholas Ninos received a Navy Commendation Medal.

Col. Raoul Hagen, Maj. Carolyn Winbush and Capt. Denise McCollum received Army Achievement Medals.

February promotions:

Rebecca Loomis was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Rebecca Baker and Thomas Brown were promoted to major.

Jennifer Morgan was promoted to captain.

Awards:

Capt. Lisa B. Maurer received a Meritorious Service Medal.

Capt. Scott Krukar received an Army Achievement Medal.

Staff Sgt. Maj. Michael Benjamin received a certificate of achievement.

February civilian awards:

Diane Nishimoto received a Exceptional Performance Award.

Edward Foster, Luis Castro, Jan McBride and Sharon Everett received awards for special acts or services.

Stephen Carta received a certificate of achievement.

Lula Troutman received an award for 10 years of federal service.

Theresa Graf received an award for 20 years of federal service.

Diane Davidson received an award for 25 years of service.

Feb. 15 promotions:

Michael Ladouceur was promoted to major.

Awards:

Sgt. 1st Class Jewel Hanson received an Army Commendation Medal.

Capt. Thomas Koenig received an Army Ac-

Desert Storm

Baghdad spits out disinformation to troops

by Army News Service

Much like the Nazi broadcasts from Berlin Betty during World War II, Iraq's Baghdad Betty and Iraq Jack are spitting out daily doses of disinformation.

Listeners should not allow themselves to be swayed from these obvious fabrications and attempts to discredit the U.S. and her allies.

One of the more noted gaffes by Iraq's radio propaganda pair was when Baghdad Betty reported to American forces that their wives and sweethearts were romancing noted television movie stars, such as Tom Cruise and Bart Simpson.

Iraq's campaign to confuse facts, however, hasn't been confined to absurd attempts on the shortwave radio bands. More serious and potentially damaging stories originating from Iraqi sources have been working their way into the world press.

For example, according to the U.S. Information Agency, a Jan. 15 report from Baghdad radio falsely claimed U.S. intelligence is planning to remove Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, commander of the Saudi national guard, from the political scene. The report went on to say that the United States intends to assassinate the prince.

Additionally, Iraq reports claim as of Jan. 19, 142 coalition forces aircraft and 23 cruise missiles had been downed by Iraqi military during hostilities. The Iraqis also said some of the cruise missiles were recovered, and will be used against allied targets.

Only seven coalition aircraft were reported lost in the first 36 hours of Operation Desert Storm. According to U.S. Central Command commander in chief, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the losses were one U.S. Navy FA-18, and one A-6, one U.S. Air Force F-15, a single Kuwait A-4, two British Tornados and an Italian Tornado.

Currently, Iraq's claims tend to be running roughly 10 times the actual number of coalition aircraft downed. When coalition losses stood at two planes missing, the Iraqi count was 14. When the actual count was four, they said 44.

As of Jan. 19, Iraqi math figured the count at 94, when the count actually came to eight. Even on Jan. 22 after five days of war and more than 8,100 combat sorties, coalition forces had lost only 14 aircraft to enemy fire - nine U.S. and five allied. Although these reports are among the most recent coming out of Baghdad, they are part of a coordinated program by the Iraqis that has been going on since the start of Operation Desert Shield. Such early reports seem-



بوش اذا اشعلها .. فلا يملك زمام ايقافها !!

"If Bush starts a war, he won't be able to stop it."

An example of Iraqi propaganda.

courtesy Soldiers Magazine

ingly were designed to turn Arab opinion against the U.S. led coalition.

When multinational forces first began arriving here in August, Iraqis assailed their presence by claiming U.S. troops were defiling Muslim holy places. Additionally, Iraqi Health Minister Abdul Salam Mohammed said thousands of U.S. forces were carrying AIDS.

Since the start of Operation Desert Storm, the Iraqis have stepped up their disinformation campaign with false reports and battle claims.

"I don't think my husband is close enough to hear any of the Iraq propaganda," Jeanette Cunningham said. "He hasn't heard (Iraq Jack or Baghdad Betty) as far as I know."

Cunningham is the wife of Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, Company C, 84th Engineer Battalion commander.

"If he does hear anything, I'm sure he'll realize it's just propaganda," Cunningham added. "When we were in Korea, the North Koreans made comments like that, but we knew that it was just propaganda."

Other wives of soldiers in the Middle East admitted they thought the Bart Simpson and Tom Cruise

references were funny and are sure their husbands would also find them humorous.

An Iranian news service report credited the Iraqis as saying the Saudi city of Dhahran has been under attack by missiles every half hour. At the time of that report, only one missile had been fired at Dhahran Jan. 18, but according to U.S. CENTCOM Commander in Chief H. Norman Schwarzkopf, it was downed by an Army Patriot missile battery and never hit its target.

Another report aired over Radio Madrid in Spain credited the Iraqi Armed Forces General Command and the Iraqi ambassador to Spain as saying the multinational force bombing of Baghdad Jan. 17 was aimed largely at civilian targets. According to Lt. Gen. Charles A. Horner, Central Command Air Forces commander, the focus of all Operation Desert Storm air strikes is on military objectives.

Horner helped demonstrate the effectiveness of the attack on Baghdad with a video tape shown before a media briefing in Riyadh here Jan. 18. The tape, filmed from allied aircraft, showed bombs hitting their targets with pin-point accuracy, including the headquarters building of the Iraqi air force.

Terrorism: Trust your intuition

by Army News Service

Trust your intuition.

That's the advice Army officials have for soldiers, family members and civilian employees worldwide concerning potential terrorist activity in connection with Operation Desert Storm.

"If something appears suspicious to you — you find yourself in a situation that just doesn't seem right — then go with your intuition and assume that something is wrong," said Lt. Col. Richard Priem of the Army's Combatting Terrorism Office. "Get out of the threatening situation, then report what made you suspicious to military police or a civilian law enforcement agency."

The war-linked terrorist activity officials have been expecting has begun. Since Jan. 16, terrorists have launched at least 65 attacks on U.N. coalition members, according to Maj. Ralph Ball, an analyst in the Army anti-terrorism operations and intelligence cell in the Pentagon.

But, despite the presence of American troops in the Middle East, only one attack has been aimed at a U.S. Army facility. On Jan. 21, terrorists detonated a bomb at a Military Traffic Management Command building in Istanbul, Turkey. The leftist group Dev Sol, reported to have a long history of terrorist activity in Turkey, claimed responsibility for the bombing.

There were no injuries in the attack.

While heightened security at U.S. military installations and individual protective measures have helped to make Americans less vulnerable to terrorist attacks, Priem said it's too early for soldiers,

family members and civilian employees to let down their guard.

"We need to continue to do an effective job with security and with taking proper precautionary measures," he said. "We have to assume the [terrorists] are watching us because the threat hasn't diminished."

The first terrorist attack solidly linked to the Iraqi government since the war began occurred Jan. 19 in the Philippines. The plan backfired though, when one Iraqi died and another was injured while trying to plant a bomb in the U.S. government's Thomas Jefferson Cultural Center in Manila.

Despite the terrorist setback, Priem and Ball expect continued attacks, with unprotected U.S. military personnel and facilities as prime targets. "We have not by any means seen the end of this — future attacks are likely," said Ball.

"Many of the terrorist groups discussed in recent media accounts are not directed by Iraq," said Priem. "A sizeable number are local groups using Desert Storm as an opportunity to draw media attention to their activities. There are also several Palestinian groups who are supportive of Saddam Hussein's public support of the Palestinian cause. He may rely on them to execute some terrorist attacks."

In addition to the groups that are sympathetic to Iraq yet separate from its government, is the Iraqi secret service, an intelligence agency whose members operate much the same way as terrorists, according to Priem. It is this agency, operating directly under Saddam Hussein's direction, that is suspected of the botched attack in the Philippines.

SRBs tax-free for soldiers in Persian Gulf

Selective Reenlistment Bonuses will be paid tax-free to qualified soldiers in the Persian Gulf area, thanks to an executive order signed by President Bush last month.

The order, signed Jan. 21 and retroactive to Jan. 17, designated the Persian Gulf area as a combat zone, thus excluding military earnings from federal income taxes for soldiers serving there. The order also provides an additional incentive by providing a tax-free bonus for qualified soldiers who reenlist in the Persian Gulf area during a month in which the combat zone exclusion applies.

SRBs are incentives designed to retain quality soldiers in critical skills. Soldiers in more than 60 military occupation specialties are eligible for the reenlistment bonuses.

The tax-free SRBs will continue until the president signs another executive order signifying that the Persian Gulf area is no longer a combat zone. For the purpose of the executive order, the Persian Gulf area consists of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden and the portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 60 degrees east longitude.

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

Gym closure

The basketball court and weight room of Gym No. 1 will be closed March 10 from 8 a.m. to noon. These gym areas will be used for testing candidates for the Air Force Academy and West Point. All other areas of the gym will be open during this time.

Racquetball championship

The 1991 Racquetball Championship will be held March 7 through 17 at Gym No. 1 after normal duty hours. Competition will be held in the following divisions: Men's Open, Men's Seniors and Women's Open. This tournament is open to all active duty soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members, 20 years or older, assigned or attached to the Presidio. The entry fee is \$5. A meeting for all players will be held Tuesday at noon in Gym No. 1. For more information, call John Funes at 561-4131 or 561-5032.

Volleyball league

A meeting for volleyball coaches, managers, players and officials will be held March 26 at 1 p.m. Units entering a team must have a team representative at the meeting. Commander's points will be rewarded to units attending the meeting. The Intramural Volleyball League should begin April 1. For more information, call 561-4131.

Tennis tournament

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Annual Easter Vacation Tennis Tournament will be held March 29 and 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Golden Gate Park. March 15 is the registration deadline. Anyone age 8 to 18 may enter the tournament in the following age divisions: Midget, 8-11; Junior, 12-14; Senior, 15-18. Ranked junior players are excluded. Double partners may be designated at registration. Tennis racquets are available on request. Entry forms may be picked up and turned in at any local recreation center or the athletic office at Kezar Pavilion.

For more information, call the Recreation and park Department at 666-7107.

Basketball coaches meeting

A meeting for coaches will be held at 12:30 p.m. March 7 at Gym no. 1 to discuss the play-offs scheduled to begin March 11. All teams participating in league competition will be eligible to enter the play-offs. Each team must have a representative at this meeting. For more information call John Funes at 561-5032.

Youth team coaches needed

If you are 18 or older, enjoy youngsters and baseball, the San Francisco Youth Baseball League is looking for you. Coaches and umpires are needed for youth teams participating in the spring league. Special umpire workshops will be scheduled for participants. For information, call John or Peter at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department at 753-7029.



Youth baseball

Presidio Youth Sports is currently registering boys and girls for T-ball and baseball. Baseball is for children ages 7-14. Proof of birth and a photograph are required along with a \$20 per child registration fee or a \$50 family rate for three or more children.

T-ball is for children ages 6-8 and registration is \$15 per child or \$40 family rate for three or more children. Registration will be open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until March 7 at the sports office in Gym 1.



Sgt. Charles H. Bates makes a layup during the All-Army team practice at Gym No. 1.

Soldiers compete for All-Army Team honors

story and photo by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Fourteen soldiers have been working their bodies seven days a week. They are not being punished. They love the pain—it's called basketball.

Almost as if they were brainwashed, these soldiers see only a basketball, hear only dribbling and sense only their opponent.

These soldiers have been sweating it out to be one of only 12 players to make the All-Army Basketball Team.

Their quest to become one of the best began Jan. 16 when the 14 players arrived at the Presidio from different duty stations in the United States, Korea and Europe.

Coach Wash Stallworth Jr. arrived at the Presidio Feb. 4.

"The team has improved a great deal since I arrived," Stallworth said. "They've been working hard and putting in long hours."

The All-Army team placed fourth out of 18 teams in the All-Army Tournament at Gym No. 1, Feb. 8 through 10.

One weekend later, the team placed second in the 25th Annual Presidents' Day Semi-Pro Tournament at Lake Tahoe, Feb. 16 through 18.

"No one gave us a chance to win this tournament," Stallworth said. "Everyone said we wouldn't even place."

"Some of the players we competed against are ex-NBA players, CBA players and semi-pro," according to Stallworth. "They had us beat in height—some guys were six feet nine to seven feet tall."

"It took hard work to beat those teams—a lot of hard work," Stallworth said.

"We're on the right track," Stallworth explained. "We've been playing some outstanding ball and com-

peting against some outstanding teams."

According to Stallworth, the All-Army players practice three times a day from three to four hours at a time.

"When we're not practicing, we're in the weight room," Stallworth says. "The guys keep in shape—we're in training."

As the coach, Stallworth decides who the final players will be.

"With such high caliber players, it's tough to choose, but it's got to be done," Stallworth said. "You can't have favorites when it comes to the team."

Stallworth describes the tryouts as a "gruelling camp." "It's work, work everyday."

"The one's who survive, usually stay," Stallworth said, "Most of the time the players cut themselves out. The good soldiers usually pass the test."

Practice isn't the only aspect of the team's success, according to Stallworth.

"The Army has the best system in the military—that's why we're so successful," Stallworth said. "The Army teaches discipline and teaches a soldier to be a soldier wherever he is."

Stallworth feels the Presidio is the best place to hold try-outs for the All-Army Team.

"There are outstanding civilian teams in the area—it really helps the guys," Stallworth said. "If they don't have the experience; they get it."

After the final players are chosen, the team will compete in the All-Service Tournament, March 16 through 18 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Although the tournament is close Stallworth feels his team has a good chance to win.

"We're right where we should be now, but we still have a long way to go," Stallworth added, "I KNOW we'll get there."

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

Support group for pregnant women

A support group for women who are pregnant with spouses in Saudi Arabia will meet Mondays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. The date and location of the first session has not been decided. For more information, call Leslie Tan or Simon Pincus at 561-4403/3120/2649.

Photography class

A black and white photography class will begin March 7 and will be held eight Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Photography Center. The class offers basic lessons about design, composition, camera, lenses, light meters, film choices processing and printing. All materials except film are provided.

A flash photography class will be held three Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning March 7. The cost is \$25. The three sessions will highlight the specifics of exposure, synchronization, guide numbers, ready lights and mountings.

For more information, call 554-9522.

Finance and Accounting

The Directorate of Resource Management Finance and Accounting Office is recruiting for a GS-544-08, Chief, Civilian Payroll Section. Local speciality pay applies to position. Interested applicants should send an SF-50 to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, building 37. For more information, call Donald Judge at 561-2029/2975.

Job seekers workshop

A job seekers workshop for separating or retiring military personnel and their spouses will be held Wednesday 1 to 4 p.m. The seminar will focus on proven methods of successful job search activities, including goal setting, resume writing and salary negotiation.

The classes will be held in Bldg. 3 at Alameda, Naval Base.

Experts will assist in preparation of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association's mini resume. The mini resume that is prepared at the workshop will be immediately placed in a computer data bank and made available to hundreds of national and international companies and corporations.

There are no membership requirements or grade restrictions and there is no charge for the workshops.

St. Patrick's Day dance

The Presidio Officer's Club will host a St. Patrick's Day dance March 16. Green beer will be served. The dinner will feature corned beef and cabbage plus specially created "real" Irish cuisine. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9:30 p.m. with dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight to the strains of Tom Lep. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 921-1612.



Presidio Museum closure

The Presidio Army Museum will be closed Apr. 15 through June 1 for repairs. The research facilities will remain open Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 561-4115.

Deep Line info

Need up to the minute information on what's going on at the Presidio? Call the Deep Line at 561-2531, day and night, and find out.

New haircut price

The price of a haircut at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Barbershop has increased to \$5.95.

Thrift Shop vendor space

The Presidio Thrift Shop and the flea market in Bldg. 204 will be held Saturday if weather permits. If you are interested in selling your items bring a table, a valid unlimited military identification card and \$5 for the vendor space. There is an additional charge for extra space. For more information call 922-3384.

Promotion recomputations suspended

The annual recomputation of promotion points for soldiers in the grade of E-4, in a promotable status as of Jan. 31 of this year, has been suspended until further notice. The recomputation of promotion points for soldiers in the grade of E-5, in a promotable status, is being reviewed and a decision will be announced in March by PERSCOM. Commanders are advised that soldiers who increase their administration score by 35 points or more may continue to request a reevaluation in accordance with Army Regulation 600-200, paragraph 7-23. Commanders must ensure that all requests for reevaluation are processed expeditiously. The no-fault table in AR 600-200, para 7-15f, and item 2, DA Form 3355, pertaining to the skills qualifications test criteria for promotion eligibility and awarding of points for SQT score remain in effect.

Driver accident prevention course

All military and civilian personnel who drive Army motor vehicles must attend a DAPC upon initial entry into government service and every four years thereafter. The next course will be conducted March 20 in the Bldg. 603 auditorium from 8 a.m. to noon. For registration and information, call the Directorate of Safety at 561-4424.

Army motorcycle safety course

All military personnel, military family members and Department of Defense civilians who operate their motorcycles or mopeds on the installation are required to attend and satisfactorily complete an Army-approved motorcycle safety course. The next course is scheduled for March 20 in Bldg. 201 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Tax Center

The Presidio Tax Center, located in Bldg. 223, will hold a weekly walk in clinic every Monday and Wednesday. Individuals with 1040A and 1040EZ forms will be assisted promptly at 9 a.m. and the 1040 forms will be prepared promptly at 10 a.m. Bring last year's tax return and all other documents to the clinic. Appointments are available by calling 561-2TAX.

Presidio Girl Scouts

The Presidio Girl Scouts are in need of a volunteer to serve as Service Unit Director. There are presently five troops in the unit. The position will require a few hours a week working with adults. For information, call Joscelyn Lampman at 562-8470.

USO volunteers

USO volunteers are needed for Desert Storm support activities. To volunteer or for more information, call 561-2436, Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. Hours the recycling point is manned are: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and it is closed on weekends. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division.

Messages to Desert Storm

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

LAMC chaplains offer support

If you have a loved one deployed for Operation Desert Storm, the Letterman Army Medical Center's Office of Ministry and Pastoral Care would like to offer its support. Call the office at 561-3474.

Record examination

Graduate record examinations will be given April 17, 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. The test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first examination. The examination must be ordered in person by Wednesday.

For more information, call the Letterman Army Medical Center Education Center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

Pediatric clinic

The Pediatric Clinic at Letterman Army Medical Center would like parents to arrive 15 minutes prior to their child's routine appointment time. This will give the clinic staff time to initially assess the children before they see the physician. Parents who are late for appointments will be assisted in scheduling a future appointment. For more information, call Keith E. Sickafouse at 561-2447.

Comedy writing seminar

The San Jose State University will be offering a comedy writing seminar, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Edie Matthews, a Bay Area comedienne, will be instructing the seminar. For more information, call Judy Rickard at (408) 924-2600 or Terri Spice at (408) 924-2601.

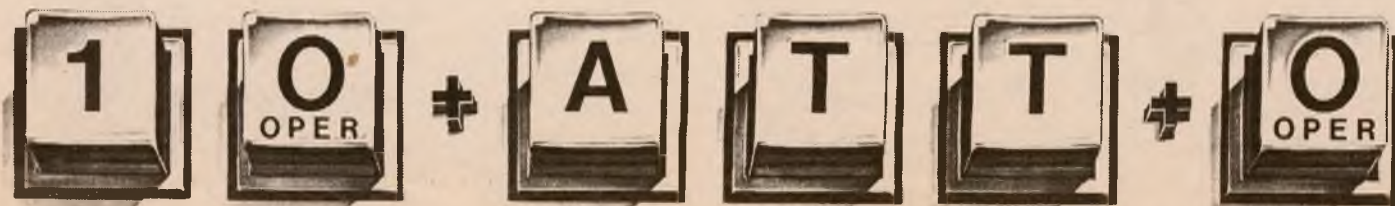
At the Movies

Presidio Theatre
Friday, March 1: Havana (R) 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 2: Kindergarten Cop (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 3: Not Without My Daughter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Monday, March 4: Not Without My Daughter (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theatre movies not available at press time.



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President Bush: 'Our military objectives are met'

"Kuwait is liberated. Iraq's army is defeated. Our military objectives are met. Kuwait is once more in the hands of Kuwaitis, in control of their own destiny."

With those words, President Bush brought a conditional end to the shooting war against Saddam Hussein. The diplomatic war that commenced after the president's Feb. 27 speech will determine whether the suspension of hostilities becomes permanent.

Bush addressed the nation from the White House three hours prior to the suspension of offensive operations.

A U.S. military source in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia said close to 41 of the 42 Iraqi divisions originally in Kuwait and southern Iraq had been destroyed or rendered ineffective before the president's announcement.

Bush described the Iraqi defeat as a "victory for the United Nations, for all mankind, for the rule of law and for what is right."

The suspension of offensive combat operations

came exactly 100 hours after the first allied ground units stormed across the Saudi border.

While a military source in Riyadh could not say how long it would take for U.S. forces to return home if Iraq agrees to the terms set out by Bush and other coalition leaders, he admitted it would be a "big effort."

"We can get off the battlefield fairly quickly," he said. "If you're talking all the way back to the States... it's not so easy to just drive off the desert and drive onto a ship and sail back. It was bad enough getting here — it's going to be twice as bad getting back."

"This is not a time of euphoria; certainly not a time to gloat," President Bush said. "But it is a time of pride — pride in our troops, pride in our friends who stood with us during the crisis, pride in our nation and the people whose strength and resolve made victory quick, decisive and just."

"And soon we will open wide our arms to welcome back home to America our magnificent fighting forces."

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News Briefs

Power outage

A power outage has been scheduled for Buildings 1000 through 1063 and 1151 through 1153 March 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The outage is needed for the removal of PCB Contaminated Concrete Pad at Building 1040.

Presidio Army Museum closure

The Presidio Army Museum closed Friday for repairs and is scheduled to reopen June 1. The research facilities will remain open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

No change in 864th APO

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion's APO address has not changed. The correct address is:

Company C, 864th Eng. Bn.
APO New York, NY 09616

Street sweeper repair

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing street sweeper will not be in operation until necessary repairs are made.

Intersection restriction

Traffic will be restricted to one lane at the Kobbé Avenue and Park Boulevard intersection. The restriction will begin March 14 at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m.

Women's History Month

Women's History Month started Friday and the Presidio's Equal Opportunity office has scheduled a series of events to commemorate the occasion.

The panel discussion entitled "Paths and Perils of Today's Women" will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the NCO club March 21.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Nurturing Tradition, Fostering Change."

There will be two-on going exhibits all month, according to Angela Brumfield, the EO officer, one at the Post Library which will depict a display of women in the military and a women in history exhibit at the Fort Point Museum.

Free auto check

Family members who have spouses involved in Operation Desert Storm will be provided free service at the Auto Shop in Building 662 on McDowell Ave. Included in the free service will be brakes, tires and oil, coolants and other check areas.

The shop is open Wednesday through Friday 2 to 10 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In order to make an appointment for the service, family members are advised to call 561-5521. Members must present identification cards as well as verification orders.

Desert scene

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion soldiers pose for a photo from somewhere in Saudi Arabia. These Presidio soldiers deployed to Saudi Arabia Dec. 22, 1990. Their efforts, along with those of other allied troops, helped Kuwait regain its freedom and President Bush announce a "victory for the United Nations, for all mankind, for the rule of law and for what is right."



Smaller, more deployable

Stone, Vuono focus on 'Army of 1997'

by Army News Service

While more than a quarter of a million soldiers prepared for ground combat in the Middle East, the secretary of the Army and the Army chief of staff offered congressional testimony on a two-year military budget that would reduce the Army by more than 130,000 soldiers from fiscal 1990 levels.

In statements before the House Armed Services Committee Feb. 20, Michael P.W. Stone and Gen. Carl E. Vuono acknowledged the paradox of making cuts in the Army while waging war. However, they combined to portray a smaller, more deployable, mostly U.S.-based "Army of 1997" capable of meeting threats to U.S. security.

Stone said a smaller Army of the future would be no less capable than the Army now arrayed against Iraq. President George Bush's military budget request asks for \$139.2 billion for the Army over the next two fiscal years as part of a six-year plan for achieving that smaller force, he said.

"We remain committed to protecting the character of our force by remaining sensitive to quality of life, training them to the highest standards possible,

and providing them with the best equipment," Stone said. "The 1992 and 1993 budget is formulated to ensure that the Army remains a viable and potent force."

Stone's testimony outlined in broad terms the premises under which the Army of the future will operate. Vuono provided details of current and future Army roles and missions, and the impact of the budget submission on them.

"While we focus on the operation in Southwest Asia, we must not lose sight of the total Army and our responsibility to sustain a global force trained and ready to meet any contingency worldwide," Stone said. "We move in these directions while we reshape the Army in light of the changing international environment and diminished resources available for national defense."

"Modernizing equipment in an era of declining resources, managing our force structure and keeping operating costs under control represent the type of problems we face."

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Base realignments and closures

Selection criteria - second major round

By K.M.Petrack, Managing Editor, Star Presidian

On February 15, the Secretary of Defense announced the selection criteria to be used by the services in making recommendations for further closure and realignment of installations inside the United States.

The Secretary, in accordance with provisions contained in the FY 1991 National Defense Authorization Act, forwarded the criteria to the Armed Services and Appropriation Committees of the Congress; the criteria was published in the February 15 Federal Register.

Under the new criteria, all installations are to be treated equally with regard to consideration for closure or realignment.

In December 1988, 86 bases were selected by a base closure commission for closure, including the Presidio of San Francisco.

A recommendation in January 1991 to close an additional 47 bases has since been put on hold. Within the Army, the six closure/realignments put on hold are: Fort Ord, Fort McClellan, Sacramento Army

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Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



'We are thankful that peace with freedom has been restored'

Dear Presidians—

Week six has brought us the end of hostilities in the Gulf. We are all thankful! We are thankful that our troops performed so magnificently. We are thankful that our losses were so few—although even one loss of life is tragic. We are thankful our forces were able to accomplish their mission and liberate Kuwait. We are thankful our equipment performed so well. We are thankful that at some date in the future our service men and women will be returning home to family and friends. We are thankful that peace with freedom has been restored.

Our soldiers as individuals and as members of their units performed outstandingly. Our NCO and officer leadership was superb. Tom Clancy, author of "Clear and Present Danger" wrote in the *Los Angeles Times* that, "critics said U.S. soldiers were inept, drawn from the dregs of society, nearly illiterate, poorly trained, poorly motivated. The critics have been proven wrong." HOO AH! They proved to be disciplined, tough, professional and dedicated. Truly this performance makes us all proud to be soldiers. And for that we are thankful.

On Monday the 25th, I took all the Garrison primary staff to San Rafael for an all-day conference. Our purpose was to identify our strong points, our weak points and determine how to better the weak points. It was a good session—open, direct, candid. I feel we know our direction for the coming year as we continue to care for our soldiers and their families, care for the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place, care for our civilian work force and continue our planning for the closure. We have a very dedicated and competent Garrison staff who have been, are and will remain committed to doing the very best possible job.

Tuesday I journeyed to Castro Valley for a very moving ceremony. It was billed as "A Partnership For The Troops/Ribbons Across Castro Valley." What it really is is a partnership relationship between the Castro Valley Unified School District and Sixth Army. There was a large crowd and after the usual speeches, band music, etc., I and some wives and mothers of service people in the Gulf tied yellow ribbons on a special tree that had been planted to honor our troops and cement our partnership. The support of loyal Americans is very much appreciated by all of us in uniform but especially by our deployed troops. It was a real HOO AH day!

As mentioned earlier, at 2100 hours Pacific time on Wednesday, the 27th of February, the cease fire President Bush declared went into effect. For that we are thankful!

The Sixth Army and PSF run was on Thursday. Unfortunately I missed it but Colonel Swift filled in for me. I'll see you next month, on the 29th of March. So come on out all you runners, walkers, or just well-wishers. Join us for a great time.

On Friday, CSM Whiteford and I had to travel to Reno to address the Pre-Command Course Officers and NCOs. These are people from throughout Sixth Army who are about to take command of units or become Command Sergeant Majors.

Also on Friday, the NCO Club hosted Bosses' Night. As always, a good time was had by all. Command Sergeant Major Abner conducted a secretary's contest. Veeeery unusual contest—but fun!! Specialist Curry from the Sixth Army Band won the contest.

On Saturday, I saw several of you at the 9th Annual Run for the Seals at Fort Chronkite. Great run with good looking T-shirts. For those who didn't make it—you missed out!

Following the race I departed for Arizona. Visited the Arizona Adjutant General and attended the 1991 Grand Army Ball sponsored by the Greater Phoenix Association of the United States Army. This year's ball was a salute to Arizona's men and women in the Armed Forces with special recognition for those in the Persian Gulf War. It was a great salute.

Sunday was spent at Fort Huachuca visiting the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard, the 8/40th Armor Battalion and the Sixth Army Intelligence Training School. These latter folks were recently mobilized to train young intelligence officers and NCOs for duty in the Gulf. They did a superb job.

As you all know, the severe weather this weekend resulted in some power outages. I know that it is always inconvenient for all but our folks in DEH and from PG&E worked overtime to restore power and we appreciate their efforts. (I know my wife did, I was gone!)

In closing let me remind you that even though the shooting has stopped, the war isn't over. We now must square ourselves away, redeploy and take up our roles, be that at an Active Army base,

back in a United States Army Reserve or a National Guard unit.

Our valiant troops deserve your continued concern, support and prayers. So, let's continue to write our service men and women and please Presidians—continue to Fly a Flag for Freedom at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

God bless you everyone.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Battles are won by the infantry, the armor, the artillery, and air teams, by soldiers living in the rain and huddling in the snow. But wars are won by the great strength of a nation—the soldier and the civilian working together."
—General Omar N. Bradley

P.S. The vast majority of the American people supported our soldiers during DESERT SHIELD/STORM—and for that we are thankful!

As I was writing this article, an interesting box arrived addressed to Mrs. Harrison and me. It contained a G.I. bear that has become a mascot for the 729th Transportation Company, a United States Army Reserve unit from Fresno, California. The Commander's wife, Valerie F. Davis, sent us this reminder that family support takes many forms. In this case, the G.I. bear has been the tool to build a great program for military children, helping them to cope with their fears and frustrations. Mrs. Davis is just one of thousands of folks out there who are supporting our soldiers and their families in so many unique, interesting and caring ways. All this caring truly is HOO AH!

AT&T lowers phone charges from Persian Gulf

by Army News Service

American Telephone and Telegraph calls placed by Americans here will be as much as 30 percent cheaper during the next 30 days.

The new rates will apply to all AT&T USADIRECT service calls placed from Saudi Arabia to the continental United States and Hawaii.

AT&T will eliminate its \$2.50 service charge for all calls charged to the AT&T calling card and reduce by nearly half — from \$5.75 to \$3.25 — the service charge on collect calls, according to AT&T International (Saudi Arabia). The company will also reduce its initial minute charge from \$3.19 to \$1.15 for both types of calls.

With the new rates, a 10-minute AT&T calling card

call will be \$11.50, down from the current rate of \$16.04, while a collect call will be \$14.75, down from the current rate of \$19.29.

According to AT&T International, the company has also established a toll-free number — 1-800-323-HELP — to assist the families of those stationed here with questions about its communications services in Saudi Arabia.

Since troops were deployed to the Gulf, AT&T has installed nearly 1,200 USADIRECT-designated telephones there. Using these special phones, service men and women simply pick up a telephone and are connected to an AT&T operator in the U.S. Callers can also use any phone in country by dialing 1-800-100. They will then be immediately connected to an AT&T USADIRECT operator.

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News

Desert Storm families turn to AER in record numbers

by Star Presidian staff and
Army News Service

Family members in need of financial assistance have turned to Army Emergency Relief in record numbers since the first American soldiers deployed to the Middle East in August 1990.

AER officials Army-wide have responded by churning out loans and grants at a pace unmatched in the nearly 50-year history of the organization.

AER provides emergency financial assistance through interest-free loans and grants to Regular Army, Reserve Component and retired soldiers, and their family members. The funds can be used to help pay for:

- Food, rent or utilities
- Emergency transportation
- Essential vehicle repairs
- Funeral expenses
- Medical/dental expenses
- Personal needs when pay is delayed/stolen

In 1990, AER provided an all-time high \$31.6 million in loans and grants to about 72,000 Army families, according to Leonard Harmon, AER's deputy director. Harmon said most of the assistance was provided in the last five months of the year during the mass deployments of soldiers to Saudi Arabia.

Many of the soldiers deployed were the mechanics and money managers of the family, Harmon said.

With them gone, many families have run into unexpected financial problems.

"If there is a financial emergency, we're going to take care of it," said Harmon. "There will be no bureaucratic holdups."

Harmon said AER will cut corners to help family members due to circumstances in the Middle East. While under normal conditions, AER assistance must be approved by the soldier, Harmon said that requirement has been waived to help ensure family members receive the money they need, when they need it.

"If the spouse has no power of attorney, we're not going to try to contact the servicemember in the Middle East," said Harmon. "We just assume the approval is there — we know that the soldier would want us to do that."

There are limits, though, to the organization's relief efforts. For example, AER cannot:

- Help pay for non-essentials
- Finance ordinary leave or vacation
- Pay fines or legal expenses
- Help with debt liquidation or consolidation
- Cover bad checks or pay credit card bills

With so many single-parent soldiers and two-soldier marriages affected by Operation Desert

Storm, AER has also been providing child care assistance.

"AER has helped with the costs of getting the child to the temporary guardian designated in the soldier's child care plan," said Harmon. "Also, if the spouse has to leave work to stay home with the children or get another job, AER has assisted with essential babysitting costs."

Families of Regular Army soldiers, as well as those of retirees and mobilized Reserve Component soldiers, can obtain AER assistance from Army installation AER sections, local American Red Cross chapters, Air Force Aid Society sections and Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Auxiliaries.

Harmon said that a misunderstanding of AER and individual pride has been a problem. "Many people think AER is only for the junior soldier — that just isn't so."

"Families are going to try to work out their financial problems for as long as they can," Harmon said. "Although we can usually react in hours, don't wait until the last second to call on AER."

For more information about AER services, call James Ritchie, of the Presidio AER at 561-5156.

Presidio House Watch Program protects your home

by the Provost Marshal Office
Crime Prevention Section

Warm weather is once upon us. Vacation time is here once again. Wouldn't it be nice to leave the Presidio and go on that much needed vacation you dreamed about all year?

Well now you can and you can go worry free. The Provost Marshal Crime Prevention section along with the help of McGruff, the crime prevention dog, have implemented a new program on the Presidio called the House Watch Program.

The program is very simple and takes only a few minutes of your time while making those last minute vacation plans. All you need to do is stop by the military police station, Bldg. 36, on Lincoln Avenue and tell the desk sergeant that you want to participate in the House Watch Program. The desk sergeant will give you an information sheet to fill out. Some items of information that need to be filled out are your name of course and your quarters number. Other questions pertain to your date of departure and return, also, do you have timers on your lights?

Once all the questions have been answered, the information will be passed on to the patrolman in your housing area. He will physically check the windows and doors of your quarters for security twice during his shift.

This program will allow you to concentrate on your vacation rather than worry about your home. We highly encourage the use of this program even if you have made arrangements with a neighbor, you can never have enough security.

If you have any questions regarding this program, call the Crime Prevention section at 561-4925 or 561-5011.



Military value

The current and future mission requirements and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's Total Force,

The availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace at both the existing and potential receiving locations,

The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future Total Force requirements at both the existing and potential receiving locations, and the cost and manpower implications.

Return on investment

The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs.

Impacts

The economic impact on communities, the ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions, and personnel, and the environmental impact.

There will be three more Base Realignment and Closure cycles: 1991, 1993, and 1995.

The next new list of bases recommended for closure is due to the bipartisan commission by April 15, 1991, at which time the list will also be made public. The commission will have until July 1 to report its findings to the President, who will have two weeks to approve the report or to request modification. Once an approved report is forwarded to Congress, they will have 45 working days to disapprove it or it automatically becomes law.

The 1991 cycle does not affect the original closure list of 1988 or the 86 bases currently undergoing closure and realignment, including the Presidio of San Francisco. Presidio planners continue to work with tenant units, individuals and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) to ensure a smooth transition from an Army installation to a National Park.

For more information on Base closure, contact the Base Realignment and Closure Office at 561-5530.

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Depot, Troop Support Command (St. Louis, Missouri), and the reduction of Fort Gillem and Red River Army Depot, because each of those sites employ in excess of 300 permanent civilians. These and the others included in the 47 bases will be neither at an advantage or disadvantage in the new study, nor will the results of past closure studies have any effect on the current recommendations.

The new criteria were available for public comment from November 30, 1990 to January 24, 1991. DoD received and considered 169 public comments. The final selection criteria are subject to Congressional disapproval by joint resolution until March 15, 1991.

In selecting military installations for closure or realignment, DoD will weigh three considerations: military value, return on investment, and impacts. Military value will be given first and strongest consideration.

Presidio People

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Gays/Lesbians in the military, if they fought in the Gulf should they be discharged upon return?

Retired Master Sgt. Ron J. Carol: "I don't feel the Army should kick people out after they have fought in the war and didn't back down from their oath. I do think, however, that if these soldiers said they were gay just to get out of the military because of the war, then they should be thrown out. If a soldier at any time backs down from his oath he should be out."

Maxine E. Hillsmich, sales associate, Post Exchange: "I wouldn't want to see gays in the military even during war. I don't think the military is any place for gays or lesbians. It effects the welfare of all soldiers."

Capt. John K. Johnson, engineer, Hamilton Army Airfield: "I assume that most of the soldiers who said they were gay, just said it so they wouldn't have to go to the Gulf. I think the military is right to throw them out. These soldiers were willing to lie to get out of defending their country. If they were that desperate to get out of doing their job, they certainly shouldn't have the privilege of being a soldier."

Suzanne Hennessey, military wife: "If these soldiers were willing to fight for their country then they shouldn't be thrown out. It's wrong for these soldiers to be thrown out after going through war. They deserve to stay in the military."

Retired Lt. Col. Damion A. Anderson: "Gays shouldn't be in the military in the first place. With the downsizing of the military—the gays should be the first to go, whether they've been to war or not."

Susan Hurlinger, college student, San Francisco State University: "Gays should have equal opportunity. I definitely don't believe the military should say, 'It's time to get out, you served your country but since we're not at war we don't need you.' If they want to get out, that's a different story."

Budget continued from page 1

The current budget request would fund an Army reduction of six divisions by the end of fiscal 1993. Further, Vuono described the "Army of 1997" as a four-corps, 20-division Army mostly based in the continental United States. "We strongly believe that this is the irreducible minimum force required for the Army to meet the nation's future needs for a sustained land combat capability," he said.

The Army he described would be made up of rapidly deployable contingency forces, early reinforcing divisions with round-out National Guard brigades, follow-on reinforcing National Guard divisions, partially equipped and manned cadre divisions, and general support forces.

With smaller active forces and a continued reliance on reserve component support units, the future Army should be "expansible — able to grow quickly as a hedge against future uncertainties," Vuono said. He said that the concept of "reconstitution" during crisis is not new but now takes on added significance.

"The dynamics of the international situation are such that current plans to reduce the size of the Army are not without substantial risk," he said. "Some of this risk will be reduced by maintaining quality and readiness in the total force and some by retaining the capability to rapidly expand the force."

The ability to reconstitute a large Army during a crisis would depend on developing and preserving mobilization infrastructure, the defense industrial and technology bases, and stockpiles of materiel, Vuono said.

The Army's strategic roles are also changing with the times, Vuono said. Changes in those roles — crisis response; forward presence in "areas of vital interest to the United States;" maintaining CONUS-based reinforcements; participating in civil

Readiness Group soldiers train on common skills

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Presidio Readiness Group soldiers tested their common skills here Feb. 25 and 26 as part of Common Task Training.

"Every soldier should know how to perform these tasks," according to Staff Sgt. Maj. Roosevelt Dunn, Presidio Readiness Group sergeant major. "Normally, higher ranking NCOs and officers don't conduct common task training."

"This training is important," Dunn said. "Soldiers need to be prepared for the worst."

"The training let's you know you have the skill to survive on the battle field," Dunn said. "With this training, soldiers will know how to react fast and save their buddy."

Soldiers left the training field behind the Presidio Reserve Center with confidence.

"I think the training went really well," Capt. Mary E. Tomlinson, Quartermaster Branch assistant chief, Presidio Readiness Group. "It's really good for us to get out here and train."

"For most of the soldiers, this is just to refresh their memories," Dunn said. "But some of the soldiers didn't conduct annual training until they arrived here."

According to Dunn, Readiness Group soldiers are the top soldiers in their respective military occupational specialties.

The training increased the confidence of soldiers, according to Capt. Phyllis R. Perry, Branch Ordinance Chief Assistant, Presidio Readiness Group. "The training was a very good motivator and it increased my confidence in my skills and what I can do."



MOPP gear testing.



Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Sisk tests Capt. Phyllis R. Perry's knowledge of setting up the Claymore Mine.

assistance efforts, such as disaster relief and drug interdiction; and military support to friendly nations — are largely based on a diminishing military threat from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

"Our national military strategy has shifted away from containment of the Soviet Union and forward defense," Vuono said. Rather, it now focuses on power projection in global hot spots, forward defense with fewer forward deployed forces, and the ability to reconstitute. However, both Vuono and Stone stopped far short of dismissing the Soviet

Union as a factor shaping U.S. defense policy.

"We must continue to view the events in Moscow, as we have in the past, with an eye toward the Soviets' capabilities, not their stated intentions," Stone said.

"Should the Soviet Union return to the aggressive and confrontational policies of the past, we should substantially re-examine the military posture we are projecting for the future," Vuono said.

Closure

Coping with closure

Questions and answers: RIFs, rights, transfers

by K.M.Petrack, Star Presidian Managing Editor

The Department of Defense will continue to reduce the workforce over the next several years, the gradual downsizing to be accomplished through closures, reorganization, consolidation, elimination of positions, and elimination or transfer of functions. What happens in the process will have a great impact on service members and civilian employees. The military will take care of the military; however, in many cases, civilians will be on their own.

The closure and realignment process at the Presidio is well underway with Letterman Army Medical Center at the forefront of the action. The process is also gaining momentum at the other 85 bases identified, in December 1989, for closure and realignment, all actions of which are to be completed by the end of Fiscal Year 1995.

A second and new list of bases to be recommended for closure or realignment is due to be released on April 15.

This is the third in a series of articles prepared by PAO for those civilians who may be affected by base closure and realignment. This and other information to be published in the next several weeks and is designed to inform and assist civilian employees and managers, and to help everyone affected to plan ahead.

The articles will define various terms, answer some of the questions many of you have raised, clarify areas of concern, and otherwise simply provide the facts. The information is current as of the publication date, but you should be mindful of the fact that regulations change.

1. What is a Reduction in Force (RIF) and what causes it?

RIF is the release of an employee from a competitive level by: Furlough for more than 30 days, separation, demotion, or reassignment. RIF is caused by: Lack of work, shortage of funds, reduction of civilian manpower spaces, reorganization, or in some cases, by exercise of reemployment or restoration rights.

2. Who determines what positions will be abolished in a RIF?

Management is responsible for accomplishing agency objectives by effectively planning work and organizing the workforce within available resources. When resources are reduced (through lack of work, shortage of funds, reduction of manpower authorizations, etc.) and RIF becomes necessary, management identifies the functions, areas or specific positions to be eliminated. Management decisions are made following agency guidelines, and are subject to agency review.

3. Can my supervisor abolish my position because he/she doesn't like me?

No. Abolishment of positions, and subsequent RIF actions are a result of the causes listed in the answer to question 1 above.

4. Are employees eligible for grade or pay retention if they are placed in lower graded positions as a result of RIF?

Employees offered lower graded vacancies are eligible for retained grade if they have served for at least 52 consecutive weeks in grade(s) higher than the position offered. Employees not eligible for grade retention will receive pay retention as appropriate.

5. If my position is abolished and I'm offered a vacancy at a lower grade, what happens to my pay?

If you are placed in a lower graded vacancy as a result of RIF and you are ineligible for grade retention, your salary will be set at the appropriate step of the new grade if your rate of basic pay falls within the pay range of the new position. If your salary exceeds the highest step of the new grade, you will retain either your current rate of basic pay or 150% of the maximum rate of basic pay of the new grade, whichever is less.

6. If my position is abolished, why can't I be placed in a position at a higher grade if I'm qualified.

RIF procedures were designed to maintain employ-

ment when possible at the employee's current or, if necessary, lower grade level. Employees seeking higher grades may apply for appropriate positions at any time under normal merit promotion procedures.

7. What are the factors that determine the outcome of a RIF?

RIF regulations require the documentation of a series of retention factors for all competing employees. These include: establishment of competitive areas, competitive levels, and retention registers which contain information relevant to each employee's tenure group, veteran preference, subgroup, and length of service augmented by performance credit. When RIF becomes necessary these retention factors are applied to determine which employees will actually be affected.

8. How can I be sure that the information used to determine my standing in a RIF is accurate?

The information used to determine your retention standing is contained in the Official Personnel Folder or Merged Record Personnel Folder, as appropriate. You should periodically review your records to assure that all information is current and accurate. Give special attention to the Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action, which documents your competitive level, type of service (CIPMS), veteran preference status, and service computation date.

9. What is a competitive area?

Competitive areas are defined solely in terms of the organization and geographic boundaries in which employees compete in a RIF. The CPO can provide additional information about the competitive areas established within its serviced population.

10. What is a competitive level?

A competitive level is comprised of positions in the same grade and classification series which are similar enough in duties and qualification requirements that they are considered interchangeable. Separate competitive levels are established for competitive service and excepted service positions. Within the excepted service, separate competitive levels are established for each appointment authority. Competitive levels are also separated according to: Type of work schedule, e.g., full-time, part-time; supervisory or non-supervisory status; and trainee status, e.g., interns.

11. How many positions can be assigned to the same competitive level?

A competitive level may consist of a single position, or an almost unlimited number of positions provided they meet the criteria cited in the answer to the previous question.

12. Can positions in different organizations be assigned to the same competitive level?

Yes, provided the organizations are within the same competitive area and the positions meet the criteria cited in the answer above to the question on competitive levels.

13. As a veteran, do I have preference over all of the non-veterans in my competitive level?

Not necessarily. Persons who have veteran preference for RIF have higher retention standing than non-veterans within their assigned tenure groups, and all employees in lower tenure groups. They do not, however, have higher retention standing than veterans or non-veterans in higher tenure groups. It is important to note that not all persons who have completed military service are entitled to veteran preference for RIF purposes.

14. What is a retention register?

A retention register is a list of competing employees within a competitive level who are grouped by tenure, veteran preference, and length of service augmented by performance credit.

15. What are the tenure groups?

According to Donna R. White, Chief, Recruitment and Placement Division, CPO, there are three tenure groups:

- Tenure Group I: Career employees who are not serving on probation.
- Tenure Group II: Career employees serving a probationary period, and career-conditional employees.
- Tenure Group III: Employees serving under indefinite appointment, temporary appointment pending establishment of a register (TAPER), term appointment, status quo appointment, or any other nonstatus nontemporary appointment.

16. How long must I serve before being assigned to Tenure Group I?

Employees in the competitive service must complete three years of continuous creditable service before they are assigned to tenure group I.

17. How are employees identified within the tenure group?

The subgroups are:

- Subgroup AD: Veterans Preference eligibles who have compensable service-connected disability of 30% or more.
- Subgroup A: Veterans Preference eligibles not in Subgroup AD.
- Subgroup B: Employees not eligible for veteran preference.

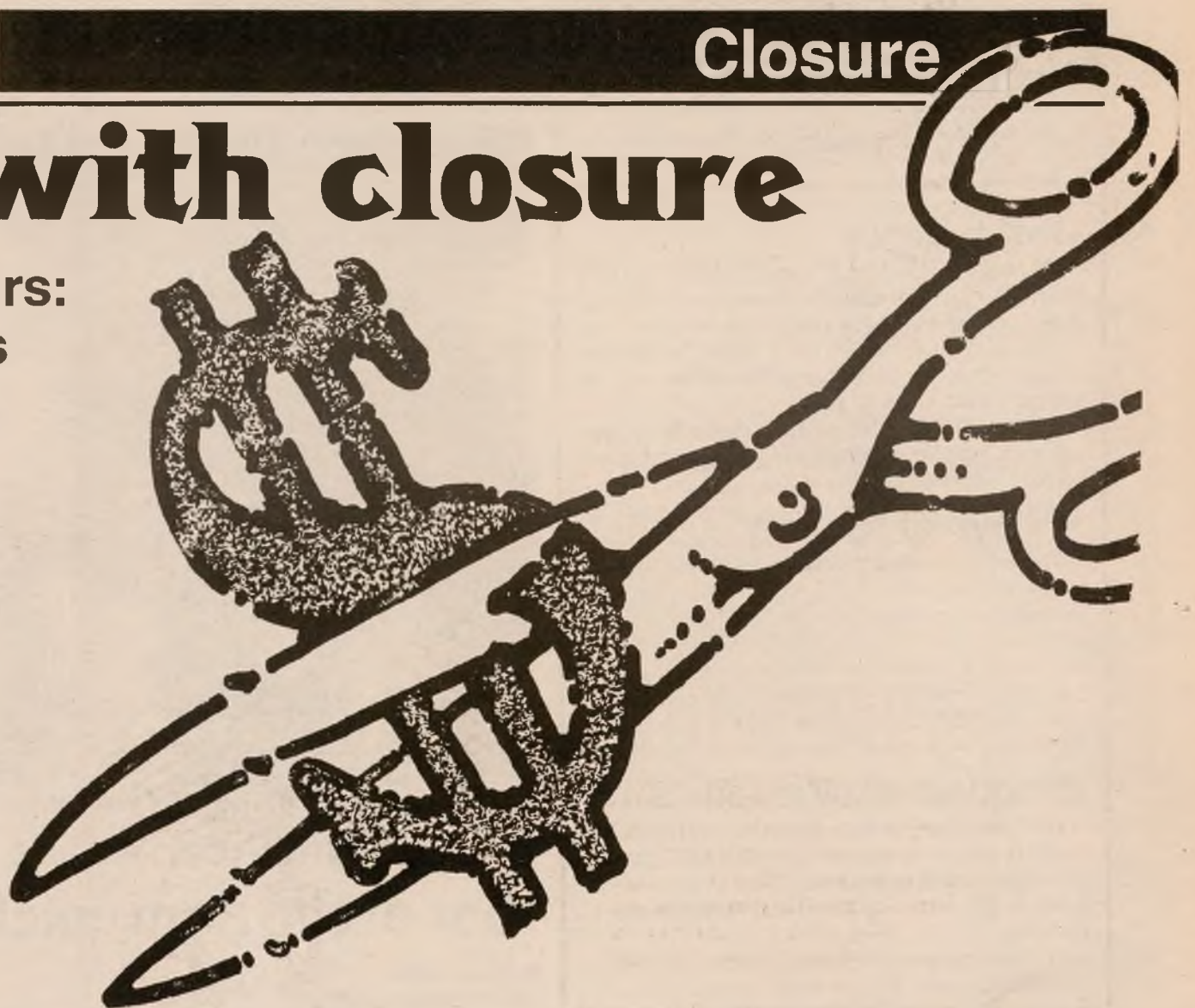
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18. What if I don't agree with my standing on a retention register?

Retention standing is determined from specific information documented in the employee's Official Personnel Folder or Merged Record Personnel Folder.

If you disagree with your standing on a retention register, you should review the items in question with your CPO to ensure their accuracy.

(continued next week)



Sports/Health

Sports Briefs by Drew Seaman Star Presidian staff

Golf tourney

The Association of the United States Army San Francisco Chapter's Tenth Annual Golf Tournament will be played at the Presidio Army Golf Course and the Presidio Club April 5. The competition is Best Ball Scramble and will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The \$80.00 entry fee includes green fees, electric cart, luncheon, prizes and your contribution to AUSA general fund.

Volleyball tourney

The 1991 Intramural Volleyball League competition will begin April 1. A clinic for coaches, managers, players and officials will be conducted at 1 p.m. in Post Gym -1 March 26. Units entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting. Commander's points will be awarded to units attending the meeting. Point of contact for this action is Tauaese Tauaese, Jr. at 561-4131.

Racquetball championship

The 1991 Racquetball Championship will be held Monday through the 17th at Post Gym -1. Competition will be held in the Men's Open, Men's Senior's (35 years or older) and Women's Open divisions.

This tournament is open to all active duty soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members (20 years or older) assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco. An entry fee of \$5 will be charged to help defray the cost of awards and refreshments.

For more information call John Funes at 561-4131.

Gym No.1 closed

Post Gym -1 will be used for Air Force Academy and West Point testing Sunday. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon. It will reopen upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

Tennis tourney

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Annual Easter Vacation Tennis Tournament will be held March 29 and 30 in Golden Gate Park. Preregistration is necessary by March 15.

Any children aged 8 to 18 years may enter the tournament in the following divisions: Midget 8 - 11; Junior 12 - 14; Senior 15 - 18. Ranked Junior players are excluded. Double partners may be designated at registration. Tennis rackets are available on request. Entry forms are available from, and must be turned in at any local recreation center or the athletic office at Kezar Pavilion.

Mail registrations should be addressed to Garnet Franklin, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Ca. 94117.

Youth Baseball

The Presidio Youth Sports Office is registering children for T-ball and baseball. T-ball is for children six through eight years old. Registration is \$15 per child or a \$40 family rate for three or more children.

Baseball is for children ages seven to 14 years of age. Proof of birth and photo is required along with a \$20 child registration fee or a \$50 family rate for three or more children.

Registration will be held until today (March 7) at the Sports Office in Gym No. 1, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 561-3673.

Youth team coaches needed

If you are 18 or older, enjoy youngsters and baseball, the San Francisco Youth Baseball League is looking for you. Coaches and umpires are needed for youth teams participating in the spring league. Special umpire workshops will be scheduled for participants. For information, call John or Peter at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department at 753-7029.



Despite the rain, the Chinese New Year parade marched on.

Chinese New Year Parade

Year of the Ram celebrated despite deluge

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Neither wind, nor rain, nor dead of night could stop San Francisco's annual Chinese New Year Parade from winding its way through The City Saturday night.

Dark clouds delivered a welcomed deluge on the approximately 100,000 merry-makers who braved the elements to welcome the Year of the Ram and cheer the largest celebration of its kind outside of Asia.

Hundreds of participants marched in bands, danced as lions, slithered through the streets as dragons, twirled fire-tipped-batons, marched in drum and bell corps, walked as 10-foot-tall puppets, rode on floats and much, much more.

Asians make up more than 27 percent of San Francisco's population, and the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau sees the parade as a chance to highlight Chinese culture, Chinese-American's contributions to our nation and celebrate San Francisco's Chinese community.

According to Chinatown sages consulted by the visitors bureau, each lunar year is governed by the personality characteristics of the ruling animal deity in the Chinese zodiac. February 15 the horse was butted back into the astrological stables, allowing the ram to emerge. The ram's reign forecasts a year influenced by serenity, harmony, and tranquility. Chinese people believe good fortune smiles on the ram because of his pure nature and kind heart.

Speaking of pure and kind, the soggy spectators who ventured out to see the final act of the eight-day-long festival celebrating the arrival of the ram, were treated to the undulating rhythms and boisterous crackling of Gum Lum, the Golden Dragon.

As the final curtain fell on the parade, the dra-



The 160-foot-long golden dragon marched at the end of the parade.

matic 160-foot-long golden dragon, its full complement 66-person-132-leg-propulsion-pack digested within its long, sinewy body, arrived at the reviewing stand.

The fearsome dragon lit up the night. Its danced and spewed 30,000 firecrackers whose explosions would ward off evil spirits for the new year—a year whose life, started much like that of a ram: bleating, and wet, very wet.



Two rams stood tall on a float as it passed spectators on the streets.

photos by Chuck Blancet

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

West Point Founders' Day

The annual West Point Founders' Day dinner will be held at the Officers' Club, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Retired Lt. Gen. Robert G. Gard Jr. will be the guest speaker. For reservations or more information, call Mary Paul at 561-3637. For transportation assistance, call John Moore at 561-3980.

Plant clinic

Plant doctors will diagnose your garden problems at the Strybing Arboretum Nursery's plant clinic, Saturday at 10 a.m. to noon. The nursery is located at 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. For more information, call 666-0668.

Senior's dance

A senior citizens dance will be held at the Golden Gate Park Senior Center, Sunday at 2 p.m. The music of Ray Belle and his Variety Band will be featured. The cost is \$2. The Senior Center is located at 6101 Fulton Street in Golden Gate Park. For more information, call 337-4701.

Education Center closure

The Fort Scott and Letterman Army Medical Center Education Centers will be closed March 15. Both centers will reopen March 18 at 7:30 a.m.

POWC tours

The Presidio Officers' Wives Club will take a tour to the Maslach Art Glass Company March 14. The tour is free, but members will stop for lunch in Larkspur, Calif. Members will meet at the Officers' Club at 10:30 a.m. to car pool. Reservations must be made by Tuesday. To make reservations or for more information, call Ellen Litney at 346-9436. The April tour will be at the Landscape Garden Show at Fort Mason April 17.

Auto service excellence

Automotive and truck mechanic written exams for Automotive Service Excellence will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center May 7, 9 and 14. These tests are sponsored by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Testing is available for military members only. Soldiers in specific Military Occupational Skills will receive partial funding. Sample test preparation guides are available. Registration fee is \$20. Each specialty exam costs \$15. These exams may be used for college credit. Tests must be ordered no later than March 27. For more information see a counselor at the Education Center or call 561-4445/3189.

PX price increase

Vending services at the Post Exchange increased Monday. Cold drinks increased to 55 cents, Snacks to 50 cents, Candy to 55 cents and cigarettes to \$2.25. Haircut prices will increase to \$5.95 April 1.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 1991

"Nurturing Tradition, Fostering Change"



EVENTS:

March

- 1-31 Post Library Display
- 1-31 Post Museum Display
- 1-31 Fort Point Museum "Women in History" Exhibit
- 21 Women's History Month Panel



Photo class

A black and white photography class will begin today and will be held eight Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Photography Center. The class offers basic lessons about design, composition, camera, lenses, light meters, film choices processing and printing. All materials except film are provided.

A flash photography class will be held three Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning today. The cost is \$25. The three sessions will highlight the specifics of exposure, synchronization, guide numbers, ready lights and mountings.

For more information, call 554-9522.

ITT update

Hotel reservations

Presidians who make hotel reservations through ITT will receive discounted room rates. This offer is for leisure and official travel.

Support group for pregnant women

A support group for pregnant women with spouses in Saudi Arabia will meet Mondays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. The date and location of the first session has not been decided. For more information, call Leslie Tan or Simon Pincus at 561-4403/3120/2649.

USO volunteers

USO volunteers are needed for Desert Storm support activities. To volunteer or for more information, call 561-2436, Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

'Hamlet'

Hamlet will be playing at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater now through March 31. Tickets are \$10 to \$20 weeknights and \$10 to \$29 weekends. Tickets are available through A.C.T. Central Box Office. For more information, call 749-2ACT.

Recycling

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5131. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Finance and Accounting

The Directorate of Resource Management Finance and Accounting Office is recruiting for a GS-544-08, Chief, Civilian Payroll Section. Local speciality pay applies to position. Interested applicants should send an SF-50 to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, building 37. For more information, call Donald Judge at 561-2029/2975.

Leave donation request

James Kimsey, a Directorate of Logistics employee, is experiencing a personal emergency. Kimsey has exhausted all sick and annual leave and has requested to become a leave recipient. Anyone wishing to donate leave, call Mike Modena at 561-3898.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

POWC luncheon

The Presidio Officers' Wives Club will attend a luncheon for officers' wives throughout the Bay Area at the Annual Joint Services Luncheon at noon March 16 in the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel. The cost is \$28. To make reservations or for more information, call Teena Larson at 931-7137.

Youth Group luncheon

The Presidio Chapel Youth Group will hold a potluck luncheon for Presidio families March 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the Religious Activities Center, building 682. All families except those with family members in the Persian Gulf are asked to bring a food item. Those families with last names beginning with A through H are asked to bring salad, I through O to bring a side dish and P through Z to bring a dessert. Reservations must be made by Friday. To make reservations or for more information, call 561-4440/4719.

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is looking for licensed beauticians and cosmetologists to volunteer to help cancer patients enhance their appearance while undergoing medical treatment. The program is called "Look good... Feel better." A free training program will be held at Zenzi's Beauty College at 677 Portola Drive in San Francisco March 25 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All participants will receive a certificate from the National Cosmetology Association and the American Cancer Society. For more information, call 394-7100.

Pediatric clinic

The Pediatric Clinic at Letterman Army Medical Center would like parents to arrive 15 minutes prior to their child's routine appointment time. This will give the clinic staff time to initially assess the children before they see the physician. Parents who are late for appointments will be assisted in scheduling a future appointment. For more information, call Keith E. Sickafoose at 561-2447.

Deep Line info

Need up to the minute information on what's going on at the Presidio? Call the Deep Line at 561-2531, day and night, and find out.

St. Patrick's Day dance

The Presidio Officer's Club will host a St. Patrick's Day dance March 16. Green beer will be served. The dinner will feature corned beef and cabbage plus specially created "real" Irish cuisine. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9:30 p.m. with dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight to the strains of Tom Lep. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 921-1612.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri. March 8: Mermaids (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sat. March 9: Home Alone (PG) 7 p.m.
Sun. March 10: Tune In Tomorrow (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Mon. March 11: Look Who's Talking Too (PG-13) p.m.

Hamilton Theatre movies not available at press time.



Future use of Letterman facilities studied

by Tom Galvin
Base Realignment and Closure Office

Rumors abound about the future use of the Letterman Army Medical Center hospital building. Public Law 100-526 directs the implementation of the Secretary of Defense's commission recommendations to close LAMC and distribute its assets in conjunction with the closure and realignment of the Presidio of San Francisco.

In November 1989, 10 months after the commission's recommendations became known, a Defense Appropriations Conference report recommended that the Secretary of the Army work with the Secretary of the Interior to develop plans for the future use of the Presidio of San Francisco. That recommendation specified the continued operation or access to five on-post activities: LAMC, family housing, commissary, child care center and Army Reserve centers as subjects to be studied. Of the five, only LAMC has been named by the commission.

LAMC closure specified

Because LAMC had been specified for closure, con-

tinued operation by the Department of Defense was precluded.

From March through September, 1990, representatives of the Army and the National Park Service negotiated the agreement recommended by the appropriations conference. Article seven of the agreement provides that "... the Army agrees to undertake an internal study of potential, present and future departmental requirements that may be met through lease-back arrangements with the Department of the Interior or other arrangements consistent with the Base Closure and Realignment Act. This study shall include an analysis of the feasibility of continuing a non-military health care operation in facilities now occupied by Letterman Army Medical Center. ..."

Non-military health care at LAMC considered

The "Third-party feasibility study for Letterman Army Medical Center" portion of the San Francisco Presidio Reuse Study is being prepared for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District by Jones and Stokes Associated, Inc. of Sacramento.

The primary objective of the study is to estimate the demand generated by eligible beneficiaries for medical services provided by LAMC health care facilities operated by a third party. An additional objective is to estimate costs to the federal government for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, CHAMPUS, services for eligible beneficiaries when LAMC closes.

The study is still in progress. Therefore, it is inappropriate to speculate on the conclusions that the completed study will support. It should be noted that the study is an internal Army feasibility study which will recommend a course of action to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installation, Logistics and Environment. However, that recommendation by itself will not obligate the Department of the Interior.

Study results due end of March

The study is due to be completed by the end of March, 1991. The study will have no impact on the deactivation of LAMC, scheduled to begin between July and September, 1991.

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News Briefs

Power outage

A power outage is scheduled for buildings 1000 through 1040 and 1151 through 1153 Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The outage is needed for the removal of contaminated concrete pad at building 1040. For more information, call the Directorate of Engineering and Housing Office at 561-4817/5176.

A power outage for buildings 300, 500 and Quarters No. 1 is scheduled for March 21 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. This power outage is required to make electrical repairs to family housing.

Another power outage is scheduled for the 500 area and Quarters No. 1 March 22 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call John Lucas at 561-3211.

Vehicle Registration office hours

The Vehicle Registration section at the Provost Marshal's Office will change their hours beginning Monday. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday closure from noon to 1 p.m., and Wednesday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 561-3591.

MOS/Medical retention board

Soldiers who have a permanent profile with the number three or four will be mandatorily referred for evaluation to an MOS/Medical Retention Board. Soldiers with these factors who have not been referred to an MMRB must contact Military Personnel Operation Branch at 561-2151/3297. The next MMRB will be held April 23 at the Sixth U.S. Army conference facility, building 35, at 8 a.m.

DEH street sweeper

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing's street sweeper will not be in operation until repairs can be made.

Free auto check

Family members who have spouses involved in Operation Desert Storm will be provided free service at the Auto Shop in building 662 on McDowell Ave. Included in the free service will be brakes, tires and oil, coolants and other check areas.

The shop is open Wednesday through Friday 2 to 10 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In order to make an appointment for the service, family members are advised to call 561-5521. Members must present identification cards as well as verification orders.

Learning at LAMC



photo by Duvel White

Under the watchful eye of Cecilia Ysip, Letterman Army Medical Center Pediatric Clinic licensed nurse, five-year-old Rosa Parks examines her classmate, Gwen Abella's ear. The students were part of a Child Development Center pre-kindergarten class on a field trip. Last week's visit served to "Let them know what they can expect at the doctor's office so they won't be as scared the next time they come," according to Mike Simones, lead kindergarten teacher.

Army eases Stop Loss provisions

by Star Presidian staff and Army News Service

The Army has relaxed or eliminated many of the provisions of its Stop Loss policy that prohibited soldiers from leaving active duty and resulted in the call-up and mobilization of thousands of reservists and retirees to support operations in the Persian Gulf.

The Stop Loss policy, implemented in the early stages of Operation Desert Shield, halted virtually all voluntary retirements and separations from the Army. While personnel officials at the Pentagon say the policy hasn't been lifted across the board, sweeping changes have been made to allow soldiers who have served past their terms of service or retirement dates to be discharged upon their return to CONUS from overseas.

"Stop Loss has not been lifted for soldiers deployed overseas right now," said Lt. Col. Timothy J. Decker of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. "Anyone overseas remains under Stop

Loss until they return to CONUS — once they return, out-processing can begin immediately."

Decker said that soldiers already in CONUS who were affected by the Stop Loss policy can now be released from the Army "consistent with normal outprocessing procedures."

Army personnel officials announced March 9 that all non-deployed soldiers — except those with "critical skills" — who have served beyond their expiration of terms of service will be released from active duty "as expeditiously as possible."

Priority for out-processing will be based on the availability of the soldier and his original ETS date — the earlier the date, the "greater priority for the soldier to be released," said Decker. "The soldiers who have been held the longest should be the first to be out-processed."

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Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Fly a flag for freedom

Dear Presidians —

Week seven has brought us the first of our soldiers returning from the Gulf War. We have not had a unit return to Presidio specifically, but others from throughout Sixth Army have, and for that we are thankful. At the Presidio itself we have had a number of Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) soldiers processed out by our transition point. These were recently discharged soldiers recalled to active duty to backfill active soldiers sent to flesh out units in the Gulf. So, we continue to play a very vital roll — first in the mobilization and now in the demobilization of our Army. The cessation of hostilities and the return of our service members makes it a very GREAT day to be a member of America's Armed Forces at the Presidio of San Francisco — A Very Special Place!

On Wednesday the 6th I had the pleasure of awarding a Commander's Certificate to the Maintenance Division of DOL. These folks really worked to prepare a number of units for Desert Shield/Storm. But their biggest challenge was preparing Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion for deployment. It required a lot of work on some old, very low density equipment and the re-painting of the entire fleet. So, it was my real pleasure to recognize these dedicated and hard-working civilian employees for a job well done. And I was able to share with them the GREAT job the soldiers of C/864th are doing. They truly have SET THE PACE for their parent unit — building roads, pipe lines, buildings and repairing the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait City. They sent the best!

On Thursday, our chaplains organized and conducted a very moving "Service of Gratitude" for all our PSF soldiers who participated in DESERT SHIELD/STORM. It was a good ceremony and my thanks to Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Jerry Mize who set it all up. Also, my thanks to all who participated in any way. For your help and participation we are grateful.

Also on Thursday was another ceremony—an awards ceremony which I missed, but Brig. Gen. Lash did the honors. Drivers badges were presented to Sgt. Miramontes and Spec. Clark from Protocol, Spec. Puntenev from DCG-A Office, and Sgt. Oates from HQ Command Battalion. In addition, Spec. Puntenev received a Good Conduct Medal. Congrats to all and a big HOO AH!

Some weeks ago I shared with you a good letter from a customer at the Car Care Center. The only problem was I only knew the name of one of the persons cited: Sullivan. Well, I finally tracked down the other—the mechanic—a Mr. (Sergeant) Trejo. Mr. Trejo is a mechanic at our garage but he is also a 1st Sergeant in the 91st Training Division. So I was finally able to thank him and present him a USASIX coin. And that's always HOO AH!

During our Gulf War there were a number of protests at PSF. Because of this and to insure the protection of the post a number of our USA/SIX/PSF soldiers were denied their rightful time off on long weekends. I never hear a word of

complaint—everyone just accepted it as part of their Army duty. And so it was. But on Friday the 8th we tried to repay those fine soldiers by declaring a training holliday. I hope all of you got some time off and time with your family, friends, or just to do what you wanted to do. As always, I'm sure someone had to work anyway—but I hope at least that most of you got some free time. HOO AH!

Heartiest congratulations to Sgt. Lionel Roberson Jr., as LAMC NCO of the Year and to Spec. Dave-Roger Grosvenor as LAMC's Soldier of the Year. That's HOO AH!

Tuesday the 12th we honored two more great PSF soldiers: SSgt. Allen, Training NCO at HQ Command Battalion as NCO of the Quarter for 1st Quarter of FY 91 and Spec.(P) Linn as PSF Soldier of the Month for February. And as always we thank all our many and varied sponsors of this program. We sincerely appreciated your support of our wonderful soldiers. That's HOO AH!

May I share with you a poem by Pam Wittern and Kristina Hodges that I saw in the recent edition of the C/864th Charlie Rock Newsletter? This I thought was a very special poem by two very obvious, very special ladies:

We are the Children of War

by Pam Wittern and Kristina Hodges

*We are the children of war,
we run, we play, we sing, and
WE MISS OUR DADDYS.*

*We don't understand politics,
or government,
or why there is a war.
WE MISS OUR DADDYS.*

*We don't hate, we pick up
after ourselves, and
we don't take things
that aren't ours.
AND WE MISS OUR DADDYS.
WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF WAR.
We have no choice,
No voice,
we have tears,
AND WE MISS OUR DADDYS.*

Now that's really HOO AH!

Presidians, the war may be over and our troops returning but need for your support continues. So let's keep flying those flags for freedom, supporting our soldiers and exhibiting our love of our great country every day. HOO AH!

God bless you each and every one and God Bless America!

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

**"Wars may be fought with weapons
but they are won by men (and
women). It is the spirit of men (and
women) who follow and of the man
(and woman) who leads that gains
the victory."**

—Gen. George Patton



photo by Adrienne Sims

Lt.Gen.William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, was guest speaker at a service held for troops who supported Operation Desert Storm. The ceremony was held at the Post Chapel March 7.

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News

Desert Storm mail restrictions lifted

by Army News Service

The size and weight restrictions placed on Desert Storm mail have been lifted, according to U.S. Central Command postmaster Maj. Michael H. Whitaker.

Before this change, mail sent from the Persian Gulf area was limited to weighing 16 ounces or less. Individuals sending mail to the theater had been asked to voluntarily limit mail to first class letters and audio cassettes. Both limitations have been lifted.

With the new policy, soldiers can send and receive any packages that meet standard postal size and weight requirements. Before sealing outgoing packages, Whitaker said servicemembers in the Middle East are encouraged to bring the packages to their local mailing centers so they can be checked for unauthorized items. Those that have already been sealed will be processed; however, they may be delayed, because of screening.



DMV eases rules for some military

by Department of Motor Vehicles

Department of Motor Vehicles policy on vehicle registration and driver license hearings have been eased to accommodate California military personnel called to service or deployed out of California because of Operation Desert Storm.

Regulations requiring renewal of vehicle registrations on or before their expiration date have been relaxed, according to DMV. Military personnel deployed out of state because of Operation Desert Storm will be allowed to renew the registration or declare the vehicle non-operational within 30 days of their return to California.

It is possible that military personnel may receive computer generated collection letters regarding the expired registration. DMV requests they, or a family member, respond to correspondence from the department. Penalties will be waived for qualifying military personnel.

Military personnel who had had their driving privilege suspended, cancelled or revoked and were eligible for a hearing will be provided due process when they return to California.

Information on these changes may be obtained by contacting any DMV office.

Questions and answers: RIFs, rights, transfers

(continued from last week)

by K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian managing editor

19. Can I displace an employee with less service than I have?

Yes, but only within your own competitive level. If your position is abolished you can displace an employee in your competitive level who has lower retention standing. But you should remember that an employee's service date for RIF is augmented by credit for performance.

20. What assistance can I expect if my position is abolished in a RIF?

Employees affected by RIF will receive information and assistance from their supervisors and the Civilian Personnel Office with regard to the regulations and procedures followed in processing the RIF action. CPO can provide information about outplacement programs, to include registration of eligible employees. CPO will also provide information regarding entitlements and benefits for which you may be eligible, and can assist with career counseling, job search counseling, or provide preparation assistance for your Standard Form 171.

21. If my position is abolished, can I retire?

If you believe you may be eligible for retirement, you should contact CPO for specific information.

22. Can I be registered in the Department of Defense (DOD) Priority Placement Program?

Yes. All displaced career and career conditional employees are eligible for registration in the DOD Priority Placement Program. CPO can provide additional information.

23. How does the Priority Placement Program work?

The DOD Priority Placement Program provides maximum placement assistance within DOD for employees adversely affected by changing manpower requirements. Registered employees are referred to DOD activities in the United States and Puerto Rico on a priority basis for placement in appropriate positions. CPO can provide additional information on registration procedures and requirements.

24. Are there other programs for which I am eligible if I am separated in a RIF?

Yes. There is the Displaced Employee Program, Interagency Placement Assistance Program, and the Reemployment Priority List program. These programs will be covered in detail in an upcoming article on CPO placement assistance.

25. If I am offered a position in another geographic location through one of the outplacement programs, will the government pay my moving expenses?

Relocation expenses are generally allowable when an employee's move is in the interest of the Government. Employee placements made through recognized outplacement programs are considered to be in the interest of the Government. Special programs such as the Homeowners Assistance Program or the



Department of the Army Relocation Services for Employees, are available to eligible employees when certain conditions are met. CPO can provide specific information about eligibility requirements and program services.

26. What benefits do I qualify for if my position is abolished?

As a separated employee, you will receive a lump sum payment for unused annual leave accumulated prior to separation. Specific information regarding eligibility for severance pay, Federal Health Benefits Program, Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI), and retirement programs (including your eligibility for early retirement and the option to withdraw your accumulated lump sum retirement contributions due to involuntary separation as a result of discontinued service), can be provided by CPO.

27. What are my options if I wish to contest my RIF action?

CPO will assist you with regard to regulations and procedures used to support RIF actions. Employees who are separated or demoted as a result of RIF may appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board under the provisions of its regulations. These regulations provide for appeal when affected employees believe that RIF regulations were not invoked for one of the specified legitimate management reasons, or that RIF procedures were not properly applied. Appeals must be filed with MSPB during the 20-day period beginning with the day after the effective date of the action being appealed. Appeals are not accepted on or before the effective date.

These questions and answers are intended as general guidance. It is not possible to present all the information or to fully describe all the rights or benefits available in every situation. If you have other questions of a general nature (or personal questions with broad applicability), write the Editor, *Star Presidian*, c/o Public Affairs Office, Building 38, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-7000, or call 561-5465, and we will do our best to research them and provide answers in print.

The *Star Presidian* appreciates the assistance of CPO in reviewing and verifying the accuracy of the information in this series, particularly Severin Johnson, Rick Hall, Dwight Carnes, Gary Stella, and Donna White.

If your questions concern purely personal employment and benefits issues or personal retirement matters, call Dwight Carnes in the Civilian Personnel Directorate at 561-4378, or Gary Stella, Technical Services Branch Chief, CPD, at 561-5757, respectively.

Stop Loss continued from page 1

Other categories affected by the easing of the Stop Loss policy include:

- **RETIREMENTS** (active Army officer and enlisted). All soldiers who had approved retirement dates on or before Oct. 1, 1991 or a date to be determined in fiscal 91 will be contacted by their servicing transition point. When contacted, the soldiers will establish retirement dates on or before Oct. 1.

Retirement dates may be established beyond Oct. 1 in order to allow soldiers time to use transition leave prior to retirement.

- **TEMPORARY TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY.** Soldiers will not be allowed to serve more than 360 days on active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Soldiers on TTAD to perform individual projects will be released upon expiration of original orders. Soldiers beyond the expiration of their original orders will be released before July 7 unless approved by the Army Personnel Command.

Soldiers on TTAD whose original orders have not expired will be released on the date of expiration.

Soldiers on TTAD as unit fillers to units in the Persian Gulf will remain with the units until they return to CONUS.

Soldiers on TTAD in Army National Guard round-out brigades will remain with the unit until training is completed and will be released within 30 days from the completion of training.

- **INDIVIDUAL MOBILIZATION AUGMENTEES.** All activated IMA will be released as soon as operational requirements permit, but not later than July 7.

- **INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE.** Members of the IRR mobilized in January 1991, except those identified by their major commands as possessing critical skills, soldiers assigned to roundout brigades or those who have requested enlistment in the Regular Army, will be released from active duty immediately.

IRR soldiers who began refresher training prior to March 4 will complete training prior to separation. Soldiers assigned to roundout brigades will remain with the unit until completion of training and will be released within 30 days from completion of training.

IRR soldiers serving overseas will be released from active duty upon their return to CONUS.

- **RECALLED RETIREES.** Retirees recalled to active duty in support of Desert Shield/Storm will be processed and released by July 7. Priority will be given to involuntarily recalled retirees.

- **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMY RESERVE MEMBERS.** Soldiers attached to deployed active or reserve component units will remain with the unit, redeploy as a member of the unit, and be released from active duty at the unit's home or mobilization station.

Once redeployed to home station, soldiers who have served past their service obligation will be transferred or discharged.

The provisions of Stop Loss no longer apply to non-activated selected reserve units.

- **CRITICAL SKILLS.** Soldiers with critical skills may be retained on active duty until July 7 to meet operational requirements or to maintain readiness.

For more information concerning changes to the Stop Loss policy, call 561-2151.

Presidio People



Ask Presidians by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

With the war over, what is the most pressing problem America must face?

Pamela L. Hayles, window clerk, Presidio Post Office: "Everything: the homeless, unemployment. Since the war, America has been busy trying to help other countries than our own. Now that the war is over we still have to face the problems we had before we went into the war. We started out in the red and problems in America didn't stop when the war began."



Deborah L. Dodson, Management Analyst, Directorate of Resource Management: "The crisis in the banking system. All our banks are in a mess, they are failing in the savings and loan department. I believe that our focus of attention has been on the war. Now that the war is over we need to concentrate on bank failures and how to clean up the system."



Spec. Bennett M. Russell, medical specialist/EMT, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Economy. Keeping the economy from going further into recession. Normally, war boost the economy. Now that the war is over the economy will go back down."



Cindy S. Fitzgerald, receptionist, Internal Medicine, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Keeping troops in the Middle East to maintain peace. I don't think we should have anything to do with it, but on the other hand we have to make sure Hussein doesn't cause any more problems. Although he doesn't have much left of his Army, he could build back up."



Joseph M. Nallon, awards clerk, Personnel and Operations Branch, MILPO: "The environment is now the big problem. We aren't taking care of the environment. All the natural resources are being wasted. We may not have anything left for tomorrow."



Pfc. Stuart B. Guidry, Military Police, Police Security Detachment 6632: "Helping the reservists get back into their civilian jobs. The war has put a financial strain on so many of the reservists. A lot of people will be laid off from their jobs because of recession."



Sgt. Lionel Roberson Jr., LAMC NCO of the Year, lends a smile and an ear to a caller.

**by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff
photos by Sean Cudgel**

United States Army Information Systems Command

Congratulations go to the following civilian federal employees for their long service to the government: Ellen Huie for 35 years of employment, Curtis McCray for 30 years, Harold W. Wilson for 25 years and Erich Bailey for 25 years. There will be an awards ceremony for these first quarter honorees during early April.

Congratulations to Spec. Daren Waters on his *Ministrial Recognition* by Hamilton Memorial Church of God in San Francisco. Pastor Elder J. L. Langston, Jr. chose Waters for the honor.

Thanks go to Lurline Richards who coordinated a Dutchtreat Crab Fest in the first floor of building 34.

Thanks go out to the following soldiers for their participation in the USAISC annual Christmas party at Spenger's in Berkdey: Danny LaVilla who won the talent show with his piano playing, Ruby Henriquez who took second place with her lip-sincing of "Amore" and "La Bamba". The comic relief was provided by Curtis McCray and Tony Illiard Gang. Former USAISC employee, Patricia Mallett, played her violin. Larry Portman and Cpl. Amber Janson led off the dancing followed by Staff Sgt. Joe Ashford and Sgt. 1st Class Regina Johnson. Sgt. Tony Chiofalo recited a short ditty paraphrasing a well known Christmas carol. Harold W. Wilson offered the grace. Master of Ceremonies for the day were Barbara Gannon and Susan Baker.

USAISC would like to give belated thanks to the Sixth U.S. Army Band for their excellent sounding Christmas medley they performed Dec. 18. Thanks also to Chief Warrant Officer Orville L. Gannon for leading his troops well.

Letterman Army Medical Center

Sgt. Lionel Roberson Jr. was selected as the LAMC non-commissioned officer of the year. Roberson has been with LAMC's Administration Services for almost two years.

Spec. Dave-Roger Grosvenor was selected as LAMC's soldier of the year. He works at the Tracy Branch of Letterman's Veterinary Service, Tracy Army Depot, Tracy, Calif.

Top Nurses Receive Bovard Award



Capt. Angela R. Marinelli.



Maj. Analiza Y. Savage.

Two of LAMC's finest nurses were honored Feb. 1 when they received the Evangeline G. Bovard Award. Capt. Angela R. Martinelli, an operating room nurse, and Maj. Analiza Savage, an ob/gyn nurse practitioner, were selected as LAMC's outstanding nurses for 1991.

They were selected by a committee that reviewed nominations of 30 nurses, representing all departments at LAMC. In addition to the Bovard award, both received the Army Achievement Medal and a one-year membership in the Association of the United States Army.



Spec. Dave-Roger Grosvenor of the Tracy Veterinary Services Branch is the LAMC Soldier of the Year.

Headquarters, Sixth Region, CIDC

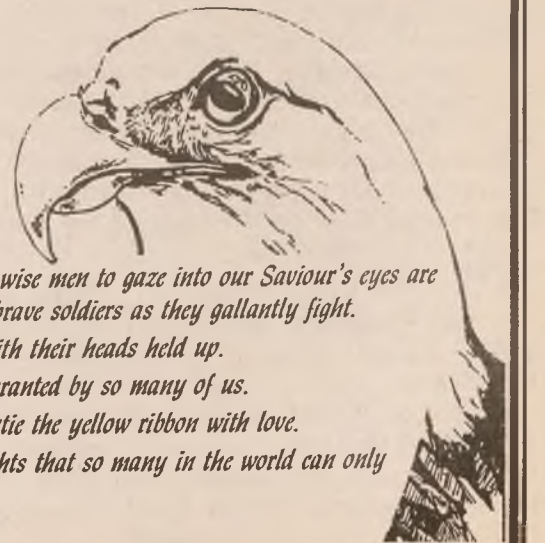
Congratulations to O'laine T. Martinez who was promoted to the rank of sergeant March 1. Congratulations also to Spec. Mark Linn who completed the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Ord in January.

Camp Parks, Dublin

Camp Parks is preparing for Parks Week 1991 April 8-19 to improve facilities for the 1991 annual training ending Sept. 30.

Desert Knights

by Marlana Joyce



The same stars that led the wise men to gaze into our Saviour's eyes are the ones shining down on our brave soldiers as they gallantly fight.

Off to war so many went with their heads held up.

Standing for things taken for granted by so many of us.

Soon they will return as we untie the yellow ribbon with love.

To share in all the joys of nights that so many in the world can only dream of.

Women's History

March is Women's History Month

Stepping towards success throughout the years

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Women's History Month is a time to recognize those contributions and the critical role women have played in the preservation of the principle and values that all Americans hold dear.

Prior to World War I, women were not allowed to enlist in the services.

With the Women's Armed Forces Intergration Act of 1948, segregation between men and women in the military was outlawed.

Two years later membership opened to non-prior service personnel, a cap was placed on the number of enlisted women which limited their representation to two percent. This policy lasted for 20 years, during which time women officers could compromise no more than 10 percent of female population and were not allowed to hold command positions unless supervising other women.

In 1981 the Department of Defense moved one step closer to equal opportunity for women by integrating men and women into one personnel system. The Defense Officer Personnel Management Act allowed both to compete for scarce leadership positions.

Today women make up roughly 10 percent of the armed forces. Experts cite many reasons for this increase, but foremost is access to education and training.

A broad look at the issues of military women reveals that women are highly motivated by the service's educational opportunities.

Nevertheless, there are barriers. The most significant is a Department of Defense policy that excludes women from certain combat positions. This affects their potential for advancement, and partly explains why women frequently hold support and health positions.

Although combat jobs are closed to women in the military, women have served in every war in the nation's history.

In the American Revolution, the Daughters of Liberty, a young group of patriots, led many boycotts of English goods.



For her efforts in the Civil War, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker received a Medal of Honor for her medical service and what she endured as a prisoner of war. Because Edwards wasn't a military member she had to give up the medal.

During World War II, women took men's jobs to release the men for military service.

Women served in both Korean and Vietnam in the Women's Army Corps.

Under the DoD Risk Rule, revisions in what were to be termed combat-related positions made more than 24,000 new positions available for servicewomen.

Currently, 99.9 percent of all occupational specialties are open to women in the Air Force, 90 percent in the Army, 84 percent in the Navy and 79 percent to female Marines. The highest percentage of available occupations reflect those branches with fewer combat jobs.

Among the factors that may lead women into the military, access to education is at the top.

The military offers many different defense-sponsored educational programs. Studies show that women are the greatest supporters of these programs and often more educated than the men when they enter.

Of the 229,000 women in the military in 1988, nearly 25 percent of enlisted females had some college with roughly 5 percent receiving a degree

before enlistment, compared to 25 percent of men with some college and about 3 percent with degrees.

Once women get beyond their first three or four years, they tend to remain in the military longer than men, statistics show.

About 30 percent of women in their first active duty tour are married and about half have children.

Before 1973, single servicewomen in most branches were not allowed to stay on active duty with children.

Men and women are not allowed to join the service as single parents without turning over legal guardianship of their dependents.

The policy does not require that parents relinquish their children to the guardians.

Under the Military Child Care Act of 1989, Congress appropriated funds for branches to construct child care centers, and to provide assistance for those who would supervise these centers.

Women's History Month activities

Now through March 31 exhibits for Women's History Month will be displayed at the Post Library, Post Museum and Fort Point Museum.

A panel will discuss "Path and Perils of Today's Women" at the NCO/Enlisted Club March 21. The panel is open to all.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 561-4158.



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Sports/Health



Sports Briefs by Drew Seaman Star Presidian staff

Volleyball league

The 1991 Intramural Volleyball League is scheduled to begin April 1. Players should begin organizing their unit teams. A meeting for coaches, players and officials will be held at 1 p.m. March 26 in Gym No. 1, building 63. All teams must have a representative at the meeting. For more information, call 561-4131/4120.

Racquetball championship

The 1991 Racquetball Championship is being held through Sunday at Gym No. 1. Games are being played after duty hours. Competition is in the following divisions: Mens's open, Women's open, and Men's seniors. This tournament is open to all active duty soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members 20 years or older, assigned or attached to the Presidio. The entry fee is \$5. For more information, call John Funes at 561-4131/5032.

Summer bowling league

The Hui O Hawaii Summer Mix Doubles Bowling League organization meeting will be held March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play will begin April 5 at 6 p.m. Applications for team and individual entries are available at the Bowling Center. Only 12 teams will be accepted. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Handicap bowling league

A Singles Handicap Brown Bag Bowling League organization meeting will be held April 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play is scheduled to begin April 10. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Easter tennis tournament

The San Francisco Recreation Park Department's Annual Easter Vacation Tennis Tournament will be held March 29 and 30 at Golden Gate Park. Individuals interested must sign up Friday. The tournament is open to children age 8 to 18. Ranked junior players are excluded. Double partners may be designated at registration. Tennis rackets are available at request. Entry forms are available and must be turned in at any local recreation center or the Athletic Office at Kezar Pavilion. Mail registrations should be addressed to Garent Franklin, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Calif. 94117.

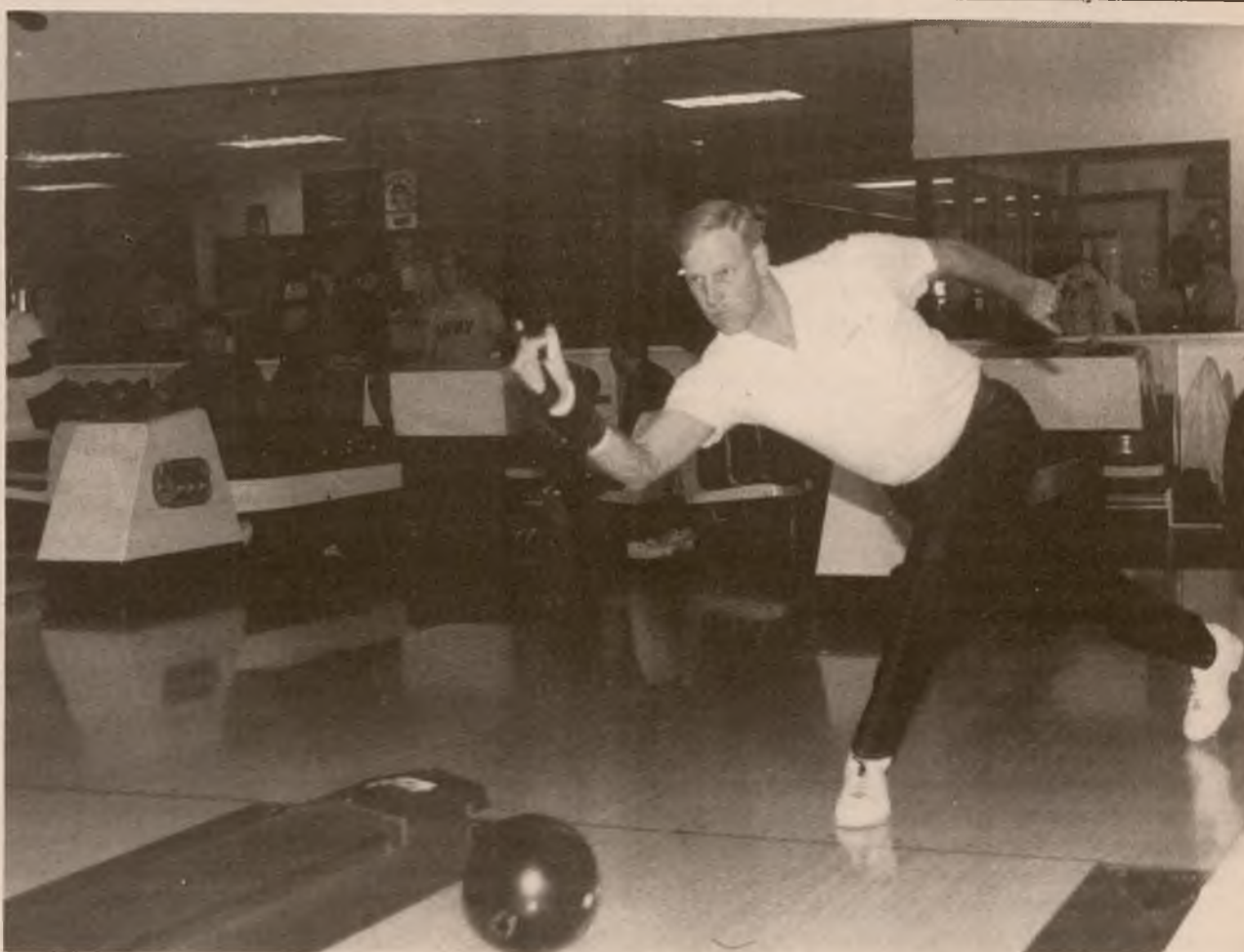


photo by Drew Seaman

Tony LeCroy effortlessly bowls a strike. That kind of skill earned him the title of Presidio Male Athlete of the Year.

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

A solitary soldier shoots a black ball down the waxed lane and bip, bop, bam 10 pins fall dead in a mass heap.

Eight minutes later, his turn is up again. The 6-foot-one-1-inch man, his frame towering over the distant pins, propels the ball from his hand crumbling another 10 bowling pins.

Strike after strike after strike is what bowled Tony LeCroy into the title of the Presidio Male Athlete of the Year.

Bowling great is nothing new to the sergeant major. Last year he bowled a perfect 300 game. In 1989, he was on the All-Army Bowling Team which placed second in the interservice championship games.

For all his league games, LeCroy averages about a 201. The 18-year-bowling veteran said he hadn't planned to be as good as he is. "It just happened," he said after polishing off another strike.

The Presidio Sports Office made the selection with representatives from selected post units. They voted on who would be the post athlete of the year based on nominations from Presidio offices and organi-

zations.

LeCroy said this nomination won't make him consider a professional career in bowling. "I can't say I aspire for the professional tour," said the 40-year-old, "maybe the senior tour. But I've got to wait ten more years for that."

The noncommissioned officer of preventive medicine at Letterman Army Medical Center tries to bowl four or five times a week at the Presidio Bowling Alley. "This is a good house," he said. "It's probably one of the best bowling centers the military has to offer." LeCroy formed his opinion because he said it's one of the newer centers around (about two years old) and it's well maintained.

Being named the post Athlete of the Year hasn't changed LeCroy except that fellow bowlers now ask him for advice. He said, "Sometimes it makes it hard to concentrate on my game but I don't mind."

What main advice does the 185-pound soldier have for novice bowlers? "Watch the better bowlers," he said adding, "watch what they do and practice. The more you do it the better you'll get."

LeCroy's future plan is to compete for a space in the All-Army Bowling Trials being held next month.

Giants-Desert Storm passes available to Northern California military families

by San Francisco Giant Baseball Club

Military installations throughout Northern California will be distributing special San Francisco Giants-Desert Storm family passes on March 20, to spouses, children and parents of some 10,000 Northern California armed forces personnel serving in connection with the Persian Gulf, the team announced recently.

The pass will enable the immediate family members to attend any 1991 San Francisco Giants game at Candlestick Park, beginning April 16 and continuing throughout the regular season.

"Our original intent was to provide entertainment for families keeping the vigil here at home," said Giants Chairman Bob Lurie. "But the end of the war means many of the servicemen and servicewomen from our community may be home in time to see some games themselves."

"All of us at the Giants share the community's joy and relief in reaction to these latest developments. We look forward to seeing our local military families reunited and hosting them at Candlestick Park this season."

The Giants owner cited the praiseworthy efforts of family service, recreation and morale officials from all branches of the service, as well as Operation Yellow Ribbon, for their assistance in distributing the Desert Storm Family Passes.

"The cooperation of everyone involved has been magnificent," Lurie said. "The Giants are grateful to our local bases and all the dedicated people helping us make this program work."

Individual passes will be issued to each spouse, child under the age of 18 and parent of a military serviceman and woman for Northern California deployed in connection with Operation Desert Storm. Those military personnel whose units are bought back from the Gulf may also obtain a pass upon their return.

Family members must go to the nearest base office in person to obtain their Desert Storm passes. On the Presidio, you may go to Building 103-B from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ann Rodriguez at 561-5730.

Spouses may also obtain passes for other family members, but must bring valid identification or other proof of relationship to establish eligibility.

Parents or others who feel they may have difficulty either establishing eligibility or going to any distribution center in person should contact the Northern California Operation Yellow Ribbon office at 737-9700 for assistance.

Operation Yellow Ribbon will also make passes available by mail to parents who send their child's name, rank, Social Security number, base location and branch of service, along with a self-addressed,



photo by Jim Hudgins

Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Peter Lash joined San Francisco Giants organization in unveiling the "Desert Storm Family Pass" program.

stamped envelope to: Operation Yellow Ribbon, 601 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 550, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

In addition to the families, Lurie noted that all military personnel on active duty in the area are entitled to free Giants tickets for themselves. Those individuals may either go to General Admission or may present their active-duty ID card at Gate C on the day of the game, where they will be given Upper Reserve seats along with the Gulf families.

The Desert Storm Family Pass is valid only on the day of the game and only at Gate C. It must be presented with valid military ID and driver's license, and is not good for parking concessions or other services.

Limited seating for the disabled is available to those in the program who contact the Giants Community Service in advance at 330-2454.

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

St. Patrick's Day dance

The Presidio Officer's Club will host a St. Patrick's Day dance March 16. Green beer will be served. The dinner will feature corned beef and cabbage plus specially created "real" Irish cuisine. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9:30 p.m. with dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight to the strains of Tom Lep. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 921-1612.

Musical comedy

A musical comedy titled "Sugar" will be presented by the Young People's Musical Theatre Company today, tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way on Corona Heights. It will also play Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door; \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 13 years of age. For more information, call 554-9600.

Slug fest

The 12th Annual Slug Fest will be held Sunday in Guerneville. Banana slugs (which are peculiar to the nearby redwood forest) will be raced, judged, cooked and eaten. For more information, call (707) 874-1100.

Recycling

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

LAMC positions available

Letterman Army Medical Center is hiring for positions specifically targeted for family members of the Presidio community. The temporary positions available are clerk typists/secretary (GS 4-6), medical clerks/receptionists (GS 3-5), nursing assistants (GS 4-6) and food service workers (WG 2-4). For more information, call Diane Nishimoto at 561-4421.

Education Center closure

The Fort Scott and Letterman Army Medical Center Education Centers will be closed tomorrow. Both centers will reopen Monday at 7:30 a.m.



photo by Mark L. Clark

Left to right: Katy Spencer as Mimi, Judy Nichols as Miss Adelaide and Ingrid Hardy as Legs star in the College of Marin Performing Arts Department production of "Guys and Dolls." The play was performed free of charge Saturday for members of the U.S. armed forces and their families.

'Guys and Dolls'—play review

by Jesse Gordon

As a "thank you" to the men and women of the armed forces, the College of Marin put on a showing of *Guys and Dolls* free of charge to all Bay Area military personnel and their families on Saturday.

The performance began at 2 p.m. and ran roughly an hour and a half with a brief intermission in which complimentary refreshments and cookies were offered.

Guys and Dolls is a musical comedy set in the 1930s in New York City. It's the story of two gambling men—Nathan Detroit, played by Norman Hall and Sky Masterson, played by Timothy Riggs. Detroit has been engaged to Miss Adelaide (Judy Nichols) for 14 years, and has no plans for marriage, unlike his fiancée. Masterson falls in love with Sarah Brown (Joni DeGabrielle) after taking a bet that he could not convince her to take a trip with him to Havana.

The story was written by Damon Runyon, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser. This showing features direction from James Dunn and musical direction from Stan Kraczek and Tara Flandreau, with choreography by Sandra Tanner, costumes by Patricia Polen, settings by Eric Landisman, lighting by Barbara Du Bois and properties by

Patria Mole.

The play was obviously rehearsed very diligently, as was apparent from the final product, which showed no major flaws. The casting was excellent, down to the last actor, with the four lead characters showing not only acting prowess, but singing talent as well.

The set and costumes were nearly on a par with a Broadway number; the wonderfully vivid colors used in the suits and the meticulously detailed props left the audience with no doubt as to the time and place they were seeing. The most interesting element of the set was unveiled during the gambling scene underground, when the front portion of the stage was raised to reveal a segment of the sewer system where a craps game was taking place.

The crowd, about two-thirds capacity, gave the biggest round of applause to Larry Bedini, who plays the role of Nicely-Nicely Johnson, although De Gabrielle stole the show with her immense renditions of "I'll Know," and "I've Never Been in Love Before."

All in all, it seemed as if the audience, who ranged from infant to senior, enjoyed the entire performance, and the crowd filed out to the parking lot with smiles on their faces.

ITT news

Presidians who make hotel reservations through ITT will receive discounted room rates. This offer is for leisure and official travel.

'Hamlet'

Hamlet will be playing at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater now through March 31. Tickets are \$10 to \$20 weeknights and \$10 to \$29 weekends. Tickets are available through A.C.T. Central Box Office. For more information, call 749-2ACT.

USO volunteers

USO volunteers are needed for Desert Storm support activities. To volunteer or for more information, call 561-2436, Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PMUG meeting

A Presidio Macintosh User's Group meeting will be held March 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Headquarters Command Battalion conference room in building 1214. For more information, call 561-2528.

POWC luncheon

The Presidio Officers' Wives Club will attend a luncheon for officers' wives throughout the Bay Area at the Annual Joint Services Luncheon at noon Saturday in the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. The cost is \$28. To make reservations or for more information, call Teena Larson at 931-7137.

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is looking for licensed beauticians and cosmetologists to volunteer to help cancer patients enhance their appearance while undergoing medical treatment. The program is called "Look good... Feel better." A free training program will be held at Zenzi's Beauty College at 677 Portola Drive in San Francisco March 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. All participants will receive a certificate from the National Cosmetology Association and the American Cancer Society. For more information, call 394-7100.

Automotive exams

Automotive and truck mechanic written exams for Automotive Service Excellence will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center May 7, 9 and 14. These tests are sponsored by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Testing is available for military members only. Soldiers in specific Military Occupational Skills will receive partial funding. Sample test preparation guides are available. A registration fee is \$20. Each specialty exam costs \$15. These exams may be used for college credit. Tests must be ordered no later than March 27. For more information see a counselor at the Education Center or call 561-4445/3189.

PX price increase

Vending services at the Post Exchange increased Monday. Cold drinks increased to 55 cents, Snacks to 50 cents, Candy to \$55 cents and cigarettes to \$2.25. Haircut prices will increase to \$5.95 April 1.

West Point Founders' Day

The annual West Point Founders' Day dinner will be held at the Officers' Club, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Retired Lt. Gen. Robert G. Gard Jr. will be the guest speaker. For reservations or more information, call Mary Paul at 561-3637. For transportation assistance, call John Moore at 561-3980.

Seniors dance

A senior citizens dance will be held at the Golden Gate Park Senior Center, Sunday at 2 p.m. The music of Ray Belle and his Variety Band will be featured. The cost is \$2. The Senior Center is located at 6101 Fulton Street in Golden Gate Park. For more information, call 337-4701.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri. March 15: *The Rescuers Down Under* (G) 7 p.m.
Sat. March 16: *Edward Scissorhands* (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sun. March 17: *White Fang* (PG) 7 p.m.
Mon. March 18: *White Fang* (PG) 7 p.m.





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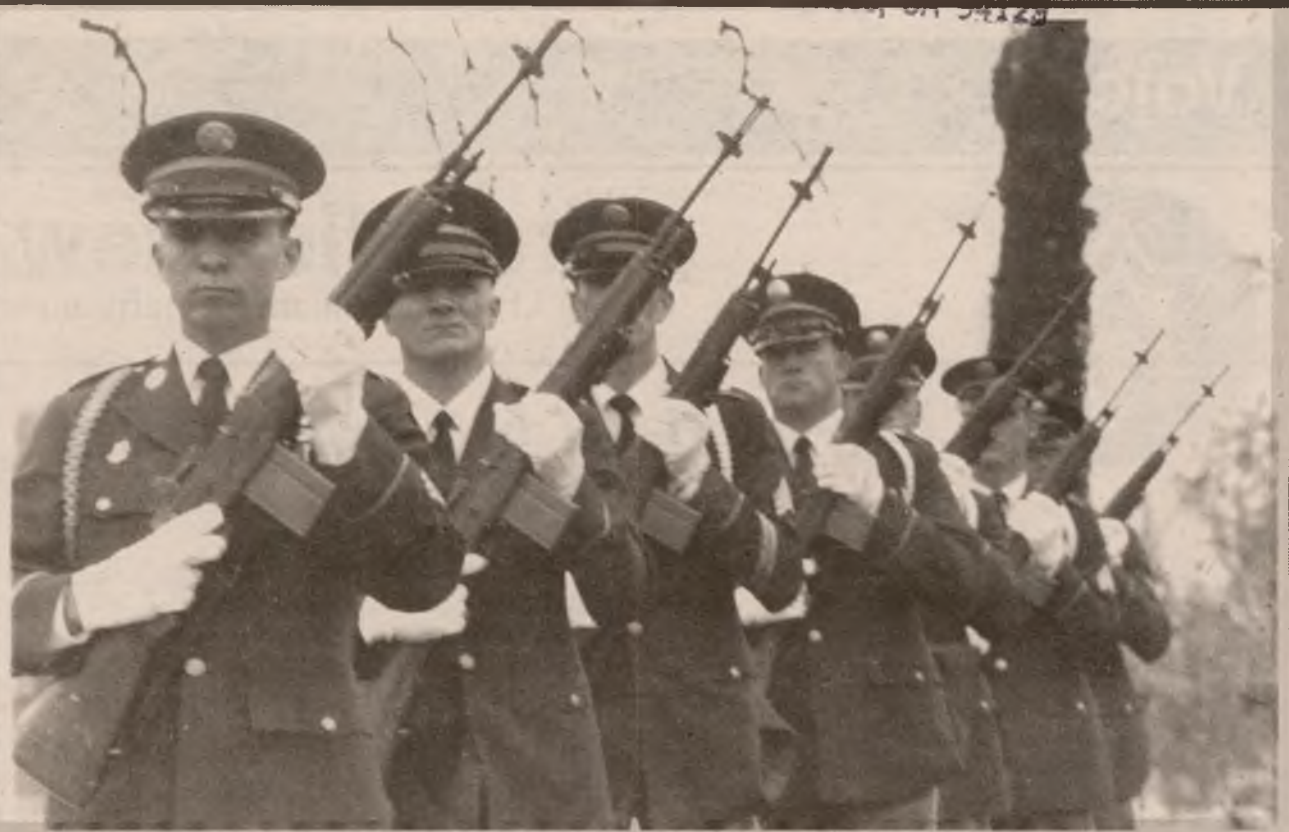


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Pride personified

Ceremonial Platoon soldiers stand 'ready' to fire a rifle salute during a recent funeral for an active duty soldier. For more about these soldiers, turn to page 7.



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News Briefs

Women's History Month

A panel discussion called the "Paths and Perils of Today's Women" will be held at the NCO/Enlisted Club today from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Both the library and Fort Point Museum will have exhibits depicting Women's History Month. The theme of this commemoration is "Nurturing Tradition, Fostering Change."

Library closure

The Letterman Army Medical Center Branch Library will close March 29. The American Red Cross personnel will continue ward services for paperback books and magazines. All library materials must be returned before March 29. Materials not returned by March 29 will be considered delinquent. Statement of charges will be processed for all material that is not returned. For more information, call the Post Library at 561-3448.

Power outage

A power outage for buildings 300, 500 and Quarters No. 1 is scheduled for today from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. This power outage is required to make electrical repairs to family housing.

Another power outage is scheduled for the 500 area and Quarters No. 1 Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call John Lucas at 561-3211.

Vehicle registration hours

The Vehicle Registration section at the Provost Marshal's Office will change their hours beginning Monday. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and Wednesday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 561-3591.

Ammunition supply point

The Ammunition supply point will close Sunday because of an inventory check. Emergencies must be cleared through the Chief, Supply and Services Division. Normal operating hours will resume March 29. For more information, call 561-2790.

Presidio telephone books

Presidio telephone books can be obtained from building 67, the telephone exchange.

HAFB shuttle bus fare

The Hamilton Army Airfield shuttle bus fare will raise from \$1 to \$1.25 beginning April 1. This is a result of a FORSCOM inspection of the Transportation Branch. For more information, call the Transport Branch at 561-2660.

Coping with closure

Civilian health care is a reality as retirees prepare for LAMC closure

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Despite a popular belief to the contrary, the government does not guarantee military medical or dental care for those whose careers were spent in defense of this nation.

After retirement from the Armed Forces, active-duty soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines expect to receive free medical care for themselves and their dependents for the rest of their lives.

But, the word "availability" may leave Bay Area military retirees out in the cold.

"... a member or former member of a uniformed service who is entitled to retired or retainer pay, or equivalent pay may, upon request, be given medical and dental care in any facility of any uniformed service, subject to the availability of space and facilities and the capabilities of the medical and dental staff," states the General Military Law Title 10, section 1074, paragraph B.

This comes as a surprise to many retirees who chose to retire in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area partially because Letterman Army Medical Center provided them access to free medical care.

"Retirement location choices are often made around health care and commissary availability," according to Lt. Col. Jane Furaus, LAMC Beneficiary Information Office and Base Realignment And Closure Committee Member. "The majority of military retirees in this area retired here because of the hospital (LAMC)."

Furaus estimates that of LAMC's 400,000 outpatient visits each year approximately 65 percent are from retirees over the age of 65.

"The Army has always said, 'We'll find the time. We'll find the space,'" Letterman BRAC Special Projects Officer Lt. Col. Andrew Martin interjected. Adding that with the upcoming closure of LAMC getting "available" free military health care may be difficult.

"People are used to just coming to Letterman and everything is taken care of," he said. "When they (DoD) close these facilities, the situation changes."

Both Furaus and Martin emphasize that retirees have to be more aware of health care costs and policies that enable them to obtain care from civilian providers.

Furaus says retirees that have been using LAMC may still seek care from other Bay Area military medical care providers. But, with the influx of former LAMC patients, availability may be a problem.

Most retirees will have to begin using civilian health care as Letterman phases down from a med-

ical center with approximately 350 doctors to a hospital with between 50 and 70 doctors this summer. This downsizing is in preparation of the hospital's eventual closure in 1993. After 1993, Letterman will maintain a small clinic to treat active duty personnel and their families until the last active duty soldier leaves the Presidio.

"As much as they deny it, that is the reality," she emphasized. "We want to help with information and serve as a starting point to help guide them to other medical care resources."

The LAMC Beneficiary Information Office is doing several things to help retirees in this time of transition. One of the major projects is completing

see Retirees, page 6

Military medical forum for all military and families

The Marin County Chapter of the Retired Officers Association is hosting a Military Medical Information Forum for all active and retired military personnel, enlisted and officer, family members, widows and others entitled to military health care Tuesday at the Hamilton Army Airfield Community Center from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, Letterman Army Medical Center commander, is scheduled as the opening speaker. He will provide information on the planned phasedown of Letterman to a 100-bed hospital this summer, and the accompanying reduction in doctors.

Subsequent speakers will discuss the availability of other military medical facilities in the Bay Area, civilian health care options, supplemental health insurance considerations, and the continuation of pharmacy service through Letterman. The forum is scheduled to divide into two groups for a more detailed discussion of CHAMPUS and Medicare.

Anyone eligible for military medical care is encouraged to attend. Those who have been accustomed to using Letterman are especially urged to be at the forum in order to learn what alternative facilities will be available after LAMC closes.

For further information call TROA officers, retired Lt. Col. Tom Gordon at 892-4439, or retired Col. Jack Potter at 472-7677.

see Forum, page 6

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Fly a flag for freedom

Dear Presidians—

The rain came! HOO AH! Of course like all things, there's good news and there's bad news. The good news is that we need the rain so much so we are thankful. The bad news is it makes the grass grow and we don't have the friends to keep it cut neat and tidy. But, it is so badly needed by so many—if you don't believe it ask our Presidians who live north of the Golden Gate Bridge! So, we must say that the rain makes it another GREAT day to be at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

On Wednesday the 13th I traveled to Gillett, Wyoming to represent the Secretary of Defense Cheney at the funeral of the only soldier from Wyoming killed in action in DESERT STORM. The weather was beautiful and the honor guard from Fort Carson performed exceptionally well—they added much dignity to the occasion. The young soldier was one of ten children so you can imagine the family size. It was so reassuring to see the family support and care for the young wife and daughter and the parents. I read this week that many foreign citizens don't believe Americans are family oriented based on their watching TV shows. Well, no one could have attended this funeral and gone away thinking that. It was the most touching service I have seen in a long time—that family was truly caring for one another.

The 14th was promotion day for Lt. Col. Russ LaBelle our ASGS in my Sixth Army Headquarters. Russ is an IMA—Individual Mobilization Augmentee—working in the Headquarters while Maj. Mark Waldron is in Saudi. We were all happy to be a part of his very special day and we are so glad his parents were able to be here and to participate in his promotion. Any promotion of a good soldier is always HOO AH!

Our Transition Point has been working overtime of late. In addition to all their regular processing they now have the mission of processing out of the Army all the IRR—Individual Ready Reservists—soldiers recalled to active duty to backfill soldiers deployed to Saudi from Korea, Hawaii and Alaska! First of all, a big HOO AH! to all these IRR soldiers for their SECOND service to our country. Those soldiers—most discharged within the last year—had gone home, started to school, gotten jobs, resumed their civilian lives only to be recalled when we needed them. When they were needed, they were there! Ever hear that before? Well it was certainly true of our IRR soldiers and we all appreciate their services and wish them well—a second time! Now that's HOO AH!

On Friday the ACS—Army Community Services—personnel conducted a very touching ceremony. Many of you will recall that in December of '90 one of our great Presidian volunteers died—Cynthia Drake. Cynthia had been an ACS volunteer, the Volunteer Coordinator, a mayor, a crisis line respondent and on and on. Well, the ACS shop had a memorial service and dedicated a beautiful portrait of Cynthia to hang in the ACS building. Several of Cynthia's friends spoke so warmly of her and all in all it was just a good, warm, friendly gathering. Thanks to ACS for doing this and—Cynthia, you are missed by many.

Saturday my aide and I ran the 13th Annual U.S. Marine Corps sponsored Irish Sprint—a 4.5 mile run around Lake Merced. Great fun but the first such run where I have no—zero—none—fellow Presidians. We must not have any Presidio Irish runners!! But for those of us there, it was a HOO AH day!

And I hope all our Irish Presidians had a GREAT Saint Paddy's day on the 17th. It was an Irish HOO AH day!

Got a wonderful letter last week from the Commander of the MEDDAC at Fort Ord, California. The medical personnel from Fort Ord were here at PSF recently to collect blood for the Armed Services Blood Drive. Doctor Thompson tells me that more than 375 donors responded and a total of 308 pints of blood were collected. He further stated that our 600 patients at the military hospitals will benefit from the blood donated at LAMC on 7-8 February 1991. The majority of the red blood cells were shipped to the Persian Gulf in support of the blood requirements for DESERT STORM. Now that's really HOO AH! So, thanks Presidians for once again showing what a caring, giving community of folks you are. Can anyone doubt that truly this is A Very Special Place!?

Speaking of giving—the one time a year I ask to give FOR YOU is upon us. The 1991 Savings Bond campaign will be conducted 1-31 May 1991. This, Presidians, is a way to give to yourself. Buying a bond on the payroll savings plan does help your country—that's a fact. But it's also a fact that it helps you. First and foremost, it has a better than good interest rate when kept to maturity. Second, if you really need cash, bonds are readily available and redeemable.



And third and probably most important, it is a way for every soldier and family member to develop a "savings habit." And Presidians, listen to an old timer when I tell you that every one of us should attempt to develop such a habit. Now I know all about how expensive San Francisco is and how we all get by from check to check but if you take out a bond you never see the money. It's almost painless and before you know it you have accumulated a real savings. So, for you—how about giving yourself something this May—you'll be glad you did! And when you realize how easy it is to save this way, you will let out a big loud HOO AH!

Finally, as our troops come home keep flying those flags for freedom! Let's let all our returnees and every one else know we're proud of our country, our flag and our service men and women who are serving all over the world. HOO AH!

God Bless you every one—

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on!"

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Troops coin new phrases for old ideas

by Army News Service

Wars tend to create new words, phrases and acronyms — the Gulf War is no exception. Here are some of the words and phrases exchanged among troops in Saudi Arabia. Some of them have been around for years, others are only as old as Operation Desert Storm:

- BCDs (birth control devices): Used to describe ugly military issue spectacles.
- Deconflict: The process of separating allied aircraft during an attack so they don't interfere with one another.
- Dog him out: To criticize.
- Echelons beyond reality: Command decisions.
- Get your gut right: To eat.
- Grease: Food.
- High speed-low drag: Paratroopers term for impressive.
- Homes, Homeys: Friends.
- Homey don't play that: Used by Patriot missile crews after shooting down Iraqi SCUD missiles.
- Hooah: An upbeat word, but one that can be used to describe nearly any military situation while signaling that its speaker is alive and well.

- HUMVEE: The successor to the jeep.
- Little Hollywood: The Dhahran International Hotel's rear veranda where all four American networks have erected elaborate transmission and on-camera facilities.
- MOPP: Mission Oriented Protective Posture, to be dressed in chemical weapons protective gear, including gas mask.
- Not a problem: OK.
- Patriot baiters: Network television correspondents, frequently found in Little Hollywood during SCUD alerts.
- Quick turn burn: Five-minute procedure to reload F-15 jet fighter/bomber with missiles, ammunition and fuel.
- Saudi champagne: Fizzy concoction of mineral water and apple juice.
- Smoke 'em: To arrive at a destination.
- Strack: Another Vietnam-era holdover used to describe a soldier with proper military bearing and attitude.
- Target-rich environment: Iraq.
- Trippin': Acting stupid.

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Presidio People

Ask Presidians by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

"Should the military support a parade, hosted by the City of San Francisco, welcoming the troops back?"

Pvt. 2 Richard D. Rendon, Standard Installation Personnel System analyst, MILPO: "No. There are too many hypocritical people in San Francisco. Why would the city of San Francisco support the troops on their way home when they didn't support them when they left or while they were there?"



Sgt. Christine A. Edwards, evaluation clerk, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel: "We should support it. A poll showed that 80 percent of the Bay Area people supported the troops and only a minority, mainly college students, demonstrated against the troops. In my opinion we shouldn't let a few people influence our decision. Besides, I didn't hear one intelligent statement made from anyone against Operation Desert Shield."



Lawrance A. Bell, computer assistant, Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management: "No! San Francisco is a bipartisan city that hasn't come of age or become an adult. It needs to grow up. There isn't enough mentality in the city to support the troops and what they did. San Francisco has always gone against the military and the troops. We shouldn't support their parade."



Patrick O. Griffin, personnel actions clerk, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "Yes, of course. Besides the fact that there were protests, we don't want these troops to come home to something like they came home to after Vietnam. They need to come home to smiling faces and support from both the military and San Francisco. We need to think about what the troops need."



Cpl. Kim L. Fortune, In and Out Processing, Sixth U.S. Army: "I don't think we should because of what people in San Francisco did to us. Presidio should hold its own parade because we did everything else on our own without support from the city. We should separate ourselves from the city like they separated from us. I think it's bogus. They're trying to get in good faith with us now, but before they didn't care."



Spec. Patricia Benson-Scott, from C Co., 864th Eng. Bn., smiles with her pen pals from Mrs. Woody's second grade class at the Zion Lutheran School.

photo by Jesse Gordon

Soldier meets her pen-pals

by Jesse Gordon
Star Presidian staff

On Friday, Spec. Patricia Scott went to the Zion Lutheran School to talk with the second-grade class she had been sending to and receiving letters from during Operation Desert Storm.

Her unit, C Company, 864th Eng. Bn., had been mobilized to Saudi Arabia, and she and four other soldiers, David Walker, Daniel Kaylor, Martin Comp-ton and Thomas Rockstead, had offered to be pen-pals with Mrs. Woody's class.

Scott had not been deployed with her unit, but had stayed in the hospital for treatment. Since the letter-writing process had already been initiated, she received her mail in the hospital.

She arrived to the cheers of the seven-year-olds, who were at once fascinated with the fact that she was in the Army and wearing a uniform.

After a warm greeting, she began fielding questions from the children, who wanted to know every-

thing there was to know about military life.

Their questions included:

"Can your helmet stop bullets?"

"Did you sleep in a tent?"

"Do you have to run over hills and start screaming?"

"Do they have hospitals?"

"How do they get the water over to the desert?"

"Is your boss in the Army real mean?"

While she was explaining her answers, Scott passed around some military equipment she had brought along, such as a protective mask and a kevlar helmet, with a desert camouflage cover. Most of the kids tried on the helmet, but only a few put on the mask, as they discovered how hot it is inside.

Both parties seemed to benefit tremendously from the experience, and from this meeting in particular, as was evident from the fact that neither Scott nor any of the children showed any hesitation to stay after class let out to continue talking.

Presidio Pulse

Letterman Army Medical Center

Maj. Gregory Knudson, department of pathology, was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Denise McCollum, resource management division, was promoted to major. Renaldo Coronado, resource management division, was promoted to captain. Guy Mascaro, patient affairs division, was promoted to captain. Michael Sadler, department of nursing and intensive care unit, was promoted to captain. Jacqueline Parker, department of nursing in Ward 7 west, was promoted to first lieutenant. Alison Redeye, department of nursing and cardiac care unit, was promoted to first lieutenant. Lona Ambrose, physical therapy department, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Second Lt. Christina Branch, nursing education services division, was awarded an Army Commendation Medal. Michael Krukar, department of sur-

gery, and Sgt. Maj. Michael Benjamin, senior ward master of department of nursing, both received a Silver Award plaque from the Combined Federal Campaign. Second Lt. Annette Stubbe, department of nursing in ward 9 west was promoted to first lieutenant.

Sixth U.S. Army Band

Sgt. Frederick R. Crowther received a good conduct medal and a driver's badge. Sgt. Kenneth Cassius received a driver's badge. Congratulations to the band for playing in a rally in support of soldiers at Delmar High School in San Jose. The band also played in a Stars and Stripes concert in Oakland.

Transition point

The transition point out-processed 211 infantrymen in three days. Thanks to the hardworking soldiers and staff who made it all possible.

Camp Parks, Dublin

Farewell and goodluck to Capt. Larry Shively, an executive officer, who out-processed March 13. He went with his wife and two kids to Wisconsin.

Headquarters Command Battalion

Spec. Melody Morris, who works in the personnel section, gave birth March 17 to a five pound, 12 ounce baby girl. The baby still has yet to receive a name. She was given a baby shower by the battalion staff.

Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison

Sgt. Gerald Gonzales returned from the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course as the distinguished honor graduate. Congratulations.

News

Senator Roth's "Early Out" Bill

By K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

At the start of the 102d Congress, Senator William V. Roth, Jr., Delaware, reintroduced his Federal Employees' Optional Early Retirement Act, S.171. The proceedings were published in the January 14, 1991 Congressional Record.

"This legislation," he wrote in response to my request for information, "would provide a one-time early retirement option for federal employees who are within five years of regular retirement but not currently eligible to retire."

"While the bill did not pass during the last session of Congress, you can be assured that I will continue my efforts to push this legislation in the current Congress."

"I continue to believe this legislation should receive serious consideration for at least two reasons. First, as we move through the 1990's, the Federal government is going to be working with new technologies including advanced communications and computer equipment. This will help increase productivity with the work force. The early retirement bill could serve as a transition to a leaner, better-paid Federal workforce without inhibiting the ability of the agencies to perform their government mission."

"Secondly, as the Congress takes a serious look at the deficit, I believe the early retirement bill provides a means of making some real budget savings."

Addressing the Senate, he said, "I remain steadfastly committed to this bill because I envision a government-wide retirement option as a transition for the federal work force a transition to a leaner, but better paid work force."

"Some departments will be increasing their work force, while others, like Defense, will be slimming down."

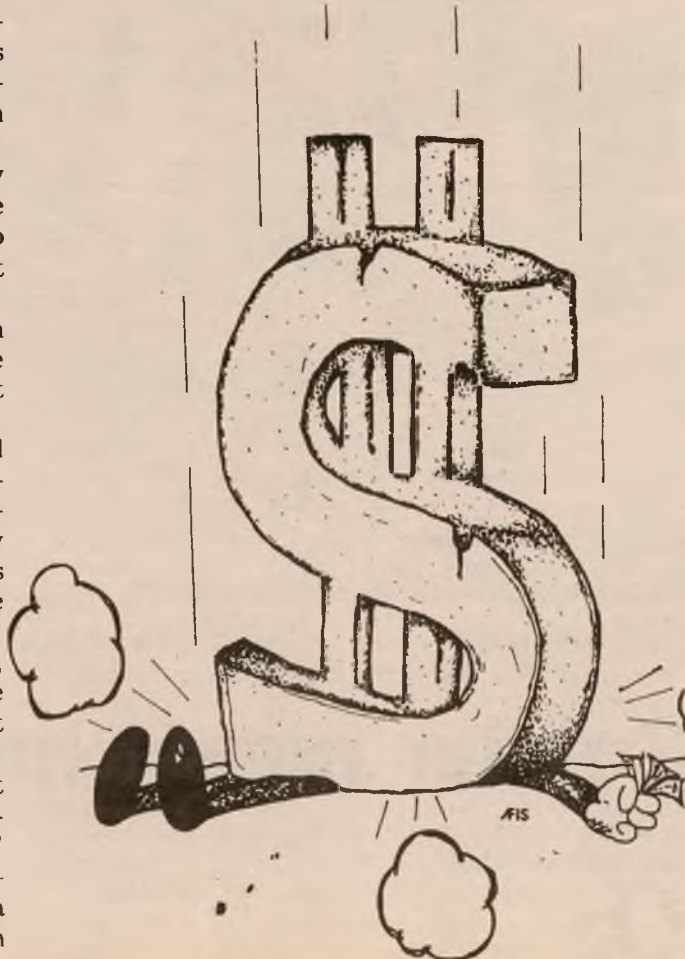
"Department of Defense civilian staffing levels will be declining. According to Secretary Cheney, civilian personnel needs could decline by more than 100,000 during the next five years if military personnel is reduced by 25 percent. Obviously, events in the Persian Gulf will affect this, but the trend is clear."

"Instead of relying on reductions in force or layoffs, or the more limited early out authority in law, a government-wide early retirement authority could reduce staff levels in a more compassionate manner."

"Since introducing this legislation several years ago, I have heard from thousands of federal employees hoping to take advantage of this kind of opportunity. I have heard from a number of younger employees who are ready, willing, and able to take more responsibility in their jobs, but are limited in their opportunities - this bill would give them an opportunity."

"Under this legislation, a 2-month window period is established beginning 30 days after the start of the fiscal year following enactment. Civilian employees may qualify under any of the following four standards:

"Any age with 25 years of service; age 50 with 20 years of service; age 55 with 15 years of service; and



age 57 with 5 years of service.

"Employees retiring below age 55 take a benefit reduction of 2 percent for each year they are below age 55 just as in current law."

Referring perhaps to Congresswoman Barbara Boxer's bill, HR-4531, also reintroduced this year and which would add five years to age or length of service to certain federal workers to allow them to qualify for early retirement, Roth said, "Other legislation has been introduced which would provide certain additional benefits for employees, but in light of increasing federal obligations, this [his] legislation simply provides a retirement opportunity earlier than under current law."

Employees would not receive any extra benefits other than the opportunity to leave early.

"There has been a great deal of concern expressed," said Roth, "that this bill would hurt the Government's ability to do its work - that we would lose our most skilled, productive, and experienced members of the federal work force. Despite these concerns, I am confident that those employees who do not take advantage of the early retirement window will perform admirably with their increased responsibility."

There are several provisions built into the legislation to control departures, such as allowing departments to retain, "for up to 6 months, an employee who has elected early retirement to ensure the con-

tinuous performance of a responsibility or project."

Roth also says, "In order to capture the savings from this plan, the department may not replace a worker who retires during the 60-day window period for five years beginning at the start of the window period."

Finally, Roth says, "I strongly encourage this early retirement plan because it is government-wide and it is an active rather than reactive plan. This bill provides an alternative to reductions-in-force or periodic layoffs. It will provide an opportunity to open up positions in some areas of the government not slated for reductions which will then provide space for individuals who want to continue to work for the government but whose missions have been changed."

According to the Weekly Federal Employees' News Digest, employees seem to like the idea of retiring early better than the reality of it. Faced with the actual choice, most employees opt not to take it. Last year, according to the News Digest, 86 opportunities for early retirements were offered throughout the government. Of 30,000 employees eligible, only 3,900 took the option - about one in eight. Also, among those who took early retirement, some, once out, asked to return to their old jobs after a short period of time. Reasons include the economy, the current job market, and the unexpected high cost of retirement for which retirees were not prepared.

Additionally, concerning any future early retirement option should one ultimately be offered - keep in mind that accepting a "voluntary" early retirement offer could mean that you would not be eligible to withdraw your accumulated "lump sum" retirement contributions upon retirement if that option is important to you. You would be eligible to withdraw your "lump sum" contributions only under an "involuntary" early retirement situation, such as would be the case if your job was abolished and you were separated under the "discontinued service" provision or, under current law, if you retired with a life-threatening condition.

If you want a copy of Senator Roth's bill or the Congressional Record proceedings on that issue, contact the editor, *Star Presidian*, 561-5465.

Soldiers get discount air fares

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff
and Army News Service

Veterans of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm are being offered a special 70-percent discount on airline flights. Continental, Delta, Northwest, Trans World, United, and USAir are offering all active duty, activated National Guard and Reserves, and family members the reduced rate.

"These are great deals," said Tim Hecock, the leisure travel counselor at the Presidio SATO office.



"These tickets are fully refundable. We can also offer cheaper fares on nonrefundable tickets."

Those interested need only produce an ID card, travel order or other documentation indicating assignment to Southwest Asia to take advantage of the deal.

The offers are valid through September, but the Military Traffic Management Command suggests checking with the airlines or a travel agent for individual rules and restrictions.

For more information, call the Presidio SATO office at 561-2314 or 561-2315.

USO develops gulf support fund

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff
and Army News Service

A new USO toll-free number has made it easier to support Operation Desert Storm servicemembers and their families.

The number helps family members find assistance in their communities. "It's a great program," said Maura Bockrath, the Presidio USO program director. Bockrath helps soldiers and family members with everything from getting job referrals to finding baby sitters.

Contributions to the USO Gulf Support Fund will help ensure that all those far away get a taste of home and those on the homefront continue to receive financial aid, counseling and emergency assistance. AT&T has stepped forward as the USO corporate supporter to underwrite the costs associated with this campaign.

Servicemembers are not required to have served in the Persian Gulf region to benefit from the fund.

People can make contributions to the fund by call-

ing 1-800-252-4876. Callers can charge their donations to their VISA or MasterCard. Contributions by check can be made out to "USO Gulf Support Fund" and mailed to USO World Headquarters, Department 4, 601 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20004.

"We know that for many of our servicemen and women the burden of being separated from their families is sometimes coupled with financial strain," said Chapman B. Cox, president of World USO. "Because so many people in this country have asked us what they can do to help out troops and their families, we set up the fund."

All servicemembers on active duty or called to active duty to support Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and their families in need of assistance should contact their local USO family and community support center for more information on the Gulf Support Fund.

The USO is a non-profit organization which is supported solely by individual contributions, the United Way, and the Combined Federal Campaign.

To contact the Presidio USO, call 561-2436.

Desert Storm

Charlie Co. working to rebuild in Storm's aftermath

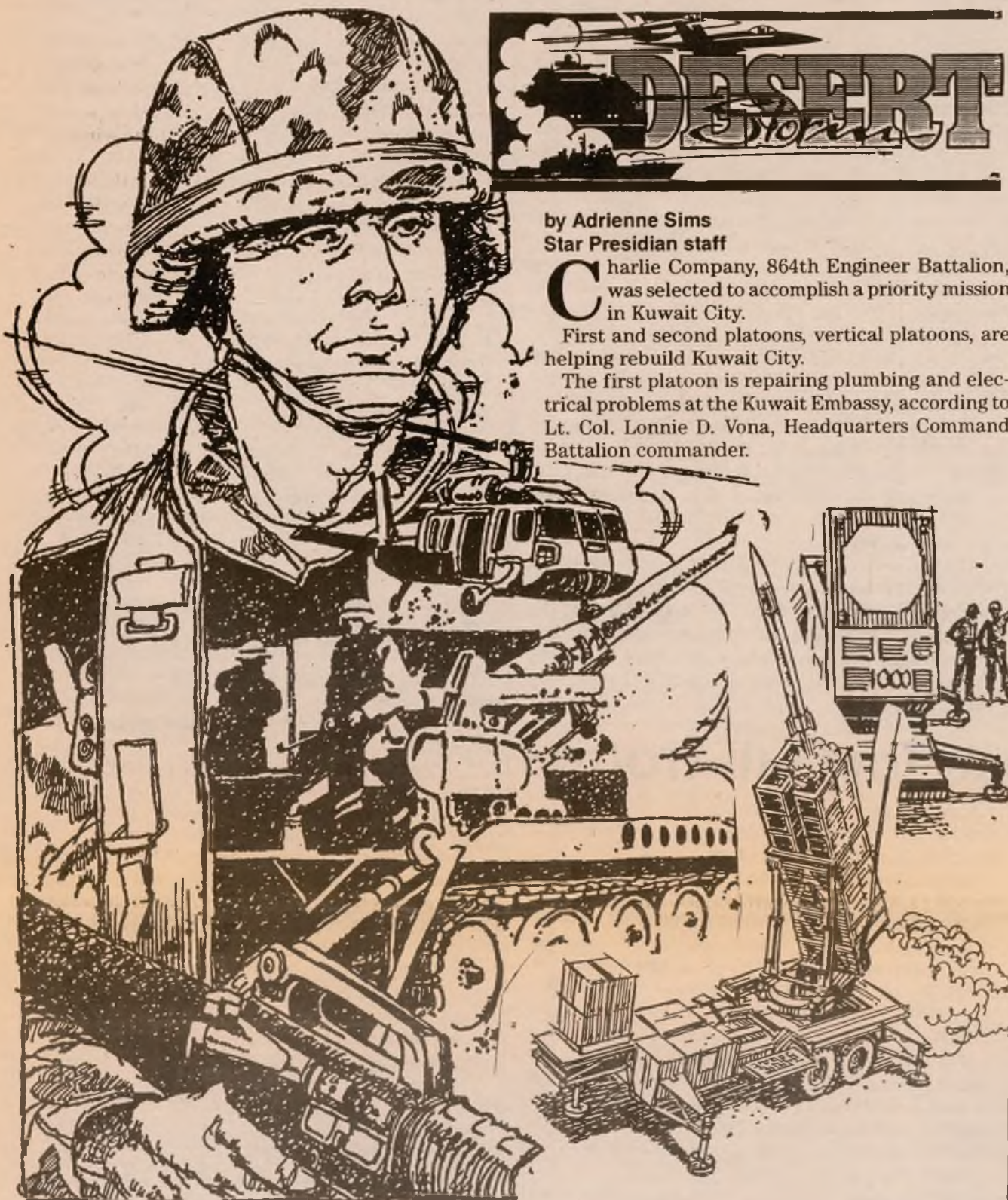


by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion, was selected to accomplish a priority mission in Kuwait City.

First and second platoons, vertical platoons, are helping rebuild Kuwait City.

The first platoon is repairing plumbing and electrical problems at the Kuwait Embassy, according to Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona, Headquarters Command Battalion commander.



Charlie Company's second platoon is repairing utilities at several different hospitals in Kuwait. These hospitals include a children's hospital and a disease hospital.

Soldiers in Kuwait are living somewhere near an airport, according to Vona.

The Earthmovers are at Kobar, a port city, building a wash rack facility for units to wash their equipment before loading it onto ships. Headquarters' soldiers are also at Kobar making sure they have the supplies necessary to accomplish the mission.

Soldiers at the port city are living in better conditions, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Rose M. Aguayo, Headquarters Command Battalion.

"They're living in an honest building with running water and heat," Aguayo said.

Although the war is over, C Company's return is still indefinite.

"We've expected them to be gone a year so if they return anytime before November, we'll take it as gravy," Vona said. "It looks like they'll be home sooner than that."

The day the war ended, the vertical platoon soldiers had 10 miles to finish the pipeline, according to Vona. After the war it was no longer needed.

"I don't know if we have to tear down the pipeline," Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, C Company commander, said.

With the importance of C Company's other missions, Vona believes that they won't have to tear the pipeline down.

Although the war is over and C Company soldiers are proud of their victory, morale is sinking "a little bit," according to Vona. "They recognize that they arrived (in Saudi) later, but it's hard for them watching everyone leave."

"This is their boring period," Vona said. "Others had their boring period before the war begin, our's is now."

It is still important for family members and friends to continue sending letters and packages to C Company soldiers.

Army studies Desert Storm families

by Army News Service

If the Army wanted you to have a family, they would've issued you one." Today's Army has laid this myth to rest by making a concerted effort to understand the special needs of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm families.

In August 1990, the Army recognized that soldiers deploying for Operation Desert Shield weren't the only ones under stress — the family members of deploying soldiers were subjected to a great deal of stress as well.

The Community and Family Support Center in conjunction with Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, the Army Research Institute and the U.S. Army Chaplains Services Support Agency began a three-phased study on families at the same time U.S. soldiers were deploying to the Gulf in August 1990. Researchers hope the study's results will refine Army family support programs and develop lessons learned for future deployments.

"The lessons learned from the ODS deployment are invaluable," said Maj. Gen. Fred F. Marty, commander of the CFSC. "(This information) will continue to be used to refine the Army's family support programs in order to minimize the adverse effects of future deployments on soldiers and families and to improve combat readiness."

Research visits to various reserve and active duty installations during Phase I and II of the study indicate most families are coping well with the deployment and the related stress. Family members reported that the stress they are experiencing is caused by:

- concern for the welfare of their soldier,
- uncertainty about how long the deployment will last,
- lack of consistent contact with the soldiers,
- financial changes caused by the deployment,
- role overload,
- multiple negative rumors, and
- concerns of how the deployment is affecting their children.

The families reported that their ability to cope with deployment stress is improved if:

- they have timely, accurate information on the status of soldiers and their mission,
- have had prior experience dealing with separations,
- are familiar with the Army system and how to access its resources,
- are involved in an active family support group, and
- have a military resource, for example, to help solve their problems.

Emotional, physical, and financial support from family, friends and local civilian community resources has also tempered the effect of the deployment.

The first servicemen and women began arriving at home bases on March 8. The reunion of soldiers and their families initiates Phase III of the study. Additional findings will be obtained on the long-term effects of the deployment on soldiers and families, how deployment affects retention, and how families and soldiers are reunited as the soldiers return from Southwest Asia.

Army's centralized Desert Storm information line

The Army has established a centralized 1-800 Operation Desert Storm information line.

Many "hotline" phone numbers have been circulated in the last month. However, anyone with questions about the Army and Operation Desert Storm should now dial the Army Desert Storm Information Line at 1-800-626-1440. In the second week of January it became very clear that Americans had many questions concerning the war in the Gulf — and they were calling the Army for answers.

The Army quickly manned a 24-hour general information line. Callers asked for a variety of information — anything from a soldier's new mailing address to facts about the Patriot air defense system.

January 29, the Army fine-tuned the general information phone number by using the U.S. Army Personnel Information Systems Command's Automated Telephone Information System. Now, when callers dial the U.S. Army Desert Storm information line, they will hear a recording that functions as a call director. The voice on the recording will offer a variety of categories that equate to a digit on the phone:

- 1 = information concerning medical benefits, pay, mail, or other family issues.
- 2 = information about a soldier's location or unit.
- 3 = general questions about the Army, or verification of names on the publicly released casualty lists.

It may take a few seconds before you're able to talk to someone, but "the menu selections will help the caller get to the right office that can answer questions . . . we want to prevent a caller from being bounced from office to office," said Maj. John R. Charles, Jr., branch chief for the Network Systems Branch.

News/Views

Commentary: Let's give ourselves credit

by Patrick Swan
Army News Service

Some people never get it. No sooner had the ink dried on the presidential order declaring the cessation of offensive operations in the liberation of Kuwait than the usual band of naysayers began crawling out of their protective bunkers to confidently declare that fighting Iraq wasn't such a big deal after all. And that the coalition's accomplishment in the total destruction of Iraqi forces doesn't count for much because they were a push over from the start.

Never mind that allied forces of 34 nations were needed to counter the world's fourth largest Army. Or that those forces were outnumbered three to two when Operation Desert Storm began or two to one when supply personnel are omitted, as Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf has revealed. No, some who always criticize the military and opposed the war as amounting to "another Vietnam" and thus unwinnable are now back on TV and being quoted in the newspapers putting down Desert Storm as an obvious mismatch in our favor from day one.

Maybe we have ourselves to blame. Perhaps our military leaders' competence in planning and executing this operation made it appear too easy. Who hasn't studied hard for a tough exam, done well and then later discounted the effort: "It was an easy test." We tend not to give ourselves credit for our preparedness. Yet we should.

And we should give ourselves a hearty congratulations for our military's performance in Operation

Desert Storm. For 18 years, the U.S. has relied on a volunteer force to protect our country and interests. When Operation Desert Shield began, many said it couldn't be done without bringing the draft back. But our servicemembers did well precisely because they wanted to be in uniform. Harsh, coercive treatment of troops, as reports from Iraqi enemy prisoners of war indicate, serves mainly to turn an army against its leaders.

For the past decade, the Army has focused on recruiting primarily high school graduates while offering incentives, bonuses and advanced training to those who stay in uniform. Commanders have sharpened those qualified soldiers to a fine point in readying for combat. From the infantry squad leader to the supply specialist to the tank driver, the Army has given its soldiers the resources and training necessary to be prepared for the big battle.

In 100 hours of ground fighting, our nation and the world have seen what that kind of Army can accomplish. As President Bush informed the nation in announcing the cessation of offensive operations, Kuwait is free and the U.S. flag flies over our embassy there.

This is the dividend we've reaped from preparing well for the big exam. We have every right to be proud of this achievement. We accomplished the mission and preserved our most precious resource — our soldiers. Saddam Hussein can't take that away from us. Let's not let the naysayers in this country do it, either.

More tax assistance for Gulf troops

by Army News Service

Although military personnel serving in the Operation Desert Storm combat zone have an automatic extension to file their tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service has given special guidance to those who are due refunds and want to file early.

Two words—Desert Storm—should be written at the top of their 1990 federal income tax returns and on the envelopes. In addition, any notice issued to these taxpayers regarding tax collection or examination matters requires no action other than writing "Desert Storm" on the top of the notice and returning it to the IRS.

People who represent taxpayers in the combat zone and file tax returns for them also should mark "Desert Storm" on those returns and any IRS correspondence sent to taxpayers in the combat zone.

Because pending legislation would extend tax relief to taxpayers who served in, and left, Operation Desert Shield before Jan. 17, they too should write "Desert Storm" on tax materials.

By writing "Desert Storm" on tax materials, the IRS will be alerted to taxpayers entitled to tax relief, including filing extension, suspension of all collec-

tion and examination actions and suspension of interest charges on back taxes.

To ease tax filing, the IRS has also streamlined the authorization requirements for people who represent deployed taxpayers. Normally, the IRS requires a power of attorney signed by the taxpayer that authorizes another person to act on their behalf, even though federal tax matters are not specified. A copy of the general power of attorney or authorization statement must be attached to the tax return.

If it's not possible for a spouse of a deployed taxpayer to obtain a signed authorization, the IRS will accept a written statement explaining that the taxpayer is serving in the combat zone. This statement must be signed by the spouse filing the return and attached to the tax return.

Military legal assistance officers can help troops who need to sign a power of attorney or substitute authorization statement. Local IRS offices can also help people representing deployed taxpayers in filing returns. Free electronic filing is available at some IRS offices. For more information, call the IRS at 800-TAX-1040.

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a survey to find out who LAMC's retiree patients are and where they plan to seek medical care as LAMC phases down and eventually closes. Included with the survey is information in CHAMPUS (which all military retirees up to age 65 are eligible for), Medicare (plans A and B), and supplemental health insurance plans.

Aside from the mailing, Letterman offers briefings every Wednesday at Torney Hall. The CHAMPUS briefing is at 1 p.m. followed by a Medicare briefing at 2 p.m. Patients can call 561-5301 for more information.

Retirees under 65 are eligible for CHAMPUS coverage. Information is available at LAMC or by calling CHAMPUS at 1-800-242-6788.

Medicare eligible retirees, over 65, can call the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program for free counseling about Medicare and supplemental health insurance. To make an appointment with HICAP, call 453-4444.

"General Burger (LAMC commander) is very concerned that our patients are not abandoned," Furaus explained. "There are no hard, fast guarantees. We can't assign retirees a doctor in the civilian arena. But, we can help them make informed medical care decisions."

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Forum schedule

- 8:45-9 a.m. Introductions
- 9-10 a.m. Availability of health care
 - LAMC
- Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, Commander; David Grant USAF
- Medical Center
- Col. David Hofermann, Commander
- Oakland Naval Hospital
- Cmdr. David Bates, Executive assistant
- VA Hospital
- San Francisco: L.K. Swazey, Chief Medical Administration
- Pharmacy Support
- Col. Richard Ihlenfeld, Chief, Pharmacy Services LAMC
- Dental care
- Col. Richard Brown, Commander, DENTAC, PSF
- 10-10:30 a.m. Medical panel questions and answers
- 10:30-11:15 Civilian sources of medical care and supplemental health insurance
- How to find civilian providers and why supplemental insurance is needed— CHAMPUS and Medicare
- Lee Austin, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) manager. HICAP is a non-profit program under the auspice of the California Department of Aging. It is not affiliated with any medical organization or other special interest group.
- Lt. Col. Jane Furaus, staff coordinator, Beneficiary Information Office, LAMC.
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-12:30 Discussion groups
- CHAMPUS and Medicare benefits, recent changes, sources of information, questions.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I am a disabled person who can walk only with the aid of crutches and have a DMV plague for the windshield of my car. I shop at the Commissary some three to four times a week and since I became disabled in December 1990, I have yet to find a vacant blue zone in which to park. There are always red zones reserved for general officers, but I've never seen anything parked in those places—they're always vacant.

I would like to know if these unused parking places could be converted into blue zones for use of the disabled. The location is so very convenient to the Commissary doors.

Thank You
Yours truly
Cristobel Silvert

Having problems finding a job? Maybe Youth Services can help!

Job Application Seminar



There will be a job application seminar today at 6:30 p.m. in building 1331. The seminar will last approximately one hour.

Anyone interested should call Youth Services at 561-5910 or 561-5143. There is no fee for this event.

Squared Away

Ceremonial Platoon: death, honor and pride

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

They've been to hundreds of funerals this year. They've seen wives, children and friends of deceased loved ones torn by grief and despair.

It's not the most jovial career position to have in the Army, but the 18-member Ceremonial Platoon does the best it can to lend honor to military burials.

"I'm very proud of the platoon and their abilities," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Hayes, the ceremonial platoon sergeant.

The platoon travels throughout northern California, not only doing funerals, but also performing in parades and special ceremonies.

The ceremonies hold a special place of honor for the platoon said Hayes. It gets them away from the grimness of funerals and allows them to put on the full regalia of dress blue uniforms. "It makes me feel proud to represent the military in ceremonies", said Spec. Pierre B. Mros. "We might be the first soldiers that many civilians have seen in real life. We want to represent the Army with pride and let them know we carry a certain amount of discipline."

The platoon members are the only soldiers on the Presidio who have the military occupational specialty of infantryman. That means in addition to their ceremonial duties they train in complete soldiering skills. "People may think because we're infantry, we know a lot less," said Spec. Johnny Stamps. "But actually we learn a lot more of everything, instead of a lot of one thing."

According to Hayes the ceremonial platoon "is a lot more squared away because we are infantrymen."



A cold gravestone lies in the still cemetery.

Sgt. Donald Stewart aims his rifle before firing during a funeral.

photos by Duvel White

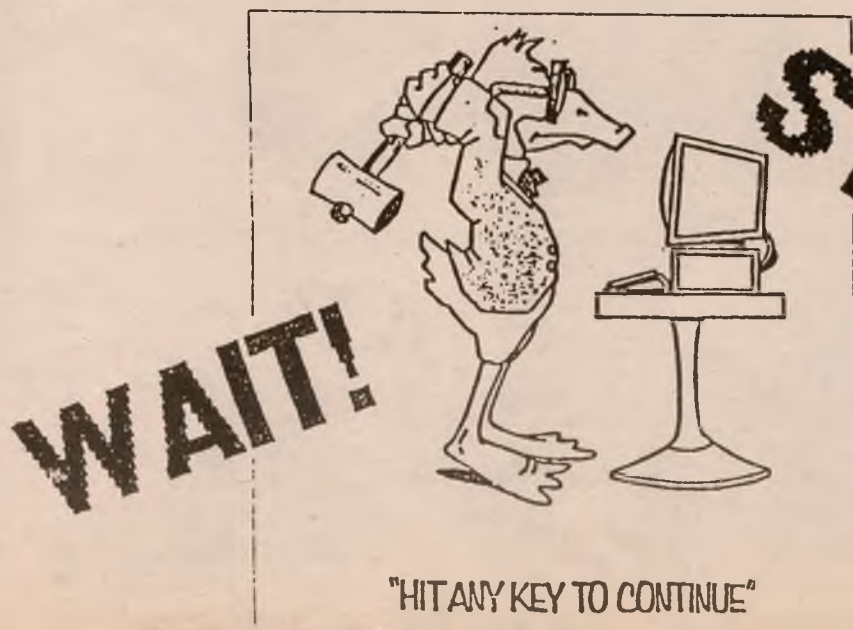


Ceremonial Platoon members "dress right dress" in preparation for the rifle salute.

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Intro to Computers	May 7-30	T-TH	1-3:30 p.m.
Adv. Wordperfect	June 4-25	T-TH	1-4 p.m.
LOTUS Graphics	June 17-26	M-W	1-3 p.m.

Education Center offers family members opportunities

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

If you are 18 or older and have an ID card, you are eligible for valuable opportunities available at the Presidio Education Centers.

"We definitely do have some great opportunities available here at the Presidio that are not available at other posts," said Jeane Redsecker, the deputy education officer at the Fort Scott Education Center.

You may be able to accomplish your educational goals on post sooner than you think.

Free courses in word processing, typing/keyboard-ing and military correspondence are offered week-day mornings. If you need to work on basic skills, individualized math and reading, programs are available from 7:30 to 9 a.m. or 4:30 to 6 p.m. You can pick a college correspondence course from the Education Center's extensive catalog, or arrange testing for college credit that cost \$25 to \$40 for each exam.

The Computer Based Learning Center program is another program for family members here that is not offered at every installation. If you are not already computer literate, the CBLC is a good place to start. Workshops cost \$50 to \$400, but you can learn the content in free individual tutorials. Other advantages of tutorials are you work at your own pace and set your own schedule. An instructor is available at all times if you need help. If you have some computer experience already, you can refresh your skills or learn new programs through the CBLC. Also available is CYBIS, formerly PLATO, a system that allows the student to learn anything about computers.

How can you get involved? The first step that needs to be taken is to talk to a guidance counselor. No appointment is necessary; just come in during operating hours. Tell the counselor what your goals

and interests are, and she will describe the local programs and schools which can meet your needs.

The main education center in building 1216 is open

for counseling Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday until 4 p.m. For more information, call 561-4445 or 561-2974.

Commissary offers savings, convenience

Commissary Corner Newsletter

Robert Varela, the new Commissary officer, would like to invite all his regular and potential new customers to visit the Commissary and take advantage of the great savings and services provided for authorized patrons.

The Commissary offers the following services:

- Special orders for fresh fish and live lobster with a 24-hour notice.
- Special orders for roasting or suckling pigs with a one week notice.
- Special orders for special cuts or large quantities of beef, pork or lamb with a 24-hour notice.
- Special orders for plants in season with a one-week notice.
- A voluntary Price Reduction/Best Buy corner for your convenience and added savings.

Special requests for grocery items may be submitted through the Commissary suggestion box located at the store exit. A second suggestion box will be installed next to the ID desk in the near future. A personal reply from Commissary Management will be provided if customers will leave their name, address and phone number.

Special monthly promotions and events are regularly planned for customer savings and to create a pleasant shopping experience. For example, March is National Nutrition Month. To highlight this event,

the Commissary will feature special promotions, displays and sales to focus healthy eating habits.

Special assorted cold cuts and cheese Deli Trays as well as sandwiches are available upon requests. A 24-hour notice is requested for large orders.

Fresh pizzas are made to order while you shop. Call in orders will also be accepted.

A single soldier selection has been established in aisle one of the store for the convenience of troops, single shoppers and people in a hurry. The section consists of small sizes, single serve items and "pogie bait" for infantry soldiers.

A permanent grocery mark-down area for damaged or distressed merchandise has been established near the best buy corner for our bargain shoppers. All food items in this area have been checked and approved for sale by the Army Veterinary Food Inspectors. Permanent mark down areas are also being established in the frozen meat area and produce department.

All end aisle displays and special displays throughout the Commissary feature items at least 15 percent below the regular selling price.

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Sports/Health

Sports Briefs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Handicap bowling league

A Singles Handicap Brown Bag Bowling League organization meeting will be held April 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play is scheduled to begin April 10. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Easter tennis tournament

The San Francisco Recreation Park Department's Annual Easter Vacation Tennis Tournament will be held March 29 and 30 at Golden Gate park. Individuals interested must sign up Friday. The tournament is open to children age 8 to 18. Ranked junior players are excluded. Double partners may be designated at registration. Tennis rackets are available at request. Entry forms are available and must be turned in at any local recreation center or the Athletic Office at Kezar Pavilion. Mail registrations should be addressed to Garent Franklin, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Calif. 94117.

Bowling bargain rates

A new rates for bowling at the Presidio Bowling Center are now in effect. The new rate is \$1.25 per line, Wednesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of a line was \$1.60. A price of a line is \$1 Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and weekends are not effective by the price change.

St. Mary's Rec Center

A full program of classes, activities, troops and teams for youths age 1 through 18 is planned for held at St. Mary's Recreation Center in the coming months.

Classes include Kids Gym, ages one to three; Sing Along, ages 5 to 10; crafts, ages 7 through 12 and trampoline, ages 7 through 18.

In addition to these weekly classes, baseball teams are now forming in age groups from 6 to 14 and a Girl Scout Troop is forming for third through fifth graders.

St. Mary's Recreation Center is located at Murray Street and Justin Drive. For more information, call 695-5006.

Featured hunters

A tour through Randall Museum featuring hunting birds, hawks, owls and falcons will be held March 30. The cost is free. Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona heights. For more information, call 554-9600.

Golf tournament

The Association of the United States Army San Francisco Chapter's Tenth Annual Golf Tournament will be played at the Presidio Golf Course April 5. The competition is Best Ball Scramble and will begin at 12:30 p.m.

There is a \$80 entry fee includes green fees, electric car, luncheon, prize galore and your contribution to AUSA general fund. Proceeds from the tournament are used to send Presidio soldiers to the Association's annual convention held in Washington D.C. and to underwrite two chapter sponsored ROTC scholarships. A registration form can be picked up at the Presidio Army Golf Course. For more information, call 561-3173.

Volleyball league

The 1991 Intramural Volleyball League is scheduled to begin April 1. Players should begin organizing their unit teams. A meeting for coaches, players and officials will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Gym No. 1, building 63. All teams must have a representative at the meeting. For more information, call 561-4131/4120.

Summer bowling league

The Hui-O-Hawaii Summer Mix Doubles Bowling League organization meeting will be held March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play will begin April 5 at 6 p.m. Applications for team and individual entries are available at the Bowling Center. Only 12 teams will be accepted. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Getaway weekend at Lake Tahoe



by Star Presidian staff
and Outdoor Recreation

The Tahoe getaway weekend deadline has been extended to Tuesday.

If you have thought about getting away from the hustle and bustle of the city, and heading to the scenic mountains of Lake Tahoe, now is the perfect time.

You can make your dream a reality. Enjoy the sunshine, outdoor delights and the indoor glamour of the nightlife in South Lake Tahoe.

Outdoor Recreation is offering a getaway weekend in South Lake Tahoe on April 5, 6 & 7.

Cost for this getaway is \$70 per person and includes round-trip transportation and two nights lodging, based on double occupancy.

For those who wish to take to the slopes, Outdoor Recreation offers skis, boots and poles at a special rate of \$15, payable at time of sign-up.

The trip departs from Outdoor Recreation, bldg. 667 Friday, and returns at approximately 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

Payment in full at time of sign-up is required to reserve yourself a seat on the bus. Full refunds are available for any cancellation due to verifiable military duty.

Space is limited, so make sure to sign up early for desired dates. To sign up or to receive more information, stop by ITT in building 215, or call 561-3992, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., except 1 to 2 p.m.

These trips are open to active duty military, family members, retired military, reservists and PSF DoD civilians. One civilian guest per individual is permitted.

Don't miss out on a great getaway weekend!

Farias wins PSF racquetball championship

by the Star Presidian staff and
Sports Branch

The Presidio Racquetball Championship was held Friday in Gym No. 1.

There were three division champions. Competition was tough for all divisions.

Carlos Farias won both the Open and Senior divisions. Paul Aguayo forfeited the Senior finals to Farias because of an injury. John Els lost to Farias in the Open Semi-Finals. He then played Aguayo to see who would play in the finals against Farias. The match was played intensely by both players. Els prevailed by a score of 21 to 18. Els came back the next day to face the former All-Army and six time Presidio Post Champion, Farias. Els started out with some tough serves and well placed shots to jump into an early 6 to 2 lead. Farias rallied back making Els stronger. He kept the lead 12 to 6. The rally became fierce but Farias seemed to come out ahead with one better shot. Farias won 15 to 13. The second game was almost a repeat, but Els' outstanding play was not enough to overcome the highly skilled Farias. The final score was 15 to 11 in favor of Farias.

Ola Rowson defended her women's championship by defeating Alexandria Rumph.

Open men's division:

Champion—Carlos Farias, Co. A LAMC
Runner-Up—John Els, DAC

Women's Division:

Champion—Ola Rowson, LAIR
Runner-Up—Alexandria Rumph, LAIR

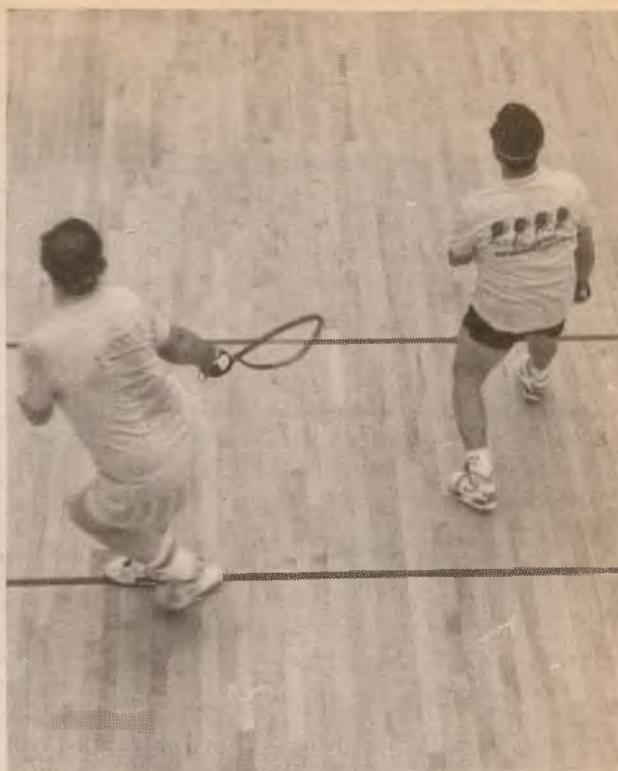


photo by Jesse Gordor

Racquetball action during the tournament.

Senior Division:

Champion—Carlos Farias, Co. A LAMC
Runner-Up—Paul Aguayo, Outdoor Recreation

Intramural basketball highlights

Half court

First round: MEPCOM-21 vs RGPSF-14
DCSOPS-21 vs DENTAC-13
Second round: ANDE'S-21 vs MEPCOM-4
USAG-21 vs DCSOPS-12
Loser's bracket: DCSOPS-21 vs RGPSF-16,
DENTAC-21 vs MEPCOM-14, DCSOPS-16 vs
DENTAC-14
Third round: ANDE'S-21 vs USAG-19
Loser's bracket: USAG-21 vs DCSOPS-16
Semi-finals: USAG-21 vs ANDE'S-10

Finals: USAG-21 vs ANDE'S-12
Final league standings: ANDE'S, 10-0; USAG, 8-2; MEPCOM, 5-5
Play-off standings: First place—USAG,
Second—ANDE'S, Third—
DCSOPS

Full court

First round: Co. A LAMC-77 vs USAG-43,
MEPCOM-58 vs LEC-49, Co. B LAMC-76 vs
LAIR-66
Second round: Co. A LAMC-57 vs
MEPCOM-48, DOL-58 vs Co. B LAMC-45

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Summer work at airport

Summer work is available at Delta Airlines, San Francisco International Airport, starting June 1 for full-time college students who can work a minimum of ten weeks. The applicant must be in good health, able to lift 70 pounds, pass a drug screening test and have a physical exam required at Delta's expense. Work areas will include aircraft cleaning, loading and cargo services.

To apply, fill out a Delta application available at any Delta Air Lines ticket office or airport location and mail to: Jim Weaver, Delta Air Lines, P.O. Box 8487, San Francisco Int'l Airport, San Francisco, Ca. 94128 (Please mark outside of the envelope "Summer Program")

Temporary ammo point closure

The Ammunition Supply Point will be undergoing a wall to wall inventory starting Monday. It will be closed for normal operations during that time. Emergencies dealing with turn-ins and issues must be cleared through the Chief, Supply and Services Division. Normal operations will resume March 29. For more information, call the ammunition section at 561-2790

Free trips to Jamaica for 'Desert Stormers'

Sandals Resorts, one of the Caribbean's largest resort hotel companies, announced that it will give 500 U.S. servicemembers and their families (or boyfriends and girlfriends) an opportunity to enjoy an expense-free week-long stay at one of the resorts. Names will be selected in a random drawing by representatives of the armed services shortly after the ceasefire is declared in Operation Desert Storm.

To enter the drawing, send the name, address and telephone number of a friend or relative of active duty U.S. military personnel in the Persian Gulf theater of operations on a postcard (along with the name, rank, branch of service and unit of the serviceperson) to: "Operation Sandals", 7610 S.W. 61 Avenue, Miami, FL 33143.

LAMC jobs

Letterman Army Medical Center is hiring for positions specifically targeted for family members of the Presidio community. The temporary positions available are clerk typists/secretary (GS 4-6), medical clerks/receptionists (GS 3-5), nursing assistants (GS 4-6) and food service workers (WG 2-4). For more information, call Diane Nishimoto at 561-4421.

Passover festival

A Seder service and dinner to include Jewish military personnel and their families will be held at Congregation B'Nai Emunah, 3595 Taraval Street, San Francisco March 30 at 6 p.m. For more information, call Ruth Callmann at 561-4397.



'Duckie' weather

photo by Jesse Gordon

Ducks splash around in the water in the pond at the Exploratorium, located just off Post, which is open to all visitors.

Desert Storm messages

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013 or 561-5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problems incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

Finance and Accounting

The Directorate of Resource Management Finance and Accounting Office is recruiting for a GS-544-08, Chief, Civilian Payroll Section. Local specialty pay applies to position. Interested applicants should send an SF-50 to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, building 37. For more information, call Donald Judge at 561-2029/2975.

POWC welfare fund requests

The Presidio Officers' Wives Club is inviting organizations that serve the military community to submit requests for fundraiser programs before April 15. The requests need to state the amount needed for a specific program or project and outline how the funds will be used. For information, call 921-8242.

PMUG meeting

A Presidio Macintosh User's Group meeting will be held Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Headquarters Command Battalion conference room in building 1214. For more information, call 561-2528.

Leave donations

Stephanie Franklin, an employee with the Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station, is experiencing a personal medical emergency. So is Elizabeth Barbosa, an employee with the Sixth Recruiting Brigade. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave and both have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please call Mary Dukes at 561-3780.

Presidio's 'best dressed'

The Noncommissioned Officers Advisory Council is planning a best dressed "Mr. and Mrs. Presidio" contest Friday at the NCO/Enlisted Club. Prizes, dinner and party favors will be included.

AUSA, SF 49ers team up

San Francisco 49er Charles Haley and the San Francisco Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will meet for lunch April 2.

Charles Haley is the linebacker and defensive end for the 49ers and he has played in the Pro Bowl for the past two years.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Presidio Officers Club. Tickets must be purchased or reservations made by March 25 by calling your unit or calling Lt. Col. Jeff Brown at 561-3284 or Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Whiteford at 561-2004

Recycling bonuses

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and Letterman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

Licensed beauticians/cosmetologists needed

The American Cancer Society needs licensed beauticians and cosmetologists to volunteer to help cancer patients enhance their appearance while undergoing medical treatment. The program is called "Look Good... Feel Better."

A free training program will be held at Zenzi's Beauty College at 677 Portola Drive in San Francisco Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. All participants will receive a certificate from the National Cosmetology Association and the American Cancer Society. For more information, call 394-7100.

Intro to DOS

An introductory hands-on workshop in DOS will meet Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. during April 1-29 at the Fort Scott Education Center.

Art auction

The Presidio Officers Wives Club is hosting an art auction in the Moraga Room of the Presidio Officer's Club April 12. The doors will open for preliminary viewing at 7 p.m., and the auction will begin at 10 p.m. There will be doorprizes, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. Art will be provided by Genesis Galleries.

ACS volunteers

The Army Community Service has many volunteer job opportunities available. No experience is necessary. ACS will even pay for childcare. For information, call Sandy Coopridge at 561-6088.

School teacher needed

The Discovery Early Learning Preschool has an opening for a teacher/assistant for its toddler program beginning April 1. Hours and schedule are flexible; from 20 to 35 hours per week. Some early childhood education courses and/or preschool experience is preferred. The wages will be \$7 to \$9 an hour depending upon experience. For an interview, call Patricia Handeland at 929-8617.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri. March 22: Lionheart (R) 7 p.m.

Sat. March 23: Misery (R) 7 p.m.

Sun. March 24: Popcorn (R) 7 p.m.

Mon. March 25: Sibling Rivalry (R) 7 p.m.



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Coping with Closure

Grade and pay retention after a RIF

by K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

The *Star Presidian*, in this and upcoming articles, continues its information series on issues of interest to civilian employees who will be affected by Presidio closure and realignment actions. The series will contain information on grade and pay retention, placement assistance programs, retirement, annual and sick leave benefits and computations, severance pay, health benefits, and other key issues. The articles are designed to provide facts you may need to make informed decisions as the installation races headlong toward closure. All facts were cleared with the Civilian Personnel Directorate (CPD) and other authoritative sources, and are current as of the date of the publication in which the articles appear. Any major changes that may occur will be addressed in future issues of the newspaper.

Grade retention

If, as the result of a RIF, you are placed in a lower graded position, you may be eligible for grade retention. To be eligible, you must have served for 52 consecutive weeks at a grade, or grades, higher than the position in which you are placed. Any 52 consecutive weeks will satisfy this requirement.

If you are reduced in grade as a result of a reclas-

sification process, the downgraded position you occupy must have been classified at a higher grade for at least one year immediately preceding your placement in the lower grade. The length of time you occupied the position is irrelevant.

If eligible for grade retention, you are entitled to retain your permanent grade for two years beginning on the date you are placed in the lower graded position.

If, during the two-year period, you are further reduced in grade, also entitling you to grade retention, you will continue to retain the previous retained grade for the remainder of the original two-year period. At the end of that period, you will retain the grade from which you were further reduced until two years have passed from the date of the second demotion.

During the grade retention period, your retained grade will be treated as your grade for pay and pay administration purposes, including for within-grade increases, premium pay, comparability increases, wage adjustments and special rate increases, retire-

see Retention, page 4

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News Briefs

Cholesterol screening

There will be a cholesterol screening today at the Letterman Army Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor. Find out what your "number" is and how to modify your dietary habits to lower your fat and cholesterol intake. Call 561-3107 or 561-4159 for more information.

April promotions

April promotions are on the way for 3,649 NCOs and 597 officers, according to figures released by Army personnel officials.

Also, 65 CWO2s will step up to CWO3, and 28 CWO3s are scheduled to move up to CWO4.

California income tax

Military families who earn income in California can file their California income tax return as "Married filing separately" even if they have filed their federal income tax return as "Married filing jointly." This is different than the requirement for civilian families who must file their California state income tax return the same as their federal income tax return. If you have earned income while in California and you have questions about California taxes, call the Presidio Tax Center at 561-2TAX.

Tax center

The Presidio Tax Center, located in the basement of building 223, will be open through April 15. All federal and state income tax forms are available by calling 561-2TAX, or call your unit tax advisor.

Library closures

The Letterman Army Medical Center in room 104 will close tomorrow. American Red Cross personnel will continue ward service for paperback books and magazines starting April 1. Books must be returned by tomorrow or they will be considered delinquent. For more information, call 561-3448.

Library closure

The Presidio library will close April 13. All books must be returned by Saturday. For more information, call 561-3448.

Vehicle registration hours

The vehicle registration section at the Provost Marshal's Office in building 36 has changed their hours of operation. This was due to budget constraints and personnel cutbacks. The new hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except Wednesdays when it is open from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

"No brass, no ammo!"



Staff Sgt. Sheldon Martin checks Spec. Michael Sell's rifle as he leaves the M-16 qualification range at Camp Parks March 20. See photos on page 7 for more information.

photo by Duvel White

USARC coming on line

by John Moreland
FORSCOM Public Affairs

The evolution of the U.S. Army Reserve Command (Provisional) has progressed steadily since its October activation. Though the Middle East crisis has slowed its growth, the command is now on the threshold of a significant change.

USARC expects to add about 120 members to its 30-person staff in the next two months. It will eventually employ about 700 people, 70 percent of them civilians. By October 1992, it will become a fully staffed major subordinate command of Forces Command.

The new command will command and control all Army Reserve forces in the United States except Special Operations forces, according to Col. John A. Topper, USARC Deputy Chief of Staff.

To accommodate its growth, USARC recently moved from Fort Gillem, Ga. to Fort McPherson, where it will remain until October. At that time, the command will relocate to a leased facility somewhere in the Atlanta area, Topper said.

The move coincides with the arrival of USARC's Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Philip Y. Browning Jr., Maj. Gen. William F. Ward, Chief, Army Reserve, is the USARC Commanding General.

As USARC comes on line, it will consolidate command authority and centralize resources, resulting in improved readiness for the total force, Topper said.

With the passing of reserve-unique functions now performed by FORSCOM, the personnel to perform them will be passed too.

About 100 FORSCOM employees will transfer. Personnel who don't come with a function will be hired

under normal procedures.

"The command has a FORSCOM-approved personnel roster that the Civilian Personnel Office is working on to determine transfer of function rights, job descriptions, classifications and other things necessary to establish a new headquarters," Topper said.

This command will streamline the reserve business.

"We are downsizing all Continental U.S. Armies. Our original plan was to start with Second Army. We were going to move into its building at Fort Gillem; however, because of Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Second Army has been decisively engaged.

"Therefore, we shifted our focus to Fourth Army since it's going to disappear September 30 anyway. The end result is that we have to compress our activities into six months rather than nine or ten," Topper said.

The increased span of USARC's control of personnel, logistics, engineering, and resource and information management will have little effect on the mobilization process.

"As the burden of preparing and supporting reserve units prior to mobilization shifts to the USARC, the CONUSAs will be able to concentrate on training, operations and planning for units. However, mobilization will remain a CONUSA responsibility," Topper said.

As the USARC evolves, the command faces three potential choke points: facilities, people and automation.

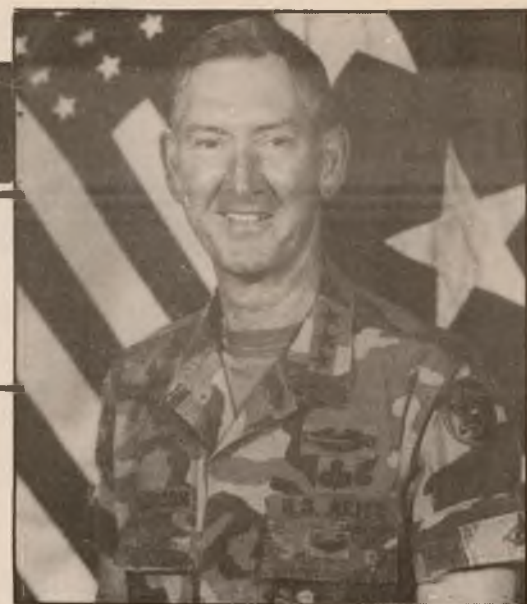
USARC is meeting these challenges and is on course to become a mission-capable major subordinate command of FORSCOM by October 1992, according to Topper.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Dear Presidians—

The rains continue and still we cannot complain—we need it so much and those suffering water rationing know the difficulty of doing without. So, amid the showers it remains a great day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place.

Some years ago the Army recognized the need to establish an award system for our Food Service (think Cook!) personnel.

The Connelly Awards were created and have done much to enhance this very vital specialty area. On Tuesday, it was my honor to recognize our Sixth Army Connelly Award winners for 1991. These winners will go on to compete for the Department of the Army award. Winners were:

Field Kitchen Category
United States Army
828th Education Hospital
Fresno, CA 93707

Field Kitchen Category
Army National Guard
218th Field Artillery
Portland, OR 97218

Garrison Category
Army National Guard
Utah State Military Artillery
Riverton, UT 84065

Also to be congratulated are all our Food Service personnel in the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics Office who work so hard to make this competition meaningful. To all—HOO AH!

Even while DESERT SHIELD/STORM was underway, another war continued for many at PSF and Sixth Army. This is the war on drugs. On Wednesday, I attended a portion of the Northwest Border Conference on Drugs sponsored by the Washington State National Guard. It was well attended and very well organized. Our Counter Narcotics Cell in Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations is to be congratulated for all the behind the scenes work they did to insure the success of this very important conference. Unfortunately, we will not win this war in 100 hours or 42 days. But it is just as important and an equally noble cause.

On Thursday, the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics was in the award mode yet again. This time it was to recognize and honor our supply personnel—another group of true unsung heroes. The winners of our Sixth Army Supply Excellence Awards were:

Company Level
1st Military Intelligence Center
Phoenix, AZ

Battalion Level
140th Military Intelligence Battalion
Bell, CA

To all these great supply achievers—HOO AH!

Also on Thursday, I attended part of our 1991 celebration of Women's History Month.

Fly The Flag



This was a panel discussion on the topic of "Paths and Perils of Today's Women." Our panelist were:

Lily Adams
Patsy Wilson
Dee Quinn
Colonel Sharan Richie
First Sergeant Jean Pellegatto

They all did an excellent job and a lively question and answer period followed. Congrats to our panelist and to our Equal Opportunity staff who organized it all—especially to Sergeant Diane Langdon who was Master of Ceremonies and did a HOO AH! job.

Also on Thursday—it was a busy day!!—I had lunch with five high school students from Tracy California High School. These five represented many Tracy students who supported our troops in Saudi Arabia in many ways. Some of the things these young people did were:

Wrote letters
Yellow Ribbon Week
Support Our Troops Week
Sent Christmas cards

And many more—a real out pouring of concern, care and support. I was honored to join them and have the opportunity to get to know them better. To all the students, teachers, and staff of Tracy High School—thanks and a real loud HOO AH!

Sunday was a FUN day! I and my aide ran the Houlihan to Houlihan race. It going from Fort Baker, up to Golden Gate Bridge, across, down through Presidio of San Francisco, along Marina Boulevard to Fort Mason and ends at Aquatic Park—some 7-plus miles. But the distance is not the news. The news is it was pouring down rain! Now I have mentioned in this column some other races I have done and seen no fellow Presidians. Well gentle readers—as I stood there Sunday in the pouring, cold rain I knew I wouldn't see any fellow Presidians—they were too smart to be there—they would be home warm and dry. But oh no, there were a number of fellow Presidians who made this one! Can you believe that! Among those I saw were Sergeant Major Avalos, Sergeant First Class Cloke, Lieutenant Colonel Hayden, and Lieutenant Colonel Lersbak. Maybe there were

others there, but I couldn't see through the down pour! Anyway—once it was over it was fun but the trip across the bridge really had me wondering if that trip was necessary! But now that I've done it—

I feel all of those of us who ran it were full of HOO AH!

Congrats this week to Sergeant Jeffrey M. Hall, of the Sixth Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Camp Parks. Sergeant Hall was Honor Graduate No. 1 in his United States Army Reserve Unit Records Administration/SIDPERS Course at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. A real achievement. HOO AH! Sergeant Hall.

A great letter this week about Mr. Herbert Garcia, our Presidio of San Francisco Museum Director. Seems this lady called to check on museum hours only to find out it is closed for repairs. Her daughter was writing a paper about the early days of the Presidio and was really counting on gaining some real insights from the museum. Well, Mr. Garcia came to the rescue. He gave the young lady a personally guided tour on his overtime plus gathered some background information for her. Now that's duty above and beyond and is definitely HOO AH! Thanks to Mr. Garcia we have a new friend of the Presidio.

God bless you each and every one. Keep flying those flags and keep writing our troops until we get them all home. They continue to need us. In the desert, boredom is a great enemy. The war is over now and they all want to come home but cannot quite yet. So, let's not forget them—they need our continued support and love.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"To get profit without risk,
experience without change, and
reward without work is as
impossible as it is to live without
being born."

—Harry Truman

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Presidio People

Ask Presidians

"It has been proposed that, as a solution to cutting its dependency on foreign oil, the U.S. drill off the California coast and in wildlife reserves in Alaska. Your reaction?"

Dr. Lund, Captain, pediatric intern, LAMC: "No. That should be the last-ditch effort, drilling in wildlife sanctuaries. We need to start with decreasing consumption by using public transportation and making more fuel-efficient cars. We should put more research into alternative fuel."



Rene Paige, clerk typist, outpatient records, LAMC: "No, no, no. What we need to do is strengthen our diplomatic ties, then we can trade for oil. They need things like paper and electricity. We have to abandon drilling in the U.S. altogether."



Maj. Robert Holland, staff psychiatrist, LAMC: "No, but it may be a partial solution. We should use more solar and nuclear [energy]. After all, there have been many more deaths due to coal and oil than from nuclear power. There is a lot of unused land in Alaska and they could drill on the reserves, but only if they can maintain the wildlife."



Rebecca McAley, cashier, Presidio Shopette: "We can't do that; what if an accident happens? It's so risky. We already have enough problems with the animals out there. We need to use public transportation and ride bikes, but we shouldn't mess with marine life."



Sgt. Eva K. Jang, Pay Administration: "If it has to do with harming wildlife, I'm against it. We have enough problems with forest fires and the destruction of the rain forests. I can't think of any alternatives, but harming wildlife won't just hurt the United States, but the whole world."



Sgt. 1st Class Warren Brockberry, Provost Marshal's Office: "That's not a solution. I disagree totally; environmental preservation has to be emphasized. We need to explore new areas where the wildlife won't be affected. We should invest more into researching oil and other natural resources, and we should use solar [energy]—that's the future—that's where we should place our emphasis for research."



photo by Adrienne Sims

Women's History Month

Col. Sharon Richie (right) talks about women's history during a panel discussion on the "Paths and Perils of Today's Woman," at the NCO/Enlisted Club March 21. Panel members Lily Adams, Patsy Wilson, and Dee Quinn look on.

Presidio Pulse

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff



Maj. Dennis Drake, his son Jacob (in Drake's arms), his daughter Eva Marie and son Jon attended a memorial service and portrait dedication at Army Community Services last week, for his deceased wife, Cynthia.

Camp Parks, Dublin

Maj. Stephen Cooke's wife gave birth in February to a baby boy, Steven Allen.

Sixth U.S. Army Band

The band will perform a retirement and retreat ceremony today on the main parade field on front of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters. They performed an Easter Sunrise Service on the Presidio. Staff Sgt. David Loreche, piano player, graduated from

the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course March 29.

Headquarters Command Battalion

Sgt. Carmen Stewart, the battalion legal clerk celebrated her birthday this month.

Sgt. Lawrence Reed graduated from the Master Fitness School at Fort Benjamin Harrison March 1.



Shannon M. Hughes, a Sixth U.S. Army Garrison soldier, has her specialist rank pinned on by Capt. John K. Rieth and Cpl. Joan M. Warbler.

News

California living

How to beat the next quake by being prepared

by Fredrick J. Bartow
Fire Inspector

No one can forget the tragedy and destruction of the Loma Prieta Earthquake and the dramatic effect that it had on the citizens and the entire state. Fortunately this quake was one of the few major quakes to hit the state over the course of the past several decades. Scientists estimate that the likelihood of major earthquakes occurring in the state within the next 30 years has increased to 67 percent in Northern California and 60 percent in southern California. In other words there is a 67 percent probability of a magnitude 7.0 or larger earthquake occurring on the San Andreas fault, Hayward or Rodgers Creek faults in the Bay Area.

A major earthquake will threaten thousands of Californians with death or injury and cause damage in the billions of dollars. The 7.1 Oct. 17, 1989, Loma Prieta earthquake caused 63 deaths, 3,757 injuries and an estimated \$5.9 billion in property damage.

These factors, as well as the hundreds of smaller tremblers that California experiences annually, reinforces the vulnerability to earthquakes and the urgent need to take action to help all citizens better prepare to take effective action during a quake.

As a step in assisting Californians to learn the safety procedures that can be followed to protect lives and property, Governor Pete Wilson has proclaimed April as California Earthquake Preparedness Month.

The loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate earthquake preparedness measures are taken before, during and after a damaging earthquake.

Before the earthquake:

Develop a family earthquake plan; prepare yourself, your family and home. Decide how and where your family will reunite if separated. Know the safe spots in each room, under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls.

During the earthquake:

If indoors, stay there. Get under a desk or table or stand in corner. If outdoors, get into an open area



away from trees, buildings, walls and power lines.

After the quake:

Check for injuries. Apply first aid. Do not remove seriously injured individuals unless they are in immediate danger. Check for gas and water leaks, and broken electrical wiring.

Damaging earthquakes are part of the past,

present and future. earthquake preparedness should be a way of life for all Californians. If you live in California, for your own safety, you can not ignore the earthquake risk.

For more information about how you can "Beat the Quake" call the Presidio Fire Prevention Office at 561-4108.

Earthquake Preparedness Meeting

APRIL 17

Did you find yourself wondering what you should have been doing during and after the San Francisco earthquake of Oct. 17, 1989?

An earthquake preparedness briefing will be held Wednesday, April 17, in the Post Theater, building 99.

The morning session is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and is restricted to active military only. Meetings at 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m. are open to all Presidians.

For more information, call DPTM Plans and Operations at extension 4-2327.

New weekly Conservation Corner

	Normal Use	Conservation Use		Normal Use	Conservation Use
Shower	Water running, average: 25 gallons	Wet down, soap up, rinse off: 4 gallons	Dishwashing	Tap running: 45 gallons	Wash and rinse in dishpan or sink: 5 gallons
Brushing Teeth	Tap running: 10 gallons	Wet brush, rinse briefly: ½ gallon or less	Automatic Dishwasher	Full cycle: 14 gallons	Short cycle: 11 gallons
Tub Bath	Full: 60 gallons	Minimal water level: 20-30 gallons	Shaving	Tap running: 20 gallons	Fill basin: 1 gallon
Toilet Flushing	Depending on tank size: 5-7 gallons	Using tank displacement bottles: 4-6 gallons	Washing Hands	Tap running: 2 gallons	Fill basin: 1 gallon
			Washing Machine	Full cycle, top water level: 35 gallons	Short cycle, minimal water level: 25 gallons
			Outdoor Watering	Average hose: 10 gallons per minute	Lowest priority — Use little or none

Courtesy of East Bay Municipal Utility District
their booklet "Water Conservation—Today & Tomorrow"

Retention continued from page 1

ment, life insurance, and eligibility for promotion and training as determined by appropriate law and regulations.

According to Mary Burke, Recruitment and Placement Division, CPD, "The rate of basic pay to which you are entitled as a result of grade retention is based on the retained grade.

"In most cases," says Burke, "you will simply remain in the same step and continue to receive the same rate of pay. The retained grade is not used for purposes of applying any reduction in force procedures in a subsequent RIF."

There are some circumstances when it is not feasible or administratively possible for employees to continue in the same step or same rate of basic pay due to various special rate and regular wage schedules developed on the basis of geographic areas —e.g., a move from or to a different geographic area where there is a change in the applicable rate schedule, a change to a different occupational series involving a change from or to a special rate schedule, and so forth.

Loss of eligibility for, or termination of grade retention will occur under any of the following circumstances: Break in service of one work day or more; demotion for personal cause or at your request; placement in a position at a grade equal to or higher than the retained grade; declination of a reasonable offer of a position the grade of which is equal to or higher than the retained grade; election in writing to have the benefits of grade retention terminated; or non-compliance with registration required under the Priority Placement Program.

Pay retention

You are eligible for pay retention when any of the following conditions occur: The two-year grade retention period expires; RIF or reclassification should you not meet the eligibility requirements for grade retention; reduction or elimination of special rate schedules; or, according to Mary Burke, "placement from a special rate position to a non-special rate position or to a lower special rate position; placement in a different pay schedule; placement in a formal employee development program utilized Government-wide, an Upward Mobility Program, a

Career Intern Program, or an Apprenticeship Program."

Special consideration for re-promotion will be given to eligible employees before choosing to fill vacancies by competition. Eligibility normally includes current Department of the Army employees who are in the area of consideration for the position; have been involuntarily placed in lower graded positions without personal cause and not at their request; and are receiving grade, pay, or salary retention benefits.

The extent of coverage, such as length of time or number of referrals, positions covered, effect of declinations, etc., for employees who are not receiving retention benefits, but have been changed to a lower grade without personal case and not at their request, is determined by the applicable local merit promotion plan.

In that restrictions and time limits apply, and there are several considerations for eligibility, loss of eligibility, or termination of retention, you should contact Mary Burke, Recruitment and Placement Division, CPD, at 561-5754, for information specific to your situation.

Desert Storm

Warm welcome in homecoming for Desert Storm soldiers

by the Army News Service

The Army is making plans to welcome home all those deployed from Operation Desert Storm. Organizers from the "Army Reunion and Homecoming Program" know the reception that a soldier receives from the family, the community, the employer and the nation is of paramount importance.

"This is the first time something like this has been developed," said Sandy Nation of the Army Community and Family Support Center. "We have looked at the family issues and also included lessons learned from prior military conflicts — Vietnam through Panama — the main lesson is that the processing of returning soldiers needs to be sincere, humanistic, and not just fast processing of social security numbers and paperwork."

The reunion and homecoming program has three primary goals: Provide an atmosphere of a sincere welcome home from the nation; aid reentry into the civilian workforce or the peacetime military, and support smooth reentry to the family. Plans to reach these goals include parades, picnics, family and soldier reunion briefings, and on-going family support programs.

Nation said the program has received overwhelming support at both the Department of the Army and installation level. Local communities are creating welcoming "task forces" including veterans, military families and members of the Chamber of Commerce and Red Cross and many other agencies and organizations.

Communities can help in a variety of ways said Na-



tion. "Yesterday a man called from Ohio and his group wanted to support the troops. It turns out he works for the Internal Revenue Service. . . his group will not only be supporting local ceremonies, they've also offered to help soldiers with Desert Storm tax return assistance, free of charge.

Nation says there is enough work for everyone and that, "this is not a one time thing — we want to be sure we welcome all returnees from the first to the

last." This may take several months and long-range plans are underway.

"Everybody, military or civilian, individual or large corporation, can have an important part to play and a contribution to make," said Nation.

For more information on homecoming and reunion plans, contact the family support or programs office of your installation or local Army National Guard or Reserve unit.

Surviving separations: reunion and homecoming

by the Army News Service



Communities across the nation and the Army are either hosting or planning activities to recognize and welcome home soldiers returning from the Middle East.

"Coming home and reunion is what both families and soldiers have been looking forward to for a long time," said Maj. Linda K. Jellen, chief of Army Community Service. "The overriding feelings are joy, happiness and relief that the soldier is back.

"But, sometimes it surprises people that it can be an adjustment. Many think that the separation was the hard part and the homecoming will be easy. They don't realize this phase has its adjustments, too."

Jellen said that individuals often fantasize about the reunion and, as in any fantasy, everything is perfect. "Real life and real people aren't perfect," she said.

"Soldiers dream about the perfect family — where the kids don't spill their milk or talk back and where the spouse just can't wait to serve him or her hand and foot.

"Sometimes we forget that a lot has happened and it isn't like a video that has been on hold and you pick up where you left off. Everyone has changed some. Most spouses have changed by becoming a little more independent. They had to take charge and make all the decisions.

"Routines have changed, new interests have developed. Spouses may have mixed feelings about reuniting. They may not want to let go of their new independence, yet at the same time they want to have things go back to the way they were."

Children also play significant roles in the reunion process. "There will be a lot of new babies to adjust to," said Jellen. "Although new dads are anxious to get home, they can be surprised at how much time and attention new babies need.

"Very young children may not recognize their deployed parent right off, or may be a little scared of this 'new person.' Pre-school kids can either be very clinging or sometimes a little slow to warm-up, like 'hmm, is this person really going to be around now?'"

Jellen said that there can also be a little jealousy involved. The returning soldier may be jealous of how close the spouse and children are, children may be jealous of mom and dad wanting to be together, and jealous of the spouse for all the attention the soldier receives after the hard time he or she had.

"Each member of the family will have had some hard times in different ways," said Jellen. "It's important to talk about these without getting into an 'I had it worse' discussion. It is really important to find ways to be nice to each other now."

Installations Armywide are prepared to give reunion briefings that discuss reunion and homecoming in general as well as special topics like coming home to new babies, children, single parents and single soldiers. Jellen said chaplains provide briefings in Saudi Arabia and Army reserve and National Guard family coordinators have also been provided briefing materials.

"We recognize that reserve families are really spread out and are thrilled that organizations like the

American Red Cross, USO and other mental health associations have offered to help out," she said.

"The outpouring of support from the nation to these soldiers and their families as well as all those serving in our nation's defense will go a long way to having this homecoming be a positive one. We just have to keep it going for all our soldiers through the months it takes to redeploy — from first to last."

To find out what is available in your area, call the family center at the nearest installation, your unit family support group, the National Guard headquarters in your state capital, or your local Red Cross.

Jellen said that services will be available to assist families who need additional help in readjusting. "There are mental health personnel in military hospitals and with the VA who are prepared to help both soldiers and families with any adjustments or difficulties they might have."

Family members and friends can help soldiers make the necessary adjustments. "Of course it is important to communicate our pride in their accomplishments and joy at them being home," said Jellen. "But friends and family members need to be sensitive to the soldier's desires. Respect the soldier's need for some quiet time alone or with the family, or for others, time with friends and neighbors."

Surviving separations

Following are tips from the Army Community and Family Support Center to ease reunion adjustments:

- Be aware that although homecoming is wonderful, it can have its adjustments.
- Recognize that both soldier and spouse have experienced a lot and aren't the same people.
- Talk and negotiate. Soldiers have been in a "that's an order" environment and it takes time to readjust to family style negotiation.
- Recognize that this deployment has been tough on everyone. Take pride in each other's accomplishments and empathize with the difficulties experienced.
- We all have had to "numb" our emotions a little to survive. It's normal for this to take a while to come back.
- Let the deployed soldier be an honored guest for a little while. Slowly make changes in disciplining children and let discipline be a joint decision.
- Have a family reunion first, and mom and dad can go off alone a little later.
- Go slow and be patient.
- Remember that soldiers have been away from alcohol for awhile and their tolerance has changed.

News

New rating system for civilians

by the Army News Service

A new rating system is expected to make the evaluation of Department of the Army civilians look much more like the current military system.

The Total Army Personnel Command's Management Support Division is designing the Total Army Performance Evaluation System, or TAPES, for Army civilians. To help bring the rating system more in line with military systems, PERSCOM is incorporating feedback from almost 3,000 Army members and civilian and military supervisors at 14 MACOM headquarters and field activities.

Survey and field sensing sessions reveal that civilians view appraisals as very important to their individual careers and that supervisors believe change is needed. Most participants agree that TAPES offers what the Army force wants — including shared military/civilian values and norms, mutual understanding in the civilian/mix rating environment and enhanced command support for civilian systems.

PERSCOM anticipates phased implementation of TAPES beginning in 1992.

Military tops confidence poll

by the Army News Service

The U.S. military rated the highest marks for confidence in a *Newsweek* poll conducted March 1 by the Gallup Organization.

In the "Opinion Watch" poll, participants were asked to rate how much confidence they had in certain occupations including the military, churches, Supreme Court, Congress, banks and broadcast media. The military came in first with 88 percent saying they had a "great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in it. It was followed by churches, at 58

percent; the Supreme Court, at 51 percent; Congress, at 33 percent; and banks and television, tied at 30 percent.

For the poll, which appeared in the March 11, 1991 issue of *Newsweek*, the Gallup Organization interviewed a national sample of 769 adults by telephone March 1. The margin of error is plus or minus four percentage points. Some "Don't Know" and other responses are not shown.

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Tax information for soldiers

by the Army News Service

President George Bush authorized a tax break for soldiers serving in the Persian Gulf on Jan. 21 by designating the Persian Gulf area as a combat zone.

The executive order made enlisted soldiers and warrant officers in the Persian Gulf area exempt from paying federal taxes on their military pay until the war ends.

The tax break allows officers to exclude \$500 monthly from their gross income during the war. The benefit is retroactive to Jan. 17.

The benefit also relieves military personnel in the Persian Gulf combat zone from the April 15 tax filing deadline. No extension is required, the deadline exemption is automatic. Neither the servicemember nor his or her spouse is required to file taxes until six months after the soldier leaves the area. No interest or penalty will be assessed as a result of the delay; interest, currently set at 10 percent will accrue on

any refund to which the servicemember is entitled.

If a spouse wishes to file a joint return, the Internal Revenue Service will accept a copy of the general power of attorney of authorization statement that can be used in lieu of the servicemember's signature on the forms.

What's more, the words Desert Storm should be written at the top of the 1990 federal income tax returns and on the envelopes. The IRS also recommends that servicemembers keep a copy of military records proving their service in the combat zone, just in case.

Officials expect every state to follow the federal government's lead on delayed taxes, but each state's tax department should be called to verify. The telephone number can be found in the respective state tax booklets and is usually toll-free.

For more information call the IRS taxpayer assistance number toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

W-2 information for Guard and reserves

by the Army News Service

National Guard and reserve soldiers called to active duty as a part of Operation Desert Storm may receive two W-2 income tax forms for 1990.

The first form will cover wages received while on active duty. The second form will cover wages earned for drill pay and active duty for training before being mobilized.

For Army National Guard soldiers, both forms will be available at the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) in their respective state.

For Army Reserve soldiers, both forms will be sent to their reserve unit address.

Family members with powers of attorney may obtain the W-2 forms by applying to the USPFO or reserve unit as appropriate.

The W-2s for active duty soldiers will be sent to the stateside servicing finance office. W-2s will not be sent to Saudi Arabia.

Dealing With Cancer

by The American Cancer Society

Cancer patients and their families are offered an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and get vital information on living with cancer. The American Cancer Society is offering a free, eight-week "I Can Cope" program designed to help patients and families get through the anxiety, and learn to deal with their problems and concerns with cancer.

The "I Can Cope" program begins on Wednesday, April 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Children's Hospital of San Francisco, East Campus, 3698 California Street. "I Can Cope" will meet weekly through May 29. This program provides opportunity to discuss concerns with other patients, and with medical and health professionals.

Topics to be covered include up-to-date information about current cancer treatments, handling daily health problems, adjusting to physical limitations and effectively utilizing community resources.

There is no charge for the "I Can Cope" program, but preregistration is required. Further information may be obtained by calling the American Cancer Society at 394-7100, or Children's Hospital at 750-6160. Those uncertain about enrolling are urged to attend the first session before deciding whether they wish to continue.

Direct Deposit can save Presidio \$60,000 annually

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio is losing \$60,000 a year because approximately 80 percent of civilian employees do not receive direct deposit.

When Finance and Accounting issues pay with a Treasury check, a 10-step process is involved. Then, delivery of the check is dependent on the quality of service provided by the Postal Service.

The \$60,000 is spent for postage, handling, manpower and for equipment used to stuff the envelopes with the checks.

In contrast, the Direct Deposit Program offers an efficient, two step electronic process, according to Chris Daniels, management analyst, Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management. "Direct deposit guarantees on time delivery of your pay."

"It's a win, win situation," Daniels said. "The Presidio wins as a whole, \$60,000 is quite a bit, if we can save that much and have a modernized system we come out ahead." She added, "The employee wins because direct deposit is the safest most reliable way to get money into an account."

"Without exception, employees who use direct deposit have expressed absolute satisfaction with their decision to do so and with the service provided by the Finance and Accounting Office," Daniels said.

Daniels conducted an informal survey of 200 civilian employees asking why they decided to sign up for direct deposit.

"One day, someone broke into all of the mailboxes at my apartment complex and my check was stolen," one employee who was surveyed said. "It took over six weeks to get a replacement."



Answers to her survey ranged from an employee having to pass up a six week TDY assignment in Hawaii because no one could deposit her check in her account, to employees finding their bank charged a lower monthly fee if they received direct deposit.

According to Daniels, one of these incidents could happen to anyone who receives their check by mail.

"If something would go wrong with your direct deposit, at least you know it can only be in one of two places," Daniels said. "It's either at finance or at your bank and it would only take a couple days

to sort out the problem."

"Without direct deposit your check could be anywhere lost in the mail," Daniels said. "It could take weeks before you even see your check."

Another employee who was surveyed said, his paycheck was delivered to the wrong address twice.

"Many problems can occur in a 10 step process," Daniels said. "Everybody, at one time or another, has had a problem with getting their check in the mail."

News



photo by Duvel White

Range!

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Spec. Edward Flowers and Pfc. Calvin Dixon load ammunition for Headquarters Company, USAG rifle range March 20. Staff Sgt. Mary Francisco helps a soldier during the orientation section of the range. A range NCO signals "ready" on the range.



RIF facts: Placement assistance programs

by K.M. Petrack Star Presidian Managing Editor

Department of Defense civilians have been assured that DoD will make a maximum effort to lessen the adverse effects of RIFs on its employees. The Civilian Personnel Directorate (CPD) is putting into effect programs to assist all those who need, and will be needing, help. With the number of people who will be affected by base closure and realignment, not only here at the Presidio, but at the other 85 bases affected, the time is coming when DoD resources and capabilities will be put to the test.

Between now and 1995, the local CPD will be coordinating several programs to assist Letterman Army Medical Center, Sixth U.S. Army, and Presidio employees who are, or will be, affected by base closure and realignment to locate acceptable employment. Following are some of the programs available to you.

With the magnitude of the programs and the number of people who may be seeking assistance and placement, you should stay current on these programs, on your career stability, on placement eligibility and progress, and on the variety of assistance being provided, as you, and you alone, are ultimately responsible to assure that your career and future employment needs and objectives are met.

The Department of Defense Priority Placement Program

Upon registering in this program, you will be certified to those DoD installations where you are willing to accept employment and where vacancies are likely to exist or occur. This is accomplished by means of Stopper Lists and Priority Placement Resumes. When the installations designated have vacancies to be filled that match your skills, accept-

able grade, priority for placement, service status, the installations are required to make you an offer of employment.

If you accept, necessary arrangements will be made for your travel and transportation to the new location. Moving costs are paid by the government to the maximum extent permitted under Joint Travel Regulations.

The Displaced Employee Program is a post-RIF program administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). It provides referral priority for eligible employees to positions in other Federal agencies. To be eligible, separated employees must have personal competitive status based on prior work in the competitive service.

If you have competitive status and retire involuntarily under discontinued service retirement in lieu of separation by RIF, you are also eligible for this program.

Local placement programs are normally established by the local CPO during a RIF. The local CPO establishes contact with local Federal, State, and private employers in an effort to locate acceptable employment opportunities for employees who desire to remain in the local area. CPO may also contract with private outplacement agencies to assist employees who face involuntary separation as a result of base closure, realignment or downsizing of the Army.

The Interagency Assistance Placement Program is administered by the Office of Personnel Management. According to Liz Jackson, Recruitment and Placement Division, CPD, "Displaced career and career conditional employees are eligible and are registered prior to separating from their jobs. The presence of a priority candidate under this program

blocks a Federal agency from hiring new persons from a civil service register. Registration is for either inside or outside the commuting area unless the employee has declined a transfer of function. In that case, consideration is limited to the commuting area."

Re-employment priority lists give separated employees priority reemployment consideration over outside applicants for local vacancies as they occur.

If relocation is necessary, relocation expenses are generally allowable when an employee's move is in the interest of the government. Placements made through recognized outplacement programs are considered to be in the interest of the government.

Additionally, special programs such as the Homeowners Assistance Program or the Department of the Army Relocation Services for Employees program are available to eligible employees under certain conditions.

The Homeowners Assistance Program was established to buy the homes of Federal employees living in an area affected by base closure or realignment where an adverse economic impact on the area real estate market is documented. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the Executive Agent for this program.

The DA Relocation Services for Employees program provides relocation services for eligible DA civilian employees transferring for the benefit of the government within the United States and its possessions.

For additional information on any of these programs, contact Liz Jackson, Recruitment and Placement Division, at 561-5750, CPD.

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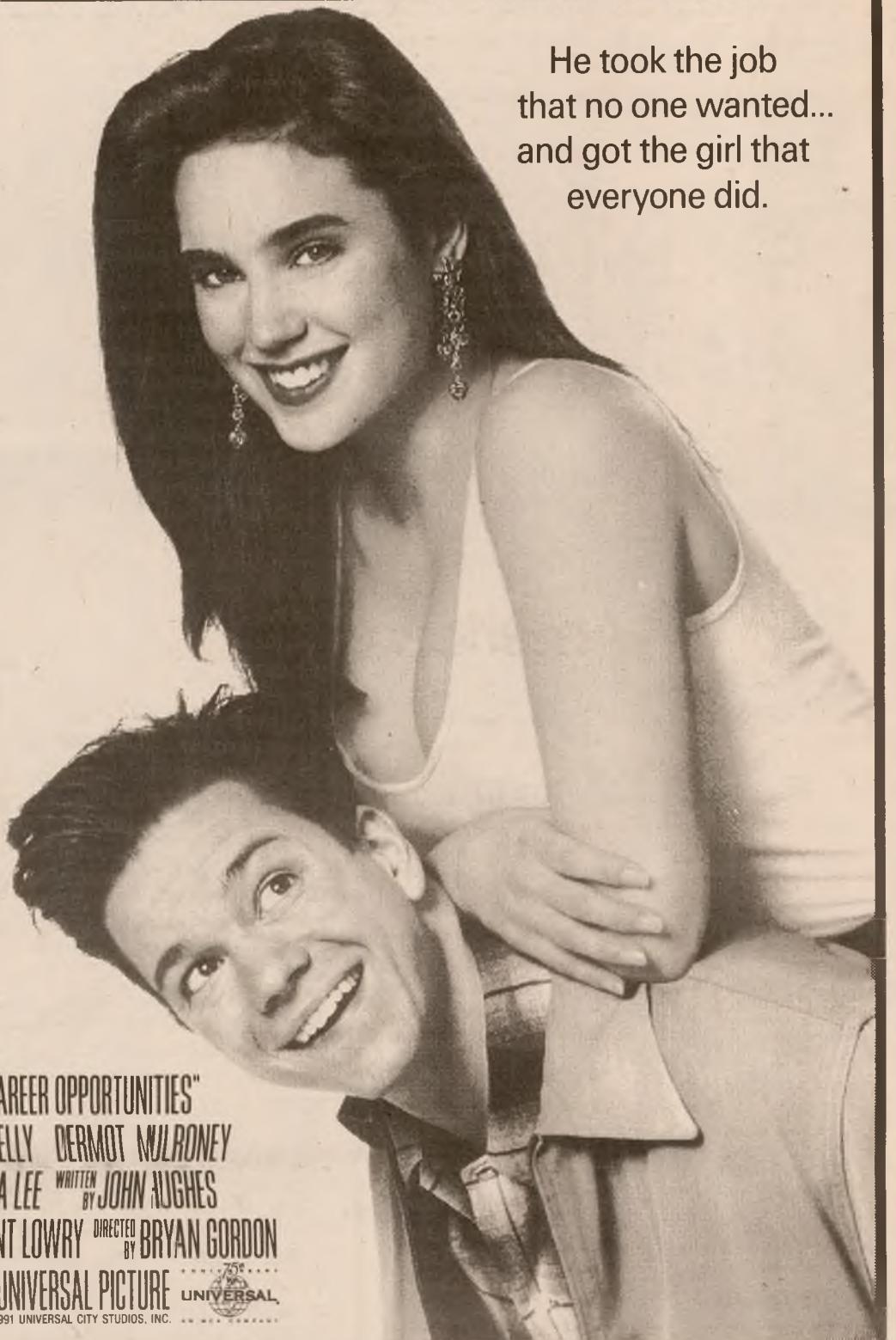
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Sports/Health

Sports Briefs by Drew Seaman Star Presidian staff



CHARLES HALEY

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

SF 49ers, AUSA team up

San Francisco 49er Charles Haley and the San Francisco Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will meet for lunch April 2.

Charles Haley is the linebacker and defensive end for the 49ers and he has played in the Pro Bowl for the past two years.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Presidio Officers Club. Tickets must be purchased or reservations made by March 25 by calling your unit or calling Lt. Col. Jeff Brown at 561-3284 or Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Whiteford at 561-2004.

Free Giant passes

There will be free San Francisco Giants passes available at a Youth Services open house April 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Spouses and children under 18 who have service members deployed in connection with Operation Desert Storm may receive the tickets. In order to receive these passes, you must have an identification card and a copy of orders.

The feathered hunters

Learn about hunter birds like the owls, hawks, falcons and others at the Randall Museum Saturday at 1 p.m. The museum is located at 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. For more information, call 554-9600.

Golf Tourney

The 1991 Intramural Golf League will begin April 4 at the Presidio Golf Club. One day of practice rounds was played March 21 to establish temporary handicaps.

For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Summer bowling leagues

The Hui O Hawaii Summer Mix Doubles Bowling League is scheduled to conduct their organization meeting Friday at 6 p.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play will begin April 5 at 6 p.m. Applications are available in the bowling center. Only 12 teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Golf Tourney contest

One lucky individual will win a four-day free ticket to the 1991 Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta, Georgia at a drawing to be held April 5 at 11 a.m. at Information, Tours and Travels in building 215.

Only active duty personnel are eligible for the drawing. Those who have served in Operation Desert Storm will be given priority.

Sign-ups for the drawing are now being taken at ITT. For more information, call Sandy Cornett at 561-3992.



Sailing away in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Sailing takes Presidians away

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Only you and the wind drifting across the waves of the ocean like clouds float with the sky.

"This is freedom," Jessica Moreland says about sailing across the Bay. "No one decides where I go, but myself and nature."

Moreland remembers sailing with her father when she was a child.

"At first I didn't like it—all the waves made me a little sick," Moreland said. "It didn't take long for me to enjoy sailing, though."

"Now, I love the waves and the motion of the sailboat—It makes me feel so alive without the corruption of the city," Moreland said.

"I like feeling the water splash on my face while I'm sailing," Moreland admits. "It's like being in a rain storm without wishing you had an umbrella. It makes me feel like a kid playing in the rain, only this time Mom's not yelling for me to get in the house."

The Bay is like a vacation to another world for Moreland.

"It's exciting, relaxing and new every time I sail," she said. "Sure, I could take off to the Virgin Islands for a couple of weeks and spend more money than I have, but I still wouldn't feel as refreshed as I do out here."

"I guess it's just so exciting to know that I can escape from the hustle and bustle of every day life by just driving a couple miles down the road and sailing less than a mile into the Bay," Moreland said.

The Yacht Club offers boat rentals, boat berths and sailing lessons at affordable prices. Presidians can enjoy the freedom of sailing without selling the shirt off their backs.

The Yacht Club is set up mainly to support the morale of active duty soldiers and their family members. The activities at the Club are also offered to retirees, their family members and Department of Defense Presidio civilian employees.

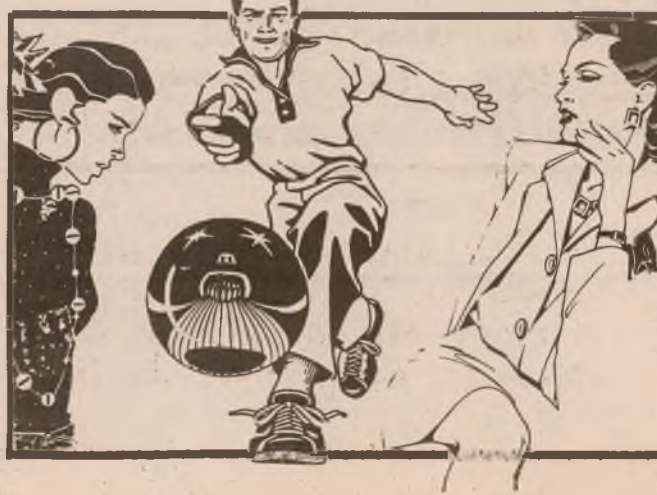
"Sailing, to sum it up, it's life beyond its boundaries," Moreland said. "It's great to see if it's possible to cross life's boundaries while I'm still alive, and when I sail I'm very much alive."

To find out how you can enjoy the activities offered by the Yacht Club, call 332-2319.



Deck-level view of sailing the bay.

Photos by Duvel White



Singles bowling league

A Singles Handicap Brown Bag Bowling League open to male and female bowlers is being organized to bowl each Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. All interested bowlers are invited to the organization meeting April 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the bowling center. League play will begin April 10. For more information call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032

by Adrienne Sims
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Community Calendar

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and the Letterman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

Graduate record examination

The Graduate Record Examination will be given June 5, 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first test. The test must be ordered by April 24. For more information or to order a test, call the 561-3692/4445.

GMA test

The Fort Scott education Center will administer the Graduate Management Admission Test June 17, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The GMAT is free to active duty or reserve military members who plan to pursue a Master's Degree in Business. The test must be ordered by May 6. For more information, call 561-2974/4445.

CLEP English with essay test

The College Level Examination Program English with essay general exam will be given June 11 at 1:15 p.m. This examination is for soldiers attending or planning to attend colleges that require this test rather than a multiple choice CLEP exam. The test will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216. The exam must be ordered in person by April 30 at the Letterman Army Medical Center or the Fort Scott Education Center. For more information, call 561-2974/4445.

Desert Storm messages

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and in support of Operation Desert Storm wanting to send a telegram may do so by calling 561-3031.

Passover festival

A Seder service and dinner to include Jewish military personnel and their families will be held at Congregation B'Nai Emunah, 3595 Taraval Street, San Francisco Friday at 6 p.m. For more information, call Ruth Callmann at 561-4397.



LAMC jobs

Letterman Army Medical Center is hiring for positions specifically targeted for family members of the Presidio community. The temporary positions available are clerk typists/secretary (GS 4-6), medical clerks/receptionists (GS 3-5), nursing assistants (GS 4-6) and food service workers (WG 2-4). For more information, call Diane Nishimoto at 561-4421.

Summer work at airport

Summer work is available at Delta Airlines, San Francisco International Airport, starting June 1 for full-time college students who can work a minimum of ten weeks. The applicant must be in good health, able to lift 70 pounds, pass a drug screening test and have a physical exam required at Delta's expense. Work areas will include aircraft cleaning, loading and cargo services.

To apply, fill out a Delta application available at any Delta Air Lines ticket office or airport location and mail to: Jim Weaver, Delta Air Lines, P.O. Box 8487, San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, Ca. 94128 (Please mark outside of the envelope "Summer Program")

Leave donations

Stephanie Franklin, an employee with the Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station, is experiencing a personal medical emergency. So is Elizabeth Barbosa, an employee with the Sixth Recruiting Brigade. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave and both have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please call Mary Dukes at 561-3780.

Recycling Point

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

USO Employment Support Group

The USO offers job employment search support groups Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A resume and job workshop will be offered Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All workshops are open to military and their spouses. To register or for more information, call 561-2436.

American Legion family support

The American Legion is offering a support network for families involved in Operation Desert Storm. The around-the-clock network is toll-free. Veterans who understand the problems incurred in a deployment staff the lines. To use the support system, call 1-800-786-0901.

Finance and Accounting

The Directorate of Resource Management Finance and Accounting Office is recruiting for a GS-544-08, Chief, Civilian Payroll Section. Local speciality pay applies to position. Interested applicants should send an SF-50 to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, building 37. For more information, call Donald Judge at 561-2029/2975.

School teacher needed

The Discovery Early Learning Preschool has an opening for a teacher/assistant for its toddler program beginning Monday. Hours and schedule are flexible; from 20 to 35 hours per week. Some early childhood education courses and/or preschool experience is preferred. The wages will be \$7 to \$9 an hour depending upon experience. For an interview, call Patricia Handeland at 929-8617.

PX price increase

Vending services at the Post Exchange increased Monday. Cold drinks increased to 55 cents, Snacks to 50 cents, Candy to 55 cents and cigarettes to \$2.25. Haircut prices will increase to \$5.95 Monday.

PMUG meeting

A Presidio Macintosh User's Group meeting will be held Tuesday (March 26) from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Headquarters Command Battalion conference room in Building 1214. For more information, call 561-2528.

POWC luncheon

Jo Harrison, wife of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, will narrate a Sixth Army rendition of the 50s skit "The Basic Black Dress" at the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club luncheon April 4 at 11 a.m. in the ballroom of the Presidio Officers' Club. Everyone is encouraged to wear clothing from the 50s. A prize will be given to the member who wears the most outrageous hat. This luncheon will also feature election of officers for the 1991-92 POWC year. For more information or reservations, call Teena Larson at 931-7137 or Sharon Marrs at 771-8535 before noon Monday.

POWC art auction

The Presidio Officers Wives Club is hosting an art auction in the Moraga Room of the Presidio Officer's Club April 12. The doors will open for preliminary viewing at 7 p.m., and the auction will begin at 10 p.m. There will be door prizes, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. Art will be provided by Genesis Galleries.

ACS volunteers

The Army Community Service has many volunteer job opportunities available. No experience is necessary. ACS will even pay for childcare. For information, call Sandy Coopridier at 561-6088.

POWC welfare fund requests

The Presidio Officers' Wives Club is inviting organizations that serve the military community to submit requests for fundraiser programs before April 15. The requests need to state the amount needed for a specific program or project and outline how the funds will be used. For more information, call 921-8242.

At the Movies

Friday, March 29: Run (R) 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 30: Once Around (R) 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 31: Book Of Love (R) 7 p.m.
Monday, April 1: Eve Of Destruction (R) 7 p.m.



President declares Days of Thanksgiving

by the Army News Service

President George Bush declared Friday through Sunday National Days of Thanksgiving, setting up the time to remember and appreciate the sacrifices of troops deployed to Operation Desert Storm.

In his executive mandate, the president directed all government buildings to fly the American flag and urged citizens to do the same. Bush also said people should ring bells to celebrate the United States at 3 p.m. EST Sunday to celebrate the liberation of Kuwait and the end of the Gulf war.

"As we unite in thanksgiving... let us pray in a special way for the innocent men, women and children, wherever they may be, who have suffered as a result of the conflict in the gulf," the president said. "Seeing before us the promise of a safer, more peaceful world—one marked by respect for the rule of law—let us offer all these entreaties in a spirit of faith, humility and gratitude, seeking reconciliation with all peoples."

Bush said Americans should also observe the days of thanksgiving in honor of the unity and support private citizens displayed for troops in the gulf.

Welcome home!

Staff Sgt. Franklin D. Harrel was greeted by his joyous family and friends March 28 at San Francisco International Airport. Harrel is shown with his wife Donna, and their children Nakeisha, Maurice and Christopher. He is the first Sixth U.S. Army soldier to return to the Presidio from Operation Desert Storm. Harrel served as a nuclear, biological and chemical non-commissioned officer attached to the 24th Infantry Division.

photo by Drew Seaman



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News Briefs

Main Post Library closing June 15

The Main Post Library will close permanently June 15. The reason for this closure is scheduled base closure, the downsizing of the Army and the funding reductions, according to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities. Last week's statement that the Main Library would close April 13 was an error.

All material from the Main Post Library must be returned on or prior to June 15. After that time, material will be considered delinquent. The Post Library will remain open during regular hours until its closure.

The American Red Cross will continue ward service for paperback books and magazines at Letterman Army Medical Center. The LAMC branch library closed Friday.

For more information, call the Post Library at 561-3448.

Tax Center

The Presidio Tax Center, located in the basement of building 223, will be open through April 15. All federal and state income tax forms are available by calling 561-2TAX, or your unit tax advisor.

Holocaust observance

A Holocaust Observance is scheduled for April 11 at the Presidio Officers' Club at 7 a.m. Tickets for the commemoration breakfast may be purchased from the Human Resources Office staff, room 216, building 39. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 561-2993/6436.

Do you care about us?

Greetings, fellow *Star Presidian* readers! Did you know that this newspaper is published and distributed fifty times a year (That's more than it's rained in San Francisco this year). We're here to inform, entertain and even at times annoy you by providing news and information that may not be available anywhere else; not even in the *National Enquirer*.

We need your help now. We need to know if the newspaper is doing its job. Is it reflecting your needs, concerns and interests? Do you even give a hoot?

This week a newspaper readership survey will be mailed throughout the Presidio. When you receive it please take a few minutes to fill it out. We'd like to know if the newspaper is fulfilling its mission. If it's not, we'd like to know those things too (please be gentle) and maybe have a few suggestions on how we can improve it.

When all the responses have been tabulated, we will publish the results in a future edition of the *Star Presidian*.

RIF facts: Leaves and severance pay under RIFS

by K.M.Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

What happens to your accumulated Annual and Sick Leave at the time of separation or retirement?

Should you be separated or retire, will you receive severance pay, and what are the qualifications?

These questions and issues are addressed in this article, another in the RIF series written to assist those civilians who may be affected by base closure, realignment, transfer of function, abolishment of position, separation, or retirement.

Annual Leave

Should you be separated or should you retire, you will receive a lump sum payment for accumulated annual leave to your credit at the time of separation or retirement. Payment is authorized for the regular carry-over balance from the previous year, if any; for leave accrued and unused during the current leave year; and for any unused restored annual leave maintained in a separate account.

If you are reemployed in the Federal Service within the period covered by leave for which you were paid, you must refund the amount of payment which covers the unexpired portion of your regular annual leave. You will then be re-credited with the amount of leave covered by the refund. Any restored annual leave which was maintained in a separate account and included in a lump sum payment, however, is not subject to refund and may not be re-credited if you are reemployed prior to the expiration of the lump sum period.

If you obtain another position in the Federal Service prior to your scheduled separation, your unused annual and sick leave will be transferred to your new agency.

Sick Leave

If you are separated or resign, you will not be paid for sick leave to your credit at the time of your separation. However, it will be restored to your credit if you are reemployed in the Federal Service or by the Government of the District of Columbia within 3 years from the date of your separation.

If you retire - voluntarily or involuntarily under CSRS, your accumulated unused sick leave will be added to your years in service upon retirement. The sick leave can only be used in adding to length of service and not in calculating average salary. If you retire under FERS, no credit is given for accumulated Sick Leave.

Eight hours of accumulated sick leave equals one day for retirement purposes; 2087 hours of accumulated unused sick leave would constitute one additional year to be added to your length of service for retirement purposes.

In doing calculations, only *full months* of accrued sick leave are credited. Partial months of accumulated sick leave, just as partial months of regular service credit, are dropped. However, a partial accumulated month of sick leave can be added to a partial month of credit earned in regular service, and could result in a full month's additional credit.

Severance Pay

You may be entitled to severance pay if your separation is involuntary, and on the date of separation you have been on the rolls of the Federal Service in a qualifying appointment for at least the preceding 12 calendar months.

Service in temporary appointments which follow non-temporary service may be creditable for severance pay provided there was no break in service of more than three calendar days between appointments and you were involuntarily separated. Separation by RIF and resignation in lieu of RIF are considered to be involuntary separations provided you have received a specific written notice of separation because of RIF.

Entitlement applies to full-time and part-time employees with regularly pre-scheduled tour of duty who have not declined reasonable offers and are otherwise eligible.

Ineligibility for Severance Pay

There are several conditions which would exclude you from entitlement to severance pay - e.g., retirement eligibility, or your declining an offer of a position.

If you receive severance pay and are reemployed by the Federal Government in a career or career-conditional appointment or the equivalent in the excepted service, payments will be discontinued beginning with the date of employment.

Temporary Reemployment

Re-employment in a temporary limited appointment will interrupt or defer severance pay until such appointment is terminated. The period of temporary appointment is not creditable for purposes of computing the severance pay it interrupts.

Computation of Severance Pay

Severance pay is computed on the basis of two elements—Basic Severance Allowance and Age Adjustment Allowance.

Basic Severance Allowance: One week's basic compensation at the basic pay rate received immediately before involuntary separation for each of the first 10 years of creditable service, plus two week's basic compensation for each year of creditable service beyond 10 years. When fractions of a year are involved, you will be credited with 25 per-

see RIF facts, page 3

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Fly The Flag



Dear Presidians—

It's a GREAT day to be member of or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco — A Very Special Place! I know you all know that but it never hurts to remind ourselves again and again. Ever hear that old saying — tell yourself something often enough and you begin to believe it. Well, I hope you all believe this — cause it's true. Ours is the best, the brightest, the most highly skilled and trained, the best equipped Army our nation has ever enjoyed. The profession of arms is the most respected profession in American Society. So, we have every right to be proud, to be happy, to feel great about ourselves and the Army. So — HOO AH! for all of us — in uniform, family members, civilian employees.

I was TDY most of last week but got back in time to attend our monthly retirement ceremony on Thursday, 28 March. It was a simply glorious day — clear, warm, sunny — a perfect day to bid a fond farewell to four great soldiers —

Colonel John Lathrop

Colonel Tom Murphy

CW4 George Chigi

CW3 Francis Dobias

The Sixth Army Band — as always outstanding — the troops from LAMC under the command of Captain Finley, the LAMC color guard — all performed magnificently and paid real honor to our retirees. And Major General Brady spoke eloquently of their service and their careers. So, it was yet another great day at PSF!

On Friday I had a real pleasure — on behalf of our Morale Support Fund I went to Marin County and accepted a check from the Sonnen Motor Company for \$11,800! That's right, you read it correctly — \$11,800. Mrs. Sonnen explained to me that the idea came from a Sonnen employee. The employee suggested that during some time period so much money from car sales should be designated for DESERT STORM soldiers and families. Well, Mr. and Mrs. Sonnen said that during February they would donate \$100.00 for every car sold to the PSF Morale Fund. Thus our \$11,800.00. Now friends — that's really HOO AH! So on behalf of all the soldiers and soldiers' families at PSF I repeat my sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sonnen and to all the employees of Sonnen Motors for your generous support and your thoughtfulness.

Friday was capped off by another great PSF/USASIX Fun Run. We had a great crowd, good cadence calling, lots of esprit de corps and great fun. Anyone who missed it — too bad! I wish more people would join us — LAMC? ROTC? CID? MI Battalion? FEMA? AAFES? Commissary? — and I did miss the Garrison Headquarters coming out to cheer us on — as they usually do. The Garrison staff are the only ones who do this. I wish others would — I need all the help I can get! Two of our most faithful attendees are Heidi and Brigid Furney, daughters of Captain and Mrs. Rich Furney, USASIX Protocol. These young ladies come out to almost every run and everyone appreciates their support and encouragement. From all of us to Heidi and Brigid, HOO AH!

As you all know Sunday was Easter. I attended 0700 sunrise services at the Main Post Chapel. It was another glorious morning made more so by our USASIX band; by Mr. John Walko, organist; Jeff and Susan Jaworowski, who sang; Chaplains Cherry and Northrop and all our chapel staff who organized such a special service. This was followed at 1000 by another great chapel service and special music by our Main Post Chapel choir.

One of our PSF troops returned home last week Staff Sgt. Franklin Harrel from DCST redeployed on 28 March arriving about midnight. You might recall my mentioning Sergeant Harrel in this column some weeks back. Welcome home Sergeant Harrel—we're proud of you and we're thankful you're safe and sound.

Don't forget our AER fund drive and the U.S. Savings Bond drive. Both of these worthy causes benefit YOU and ME so give as you can.

Finally, don't forget our troops in Saudi Arabia

and the Persian Gulf. They need our continued love, support, help and understanding. So, Fly a Flag for Freedom today and keep those notes and letter going. That's HOO AH!

God bless you every one—

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"The successful man has enthusiasm. Good work is never done in cold blood; heat is needed to forge anything. Every great achievement is the story of a flaming heart."

—Harry Truman



FORSCOM commander salutes war efforts

Gen. Edwin H. Burba Jr.
Commander, Forces Command

"As the nation expresses its joy and gratitude for our great victory in Operation Desert Storm, all members of Forces Command can note with pride their important role in this historic achievement.

"You have successfully executed the largest mobilization and deployment since World War II. You have deployed over 136,000 highly trained soldiers from the CONUS base. You have called to duty more than 139,000 Reservists and National Guardsmen from over 2,000 towns and cities from every state throughout the continental United States, District of Columbia, Guam, Germany and Puerto Rico. You have mobilized over 1,000 Reserve Component units and prepared them for service at more than 40 mobilization sites throughout this great country. You deployed over 60,000 of these outstanding citizen soldiers overseas through a multitude of airports and seaports. With great courage, alacrity, and tactical brilliance you crushed the enemy and brought liberty to an oppressed people and in so doing captured the hearts and respect of freedom loving people everywhere, particularly in these great United States of America.

"To achieve this stunning victory, we presented the enemy a sudden onrush of relentless, overwhelming combat power—but this singular event was in fact the culmination of years of professional planning, thorough training, and hard work. As civilian, military, and family members of active and reserve units, Continental United States Armies, and a network of extraordinary training centers, you forged a total force of unprecedented readiness. Although you knew that the future would test us, you could not know that the test would come so soon. When it came, you were ready.

Although we met our national objectives at a minimum cost in suffering and loss of life, some have made the ultimate sacrifice. Their legacy is a vision of a world of international order, justice and morality. Their legacy is the irrefutable demonstration that the United States has the total force necessary to make that vision possible. Their legacy is the gratitude of the nation and freedom-loving peoples all over the world.

"Insure every service man and woman, civilian and family member in the Forces Command understand the critical role they played in this historic event and the undying admiration and appreciation we have for their magnificent effort."

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News

Ask Presidians

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

"Should soldiers in the all volunteer armed forces be allowed to file for conscientious objector status?"

John Tolentino, supervisor, Four Seasons store: "They have the right to object to going to war. Wasn't there a soldier here who went for it? I think they were downgraded or something. There are exceptions to each individual case. Some reasons are legitimate and some aren't."

Pvt. 2 Yolanda Brown, unit clerk, Explosive Ordnance Detachment: "No, because you come into the military to serve your country, not for the schools or fringe benefits of the military. Our sole purpose is to serve the military. It's a cop-out. They just came in for other reasons."

Edward Palmer, military dependant: "I don't think it's right. Once you sign a contract you should stick to it. A lot of those objectors must have their reasons, but did they think the Army was a bunch of games?"

Spec. Anwan D. Edge, administration specialist, 31st Maintenance Support Battalion, Fort Irwin: "Not really. When I joined the military I knew a war was possible. I didn't think it would happen. I wouldn't want to fight in a war but if told to do so I would."

Sgt. 1st Class Larry Smith, Army retention noncommissioned officer, Oakland Recruiting Company: "I have no objections to these soldiers. However they should have declared for the status early in their career instead of waiting until a war started."

Pfc. Shirley Pierce, military policeman, Law Enforcement Company: "No one forced them to join the Army. When they get out they shouldn't be allowed to keep their benefits. Most of the soldiers filed for the status because a war started."



photo by Duvel White

Easter egg hunt

Moms offer encouragement as children from Charlie Company, 864th Eng.Bn. get ready to find those hidden goodies Saturday morning during an Easter egg hunt at the Religious Activity Center. The children all have at least one parent serving in Saudi Arabia as part of Desert Storm.

Desert Storm AER loans lifted

by Dixie Porter and
Army News Service

Thousands of Army families will have one less bill to pay next month.

The balance owed on all Army Emergency Relief loans issued between Aug. 1, 1990 and Feb. 28, 1991 will be considered grants and will not have to be paid back, the organization's director said, March 26. The change takes effect April 1.

Close to 31,000 Army families received loans during the seven-month period. Each of the families will receive letters from AER telling them, "If you're paying your loan back through allotment, we will ensure the allotment is stopped," said retired Lt. Gen. Nathaniel Thompson, director of AER. "If you're sending in cash, stop sending it."

Leonard Harmon, deputy director of AER, said soldiers making loan payments by allotment will have their last payment collected at the end of March. He said AER converted the loans into grants because "it was in the best interest of soldiers, their families and the Army."

Harmon said the organization could afford the move because of contributions from the American public and funds available in AER's contingency reserve.

"AER's ability to convert these loan balances to

grants does not mean that AER does not need soldier support during the 1991 fund campaign," said Harmon. "AER depends on the small donations, by allotment, to continue assisting soldiers."

AER provides financial assistance to soldiers, their families and needy spouses and orphans of deceased soldiers. "AER is caring Army people reaching Army people who need help," said Capt. Arturo S. Cantu, Sixth U.S. Army project officer for AER. "This is a chance to help our own."

Over the years, AER has helped soldiers pay for food, rent, utilities, emergency transportation, essential repairs, funeral expenses and medical and dental bills. AER also provides tuition assistance for undergraduate study for spouses and dependent children of active, retired and deceased soldiers.

Last year, AER provided an all-time high of more than \$31 million to about 72,000 Army families. In 1990, the Presidio AER section processed loans and grants for individuals totaling nearly \$150,000.

The 1991 AER Annual Fund Campaign will be conducted on the Presidio during the period April 15 through May 31.

For more information on the AER programs, call 561-5155.

Presidio Pulse

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

United States Army
Special Security
Detachment

Welcome back! - Sgt. Tammy B. Smith, a security administrator, returned from the Gulf March 4 after serving in Operation Desert Storm. She went there Oct. 12 to serve as the noncommissioned officer in charge

of the Command Group Administration under SOCCENT.

Letterman Army
Medical Center

Congratulations to Sgt. Blane Rexford and Spec. Timothy Britton, both of whom graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Ord. Rexford graduated on the Commandant's List and Britton was the Honor Graduate.

mum Allowance: Total severance pay - the sum of the basic severance allowance and the age adjustment allowance - may not exceed one year's pay at the rate received immediately before separation. There is a lifetime 52-week limit on the number of weeks an employee can be entitled to severance pay.

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Specific questions regarding your eligibility for severance pay or related issues should be directed to Dwight Carnes at 561-4378.

Reset! Daylight
Saving Time

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cent of a year for each complete three months. **Age Adjustment Allowance:** According to Dwight Carnes, Recruiting and Placement Division, CPD, "Severance pay allowance is augmented by an age adjustment allowance of 10 percent of the total basic severance allowance for each year that you exceed 40 years of age at the time of involuntary separation."

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• Chill drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running tap water.

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Sports/Health

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff**Golf tourney contest**

One individual will win a four-day free ticket to the 1991 Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta, Georgia at a drawing held Friday at 11 a.m. at Information, Tours and Travels in building 215.

Only active duty personnel are eligible for the drawing. Those who have served in Operation Desert Storm will be given priority. For more information, call Sandy Cornett at 561-3992.

Golf tourney

The 1991 Intramural Golf League will begin today at the Presidio Golf Club. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

**Handicap Singles
Bowling League**

A Singles Handicap Brown Bag Bowling League open to male and female bowlers is being organized to bowl each Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play will begin Wednesday. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Golf tourney change

The Presidio Spring Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for April 18. A Best Ball Four-some Tournament will be conducted with a shotgun start at noon. A \$15 entry fee will be charged for teams. Individual entry is \$5. Green fees will be paid in advance at the Presidio Sports Office by all golfers not members of the Presidio Army Golf Course. Department of the Army civilians, \$30; enlisted, \$8; Officers, \$14 and retired \$15. The Tournament is open to all active duty members, family members, (20 years of age or older) and DA civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio. Following the tournament, a barbecue awards dinner will be served at the NCO/Enlisted Club starting at 5 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$6. Awards will be given for the longest drive, the drive nearest to the pin and for sinking the longest putt.

Entry blanks are available at building 63. Entry deadline is April 16. For more information, call Charles Hurd or Bobbi Gascon at 561-5032/4131.

**MEPCOM post
basketball champions**

Sparked by Everett Robinson's 14 points and David Holland's 12 points respectively, MEPCOM recently defeated Co. A, LAMC, 47 to 40 in the "if" game to capture the 1991 Presidio Post Basketball Championship in Gym No. 1. It was an uphill battle for MEPCOM to the championship after being defeated by Co. A in the second round of competition and placed in the loser's bracket in the double-elimination tournament.

After defeating LEC 52 to 50, MEPCOM took on regular season League Champs, DOL, and proceeded to take the league champs apart 57 to 49 to earn the rights for another meeting with Co. A, a team that was undefeated in the tournament. Needing to defeat Co. A twice to win the gold, MEPCOM forced the first game into overtime and with some fine shooting outscored Co. A 56 to 49. Throughout the Championship game both teams matched basket for basket, but in the end it was all MEPCOM as Co. A players were in foul trouble and MEPCOM was shooting free throws in bonus situations. Final score: MEPCOM 47, Co. A, LAMC 40.

Free Giant passes

There will be free season passes available at a Youth Services open house April 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Spouses and children under 18 who have service members deployed in connection with Operation Desert Storm may receive the tickets. In order to receive these passes you must have an identification card and a copy of orders.

Hot air wins gutter regatta

Joe Paul Burke picks up his boat after blowing it over during the 1991 Regatta Race.

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Cub Scouts took deep breaths as they lined up for the race.

Deep breaths proved significant to the outcome of the race. The scout with the most power behind his blow would, without a doubt, become the winner.

The scouts put their ships at the beginning of the water filled gutters and at the word "Go!" began blowing their sails.

Each winner received a gold star and second place received a color star. The one with the most gold stars at the end of the race was the overall winner.

Brandon Miller received the most gold stars to give him the championship title at the 1991 Rain Gutter Regatta race.

Brian Epperson said the best part of the race was "Winning!" Although Brian didn't win, he enjoyed the race just the same.

"My dad said (Brian and I) couldn't race against each other because our boats were too fast," BJ said. It was a tough competition from the beginning.

BJ's father said he won because he was full of the most hot air, but BJ was sure it was through his hard work of making the boat and his skill in making it move fast through the water.

All the scouts who participated enjoyed themselves. Although there could be only one overall winner, all the scouts were proud of their boats and each star they won.

It wasn't only a big night for the Cub Scouts.

Epperson said this night was one of the seven most significant times in his life. The night "ranked right up there" with his wedding night the birth of his five sons and when he left the United States Army Recruiting Command. He passed down the title of Cub Master to Bruce Skinner.

Epperson placed an Indian chief head dress on Skinner's head. Skinner promised to do his best as a Cub Master and to never take anything serious.

"This will be the first time in 12 years that I no longer have to be your Cub Master," Epperson said, acting relieved.

But Epperson couldn't fool the scouts or anyone who was present at the race. He was as excited as most of the scouts during the race. Epperson jumped and yelled himself as the scouts raced their boats to the end of the lanes of water.

This was surely a night to remember for the scouts, the parents and Epperson.

This night may even make the history books—the only night excited, screaming children and their parents were in one room, and parents actually enjoying themselves.



Jayson Skinner, Simmon Pyle and a Tiger Cub wait to race their homemade sail boats in the 1991 Regatta Race held at the Youth Activities Center March 28.



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by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

NAF jobs

The Presidio Officer's Club has a position available for a bartender (NA-03). It pays \$7.31 per hour. The Child Development Center is hiring for a child development program assistant (CC-02) (part time and intermittent on-call), \$6.41 an hour, and a full-time child development program assistant leader (CC-05), \$8.78 an hour. The Sports Branch needs a lifeguard (PS-03). It pays \$6.61 an hour. Services Division, DPCA needs a full-time recycling manager (UA-07). It pays \$22,705 per annum. The NCO/Enlisted Club needs a waiter/waitress (NA-02). It pays \$6.56 an hour. Applications can be submitted to the CPD/NAF Personnel Division in Building 37. For more information, call 561-2947.

Leave donation

Stephanie Franklin, an employee with the Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station, is experiencing a personal medical emergency. So is Elizabeth Barbosa, an employee with the Sixth Recruiting Brigade. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave and both have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please call Mary Dukes at 561-3780.

School teacher needed

The Discovery Early Learning Preschool has an opening for a teacher/assistant for its toddler program beginning Monday. Hours and schedule are flexible; from 20 to 35 hours per week. Some early childhood education courses and/or preschool experience is preferred. The wages will be \$7 to \$9 an hour depending upon experience. For an interview, call Patricia Handeland at 929-8617.

A Concert Review Living Colour

by Jesse Gordon
Star Presidian staff

As one of the most prominent figures in rock and roll history, Mick Jagger has influenced a great many people. Some bands are not only influenced by him, they are put on the map by him.

One such group is Living Colour, discovered while playing the club circuit by Jagger. He subsequently produced their debut album, "Vivid," which was a huge success, thanks to such hits as "Cult of Personality" and "Glamour boys."

Now the group is touring in support of its second release, "Time's Up," an explosive package of the band's talents. The Bay Area got its first look at the tour on Thursday, March 14th at San Jose State University.

The opening act, King's X, is riding the wave of their first big hit, "It's Love," and the three-man ensemble did an adequate job with only three instruments and a repertoire that was not extensive. They were, however, not the attraction; most came to see the headliners.

From the first note of "Pride," Living Colour had the packed auditorium in the proverbial palm of its hand, and they never let down. The crowd responded perhaps the most audibly to the current hit, "Love Rears its Ugly Head," but the audience participation was always intense. There was only one moment when the crowd was still, and that occurred during Will Calhoun's drum solo, when the dancing stopped and everyone

focused in on his masterful skill.

Those who came were not just along to find out who Living Colour was; the vast majority of them knew the lyrics to all the songs but one, which has yet to be released.

As usual, Vernon Reid displayed his virtuosity in a dazzling array of guitar notes. It certainly is no mistake that he has decorated the covers of every guitar magazine in the last few years. The same is true the Muzz Skillings, who, while not enjoying the same level of recognition, is as good as any bass player in rock today.

Through this all-star band shines the true star, lead singer Corey Glover. First known to America as an actor (Platoon), he uses his acting skills on stage to entice his audience and act out the words of his songs. His strong acting pales in comparison with his vocal talent, which is nearly unsurpassed. At such an early stage in his life, he has already established himself as the best singer in hard rock and one of the best singers in popular music altogether. He combines with his three band-mates to bring to life a level of music which has been absent for many years. As *Rolling Stone* magazine said, their new album will be the standard against which all rock albums will be judged for the rest of the decade. "Time's Up" has certainly escaped the sophomore jinx; while some critics were skeptical as to whether their first album could be improved upon, it has been made clear that their success was no fluke, and they will undoubtedly continue to grow and set standards for all to follow as truly one of the best rock and roll groups in existence.

POWC art auction

The Presidio Officers Wives Club is hosting an art auction in the Moraga Room of the Presidio Officer's Club April 12. The doors will open for preliminary viewing at 7 p.m., and the auction will begin at 10 p.m. There will be door prizes, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. Art will be provided by Genesis Galleries.

POWC luncheon

Jo Harrison, wife of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, will narrate a Sixth Army rendition of the 50s skit "The Basic Black Dress" at the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club luncheon today at 11 a.m. in the ballroom of the Presidio Officers' Club. Everyone is encouraged to wear clothing from the 50s. A prize will be given to the member who wears the most outrageous hat. This luncheon will also feature election of officers for the 1991-92 POWC year.

POWC fund requests

The Presidio Officers' Wives Club is inviting organizations that serve the military community to submit requests for fundraiser programs before April 15. The requests need to state the amount needed for a specific program or project and outline how the funds will be used. For more information, call 921-8242.

ACS volunteers

The Army Community Service has many volunteer job opportunities available. No experience is necessary. ACS will even pay for childcare. For information, call Sandy Coopridge at 561-6088.

Desert Storm vignettes

Many media inquiries are being made for first-hand accounts of combat operations during Operation Desert Storm. If you know of someone who has had first hand experiences in combat contact Col. Rick Kiernan at DSN, formerly Autovon, 227-2564. Faxes can be made to 227-2159.

LAMC jobs

Letterman Army Medical Center is hiring for positions specifically targeted for family members of the Presidio community. The temporary positions available are clerk typists/secretary (GS 4-6), medical clerks/receptionists (GS 3-5), nursing assistants (GS 4-6) and food service workers (WG 2-4). For more information, call Diane Nishimoto at 561-4421.

At the Movies

Friday, April 5:
Nutcracker Prince (G) 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 6:
Awakenings (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 7:
The Russia House (R) 7 p.m.

Monday, April 8:
Three Men and a Little Lady (PG) 7 p.m.



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Square dance festival

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Eyewitness to history: Nazi concentration camp survivor shares memories of past horrors

by Adrienne Sims,
Star Presidian staff

As the Hungarian guard slammed the doors of the truck, he warned the young girls sandwiched inside that they would soon meet death. One young, malnourished girl somehow found the strength to emerge from the mass of bodies with the chance of escape filling all her senses. She asked, "Will anyone join me?" No one replied. They were much too ready to face death which would lead them from the hell they were experiencing.

She jumped from the truck and found herself in a ditch. As she felt around in the somber shadows, she found something: a hiding place?

In the dead of winter, she lay in an icy culvert, naked, hoping she could somehow find her mother to wipe the tears from her mother's face.

"I didn't have a cold feeling," Gloria H. Lyons recalled. "I only had a feeling of triumph."

Lyons was a prisoner in seven different concentration camps between 1944 and 1945. She spent 7 1/2 months at the first one. It was a "death camp." It was at Auschwitz where she had to jump from a truck to keep from going to the gas chamber.

"I wasn't scared for me," Lyons related. "I was sad for my mother and sister. My mother was so upset."

Lyons feels that the chance to let her mother see her alive is what kept Lyons herself alive.

She recalls how the concentration camp was surrounded by an electric fence.

"The fence stood about six people high," Lyons said. "Every morning we would see people up against the fence—dead. They committed suicide so they could escape."

Canada was the name of the area where Lyons worked. According to her, it was called that because it was supposed to be an easy workplace.

"We were surrounded by five gas chambers," she said. "We had to endure the stench of burning human flesh every day. It was unspeakable."

Even after working around the gas chambers, Lyons didn't realize she was at a death camp. She felt that all the ongoing cruelty was to just put them down. One day, she finally realized.

"Girls about my age used to sing for the older people of the camp. One day, we were standing up singing to them, and a guard came over and just slapped one girl and said, 'Where do you think you are? This is not a resort. This is not a hotel. This is a death camp. See those smoke stacks,' he stated as he pointed to the gas chambers. 'Your loved ones have gone up in smoke there.'"

The people at the camps were treated like animals.

"I couldn't believe the things they said. The remarks were so cruel," Lyons said. "We were still civilized when we arrived."

Before reaching the camp, the Lyons family was kept at a ghetto. She, her sister, mother and father were there a month before they were put on trains to be shipped off to camps.

Her brothers left earlier, because the Nazis took young men first.

The people who were picked up from the ghetto rode four days without much room to breathe.

"It was hard to even move without someone else having to move," Lyons said. "We had to perform our basic human functions in the same cable car with only a cloth for privacy. It was unspeakable not to mention the degrading conditions."

*"Every morning
we would see
people up against
the fence—dead.
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suicide so they
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escape."*

"We were all just hoping it would end. We were glad when we arrived at the camp because we thought FINALLY it's over," Lyons continued. "My father looked through the cracks of the cattle car. I could tell by his expression that he didn't like what he was seeing."

After the people were taken off the train, they had to line up and march. They were divided into three sections. The first group was of men, the second women, and the third was young children, disabled people, or people over 50.

"My sister went in the third group. She was 12. My mother and I were in the same group, and we were so surprised when we saw my sister in back of a truck. When she saw us she jumped out because she didn't want to be separated."

"My mother was angry. She felt that my sister would be better off, because she figured the older people would take care of the children and they wouldn't have to work as hard. We found out later that those in the third group were taken straight to the gas chamber."

Both Lyons and her sister were meant to die, but they survived the horror.

"As soon as we got to the camp, the Nazis started demonstrating their ugliness," Lyons remembers. "There was an old man that they started picking on. They cut off his beard, then took his cane and beat him with it."

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Gloria H. Lyons was a girl when the war was raging in Europe. She survived 13 months of horror in seven Nazi concentration camps. Because of her strength and will to live, she survived and now uses her story to teach and inspire others and remind them never to forget. She presented her story this morning at the Presidio Officers' Club.

From the
Past

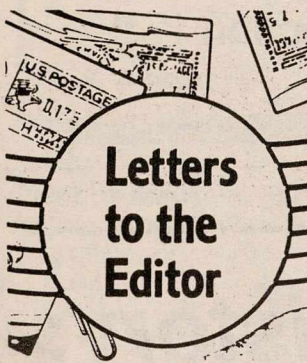
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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Earlier this year, in a session with a medical officer (a civilian) at Letterman U.S. Army Hospital asked where I had been injured during World War II. When I replied, "Guadalcanal," he inquired, "Where is Guadalcanal?"

I was utterly flabbergasted that this question would be asked by anyone, but especially by an individual with his presumed, vast educational background. Thereupon, I wrote the accompanying account to answer that question.

It is hoped, as the 50th anniversary of the cataclysmic naval battle of Guadalcanal nears—keeping in mind its catastrophic cost in blood and material—that my humble writing, "Where Is Guadalcanal?" can be accepted for inclusion in the *Star Presidian* so that the military and civilian community of the Presidio will not again have to ask that question.

Col. (Retired) John P. Lippitt

Where is Guadalcanal?

There is a monument that should give solemn pause to every passerby right here in San Francisco, little more than a stone's throw beyond the west gate of the Presidio at Land's End.

There, sited on a great circle course of 253 degrees, true, to Guadalcanal, some 6,000 nautical miles across the Pacific, stands the shell-shattered remains of the bridge of the USS San Francisco. This ghostly remnant of a once-proud ship bears silent requiem to 34 minutes of horror and death in Sealark Channel and Savo Sound.

At 0148 hours, Friday, the 13th of November, 1942, a force of five cruisers and eight destroyers under the command of Admirals Daniel Callaghan and Norman Scott in, respectively, the USS San Francisco and the USS Atlanta, took on an enemy fleet more than twice their strength at point-blank range in what has gone down in history as the naval battle of Guadalcanal.

Headless that they were both outnumbered and outgunned, the inferior American force drove head-on between the enemy's line of ships, firing alternatively to port and starboard, wreaking terrible damage, but suffering devastating losses in the process.

When it was all over, in little more than half an hour,

Scott had been killed on the Atlanta, and Callaghan, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, died in a barrage of heavy-caliber gunfire from the battleship Hiyei that tore into the very bridge that now faces out to sea at Land's End.

In denying the enemy its goal, the recapture of Guadalcanal, and thereby preserving America's lifeline to Australia, the United States Navy paid a frightful toll. Sunk or near-mortally wounded were the USS Atlanta, Juneau, Portland, San Francisco, Aaron Ward, Barton, Cushing, Laffey, Monssen, O'Bannon and Sterett. The body count of sailors and Marines who perished that night may never be complete.

Those who are oblivious to the sacrifices of World War II and take their freedom, happiness and prosperity for granted might well offer up belated thanks for those blessings to the memory of the men of courage and gallantry whose lives were the bloody price therefore, so many decades ago!

"Those who cannot remember the past are destined to repeat it."

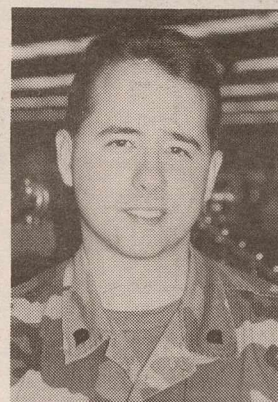
—George Santayana

Ask Presidians

"Do you feel that your telephone and answering machine enhance or detract from your life?"



Conda M. Cook, family member: "I don't have an answering machine, so I know I'm missing out on a lot of calls. The one thing that bothers me about them, is people who use them so that they never have to answer the phone."



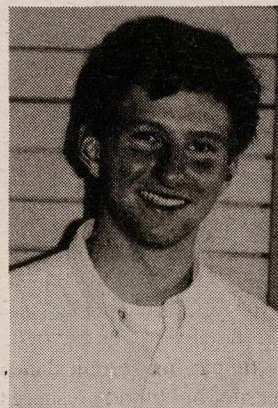
Spc. Jeffery G. Curd, Information Services Command: "They enhance my life. If someone needs to get hold of me, they can leave a message and I can call them back. It also helps me to screen my calls so I'm not bothered."



Spc. Cathey E. Timms, Military Police, Oakland Army Base: "They distract. I hate talking to an answering machine when someone's not there. Most of the time when I get a recording, I'll just hang up. I have four kids; they're my answering service."



Coast Guard Lt. M. Sidonie Bosin, Pacific Area Headquarters: "They enhance my life, because I don't miss out on important calls when I'm out, especially from my family who's two time zones away. Also, I don't have to deal with sales people, or people who call during dinner."



Jeremy C. Pamplin, family member: "They enhance my life by making it easier to stay in contact with people without having to go see them, which could be impossible if they live far away. Phones can also be recreational."

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

Comments, suggestions or letters to the editor are welcome. Mail should be sent to the STAR PRESIDIAN office, HQ, Sixth Army, Public Affairs Office, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. 94129. We reserve the right to edit or deny publication.

Commentary / Jose Zuniga

What ever happened to the busy signal?

"Good morning!" the receptionist on the other side of the line said with a peculiar-sounding voice.

"And welcome to XYZ's answering service..."

"If you're calling from a touch-tone phone press 9 now; if you're using a rotary phone stay on the line and the first available service representative will assist you..."

Having never used voice mail before, I enthusiastically jumped at the opportunity to test modern technology. I pressed 9.

"For billing information press 2, for technical assistance press 5, for a salesperson press 7, to repeat the choices press 9..."

"Welcome to technical assistance, for assistance on stereo equipment press 1, television sets press 3, speakers press 7, compact disc players press 8, computer equipment press 9..."

"This is the computer department, for assistance on IBM computers press 2, Zenith press 4, Tandy press 6, generic computers press 8..."

"Welcome to the generic computer department, for assistance on a rental model press 5, on a personally owned model press 7, on an office-owned model press 9..."

Finally, a press tone. Questions and answers are over and I'll finally find out why I can't get my computer monitor to switch on.

"Hello, and welcome to the generic, personally owned computer technical assistance department. Please try again during store hours. To hear our store hours press 9 now; to hear our location..." Aarrghh!!

As if that experience weren't enough, I called my bank

later the same day and after 15 minutes of playing Twenty Questions with a computer, I was finally told all customer service representatives were busy. What ever happened to the good ole busy signal?

Sometimes I wonder if we haven't tried to make it too easy on ourselves. If in that process we haven't actually increased the incidence of headaches, stomach ulcers and high blood pressure?

Take the answering machine, for instance. Another fine example of modern technology at its finest and worst.

I've listened to hundreds of recorded tapes ranging from "Hi, I'm not here," (that's obvious) to the most annoying: "Howdy, pilgrim" John Wayne message and "The question is: What is your name, number and reason you're calling," Jeopardy message; and hung up each time.

And I've sat through a litany of answering machine messages left on my answering machine chopped into mutton and sounding like: "Hi, this is, darn I hate talking into this machine, Allan Smith with..." Beep, beep, beep... Whoops went over the two-minute limit. Wonder who Allan Smith is??

Maybe we need to leave things just the way they are, sometimes. Take for instance calling your wife; what could be less complicated? I needed a taste of normality after my aggravating bouts with modern technology.

Dial tone.

"Hello. If this is the bill collector press 3, if this is the hairdresser press 5, if this the cable man press 8, if this is you, hon, press 9..."

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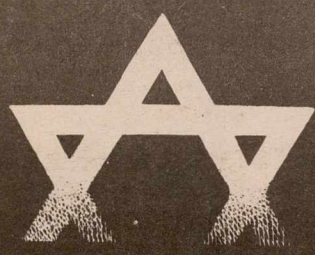
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'Never Forget:' message for Days of Remembrance



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The initiation was also degrading for the rest of the Jews. First their heads were shaved.

"They took a razor and just shaved my head in rows. It left scars, what I call potato rolls," Lyons confided.

Afterwards, the Jews were given gray cotton uniforms and then the last thing: a tattoo. Lyons number was A6374.

"My arm swelled the following day," Lyons said about the tattoo. "Many died from this, because they used the same needle on everyone."

Before Lyons' community was taken away and treated like animals, they had no idea what was going on. The Germans were in control of her community.

"They had taken all our radios, but we never dreamed . . ." she said. "There was an old man," she continued, "who used to run up and down the street. We all thought he was crazy. He said the Nazis were slaughtering people from Poland, and he felt it was his duty to warn us. He said he was thrown in a ditch with a lot of other bodies, and he scratched his way out while covered in blood."

"If I could draw, I would be able to draw him perfectly. I remember every detail of his face," Lyons recalled. "If we would have only believed him, we . . ." She paused.

After 7 1/2 months of hell, Lyons was shipped off to yet another camp. It was not long after that night she hid in the culvert. She still didn't get the chance to see her mother.

The next place Lyons was taken to was a slave labor camp. There were no gas chambers. She had to clear the debris from the

German streets so the artillery and German soldiers could get by.

"There were some kind Germans," Lyons said. "One lady stood outside. She had a roll of french bread under her arm. She looked both ways very carefully, then she tossed it to us."

Lyons was taken to another place where she was forced to work 12-hour shifts on an assembly line making gas masks.

"Hitler wanted all his workers to have gas masks in case the Allies attacked. [That way] he would still have people who could work for him," she said.

Lyons made these masks at the Continental Rubber Factory. Years later, she and her husband went back to Germany. She asked to see her past documents. "The only mention of any kind of slave labor was in the footnotes, and it said, 'Foreign workers made friends with civilians.'"

The company paid four to six marks a head for each Jewish slave.

Before the end of the Holocaust, Lyons was on her way to yet another camp. She was sandwiched in a truck with other Jews, not knowing what the future held (if there even was a future).

"The train kept moving and then it would stop for some period of time. We heard the Nazis outside talking about faith and killing us. We knew we were all going to die. I remember being so angry, thinking how could it end like this in this big open field after all I've been through."

The Nazis opened the doors of the truck and yelled, "Push out the dead and the sick." "Many died on the trip from malnutrition

or disease. Words can't describe the conditions," she confided. "We pushed out the dead."

"Apparently, the guards received different orders. They made us stand in line and walk. Five days before the war ended, the Swedish Rescue Mission saved Lyons' life in that field."

"I lived with a Swedish family. They wanted to adopt me, but I wanted to find my own family."

"I was finally human again," she stated.

Lyons remembers her mother sending letters to her relatives in America. She tried to remember their addresses, but she only remembered Kansas City, Missouri.

"One night I had a dream that I knew the addresses. I told my Swedish sister when I woke up in the night. She told me to write it down or I would forget. So the next day she told me to send a letter to that address."

The address was off by two numbers. "Do you know my uncle received that letter," she said.

Lyons' uncle invited her to come to America to live with him.

About the same time, she found out that her family was alive. She spoke to her mother and asked what she should do. Her mother told her to go to America. She never saw her mother again.

"My mother gave me the will to survive . . . just knowing I would see her again. Last September I did see her—I saw her grave."

Editor's Note: Days of Remembrance—April 25 through May 3.

News Briefs

PX council meeting

There will be a PX council meeting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room in Building 1161. In addition to assigned members, the meeting is open to anyone interested in attending.

Summer job update

The announcement for summer jobs will close to the receipt of applications tomorrow. Specifics are outlined in the announcement and our memorandum dated March 17. Copies of the announcement, memorandum and application materials are available at the Job Information Desk in Building 37 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have already applied for summer jobs and have not seen our memorandum, we strongly recommend you obtain a copy. Inquiries may be directed to John Nobriga at 561-2595.

Update on post pool

The post swimming pool's hours of operation will be changed slightly effective Monday. The new hours will be 11 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The weekend hours will remain the same: noon - 4 p.m. Additionally, the pool will be closed April 16 due to staff shortage. If you have any questions, contact Allen Posey at 561-3673.

Health and fitness

The third annual Presidio Employee Health and Fitness Day will begin at 11 a.m. May 13 at the Post Gym, Building 63. This event is open to all soldiers and civilian employees. You will have a choice on a number of health and fitness activities to participate in: aerobic dance exercise, weight training instruction, blood pressure testing, etc. For further information, contact Bob Darling at 561-4120/4131.

Reuse of grocery bags

Presidians are encouraged to bring their own grocery bags when they shop at the post commissary. Under a new policy approved recently by the Defense Commis-

sary Agency, you may bring paper, plastic or cloth bags to help carry home groceries. You may give bags to the bagger when you get to the register. This will help in reducing the number of new bags required in the store. Bags must be clean and strong enough to hold the products.

Easter closure

The Presidio Commissary will be closed April 19 in observance of Easter. It will resume normal operating hours April 21. From all the commissary staff, "Have a happy Easter!"

NCO career maps

Chart your path to advancement in the Army: Get your copy of the map that applies to your career management field from a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center in Building 1216, or the LUSAH Education Center, Building 1014.

Computer problems?

The ISC Information Center is available for all Presidio activities' computer-related problems. This includes troubleshooting and installation of both hardware and software. For this support, LUSAH personnel should contact their Information Management Division. Training, troubleshooting and installation for Professional Office Systems is also available for all personnel. To make an appointment, phone 561-3287.

Retention board set

Headquarters, Department of the Army, announces all soldiers who are issued a permanent physical profile with a numerical factor of "3" or "4" in one or more of the physical profile serial factors will be mandatorily referred for evaluation to an MOS/Medical Retention Board. These soldiers with permanent physical profiles will not be outprocessed for OCONUS reassignment/deployment until a formal detailed review of the medical condition(s) has been completed. For information, contact Ador Calica at 561-2151/3297.

Notice! Notice!

A request is being made for anyone who saw an event which happened on the Presidio in front of the bleachers and reviewing stand during the Armed Forces Day Parade May 18, 1991. The event involved several members of the military police and parade participants who were walking behind a black pickup truck bearing cards with the name Veteran's Speakers Alliance on the side doors. If anyone saw this event, made a video tape or took photographs, we would appreciate your calling Claire S. Muller, paralegal specialist with the United States Attorney's office at 556-9397.

Tax assistance

The Presidio Tax Center is offering free income tax assistance to soldiers, family members and retirees. Also being offered, for the first time, is free electronic tax filing for federal returns. Most federal and all state forms are on hand. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, through April 16. If you have any questions, please call Capt. David Richardson at 561-2TAX.

Bay to Breakers volunteers

Once again the race directors are looking for 300 to 500 volunteers from the Presidio community to assist with the start of the 81st running of the Examiner Bay To Breakers May 17. Volunteers will not be required to pay the race entry fee and will receive a race T-shirt. The mandatory volunteer briefing is tentatively scheduled for April 21. If you volunteered last year and received a volunteer form in the mail, complete it and bring it to the meeting. Watch for more information.

Baseball fans unite!

Presidio of San Francisco has been asked to provide 50 soldiers to participate in the Giants' opening day ceremony on April 14. Any soldier interested in volunteering needs to contact Sgt. 1st Class William Glover at DPTM, 561-3961. All participants will be able to stay and watch the opening game with the Padres.

Editor's Note: Information compiled by Gregory De Jean.



Working to improve the community, these people already volunteer as area managers.

photo courtesy of Army Community Services

Volunteer 'mayors' improve Presidio community life

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Housing's area mayors are like fill-in mammas and papas of Presidio families.

"They're there to improve the quality of life for families in their housing areas," said Jeanne L. Mote, community life coordinator, Army Community Service.

There are different ways for mayors to improve the lives of Presidio families.

There is a Community Action Council meeting held quarterly which is attended by Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, deputy commander, Sixth U.S. Army.

"The mayors get a chance to bring any problems directly

to the command," Mote said. "The command here becomes really involved in helping the families."

Besides the quarterly meeting, there is also a monthly meeting for the mayors to report any problems they feel need attention.

"A mayor can call any directorate and they almost always get an immediate answer," Mote stated. "The problem can be stopped before even reaching the command."

The mayors are all volunteers. The hours they devote to this job varies. "The time involved is strictly what the mayor makes it," Mote added.

Each mayor oversees a small section of the Presidio's many neighborhoods. This prevents them from becoming overwhelmed.

"A good mayor is a person that is willing to help others

identify with quality problems," Mote feels. "They act as a link between the families and the command."

According to Mote, because of the drawdown at the Presidio and the change in personnel, more mayors are needed.

"Mayors get self-satisfaction out of helping others," Mote said. "They are also recognized by the command."

The mayors are not responsible for the cleaning of areas or assigning duties to others, stated Mote.

There are 11 residential areas without mayors: 100 Riley Avenue, Funston Avenue/Presidio Boulevard, 900 Lincoln Boulevard, Fort Mason, Fort Barry, 1522-1557 Pershing, 1532-1550 Pershing, 1528-1545 Pershing, 1700 (B) Brooks Court, Sibley/Vista Court, and 400 Washington/Armatory.

Anyone wishing to volunteer as an area mayor should contact Mote at 561-4147.

Nutrition program emphasizes 'mother was right'



When your mother "requested, pleaded or demanded" that you needed to finish your salad or eat your vegetables, she may have been more right than she ever imagined.

Nutrition expert Marilyn Whitcher, R.N., of the American Cancer Society, says scientific studies show that up to 35 percent of all cancers are linked to diet.

We are just beginning to learn that the types of foods we consume can reduce the risk of certain cancers, Whitcher said. We may not have all the answers, but strongly recommend seven basic guidelines:

- Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables every day;
- Eat less fat;
- Eat more high fiber foods;
- Eat less salt-cured, smoked and nitrite-cured foods;
- Avoid obesity (maintain a desirable body weight);
- If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation;

- Eat a varied diet.

During April, American Cancer Society volunteers will be providing information that backs up mother's advice in a statewide campaign called "Mother Was Right." More than 60 San Francisco businesses and organizations will be offering free education programs on diet and cancer, and special lesson plans for the 4th and 5th grade will be used in local schools.

The cancer society also offers a simple self-test to measure knowledge of fat, fiber and other nutrients that play a role in reducing the risk of cancer. The quiz, and information on how to make wise choices when shopping, cooking or eating out, are available from the local office at 235 Montgomery, Suite 320, or phone 394-7100.

Editor's Note: The preceding article is courtesy of the American Cancer Society, San Francisco unit.

Innovative inner office recycling program comes to a close

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

It costs more to recycle paper than the time it takes to throw it in the recycling bin.

The Presidio paper and cardboard recycling program will no longer be in effect after May 8 because of the cost.

"It is no longer economically feasible," said Floyd L. Terry, Services Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities. "We can't afford the labor it cost for actual collection."

There is a lot more to recycling paper than meets the eye. First, an employee has to be paid to pick up the recyclable material. Considering that every office on the Presidio

has a recycling bin, that takes a few hours and dollars to accomplish.

"After the paper is picked up, it has to be separated," Terry added. "It's very time consuming. It's not that simple."

After the paper and corrugated cardboard is sorted, it is finally ready to be picked up by a vendor, according to Terry.

The cost to continue the recycling program, which began July 15, 1989, exceeds the revenues.

Although the paper recycling program will come to an end, the recycling igloos located by Outdoor Recreation will remain. Presidians can put glass bottles, aluminum and plastic products in the igloos.

The Auto Crafts Shop also will collect various metals to reuse or recycle.

Those who wish to recycle their paper and corrugated cardboard after May 8 must take those materials to San Francisco's recycling points.

There are paper recycling points at several locations in the City. There is the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center located at 780 Frederick street. There are also branches of this recycling center located at Market and Dolores streets, Mason and Chestnut streets, and Webster Street and Geary Boulevard.

The San Francisco Yellow Pages has a list of several recycling centers for paper, cans and scrap metal.

Resume seminar set

The Army Career and Alumni Program/Job Assistance Center is offering a Job Search/Resume Writing Seminar beginning at 9 a.m. on April 21 at the education center in Building 1216. If you need help writing a resume or with interviewing skills, plan to attend this seminar which is open to separating soldiers, family members and DA civilians.

Individual help with resumes and interviews will be available on April 20 and 22.

Also, you can use the portable JAC-IN-THE-BOX Resume Writer to prepare a polished, professional resume. This will be available for use on April 20 and 22 in the Army Community Services Resource Center in Building 103B.

For more information or to confirm your attendance for the seminar, phone DSN 929-7907.

Editor's Note: Information provided by the Job Assistance Center.

ACS offers financial counseling service

The Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program at Army Community Services offers a variety of programs to assist soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians with financial questions and problems.

Among the offerings are one-on-one budget and debt management meetings with trained counselors, and group training in financial affairs, credit and checkbook maintenance. These programs are designed to prevent debt problems by teaching the skills needed to carefully manage money and spending.

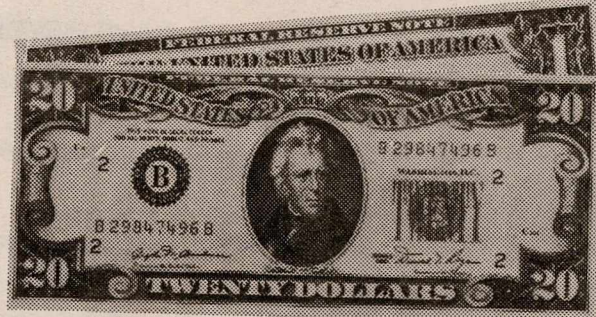
CAFAP will be working closely with other agencies in the military and civilian community to assist individuals affected by downsizing and base closure. One of the initial efforts is as a part of the Brown Bag Seminar program offered at the Job Search Resource Center at ACS.

CAFAP will be offering a seminar April 16 concerning credit bureaus and credit reports, and April 30 dealing with "Financial First Aid for the Unemployed." Future seminars will deal with obtaining and managing credit, budgeting and the credit crisis in the United States. All of the

seminars begin at noon in the Job Search Resource Center in Building 103B.

Additionally, CAFAP is working closely with the Consumer Credit Counselors of San Francisco to establish individual debt liquidation programs for Presidio employees. This nationwide program is a recognized authority in establishing manageable programs to eliminate debt and establish financial stability.

For more information on the seminars or any of the other programs, call James Ritchie, CAFAP manager, at 561-5156.



From the Past

Tiny helmet radio could change combat concepts

Imagine a combat situation where the commander may instantly communicate with each individual member of his attacking force!

This possibility—heralding in a whole new concept of battle communications—has been yanked out of the future and into the present with the development of a two-way radio so small that it fits inside the helmet of the individual rifleman.

Smaller than two packs of cigarettes, this tiny transistor-type radio has been developed by the Signal Corps Engineering laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Weighing only a pound, the set snaps into an experimental helmet which looks like a football player's headgear. The battle-hat of tough synthetic material protects the head as effectively as steel.

This smallest known of two-way military radios owes its

minuteness to transistors, which do the job of bulky vacuum tubes but use only a fraction of the space.

The helmet radio is preset for short-range conversations between squad members. But at a moment's notice, range can be greatly increased by attaching an auxiliary antenna to the top of the helmet. At full capacity, the helmet can reach radios up to a mile away and can hear powerful stations at even greater distances.

To answer a call, the soldier merely flips a switch and talks into a microphone about the size of his thumb. No warm-up time is needed as the set's transistors act instantly. When talking might give away his position, the soldier can push a second button at the side of the helmet and acknowledge a

message with a short radio "beep."

The new radio lends itself to many civilian emergency situations. It would enable rescuers to coordinate their search; policemen could be reached instantly on their beats or fire-fighters could warn each other of danger. Construction workers could request supplies and report difficulties and never leave the job.

The versatile little radio can "net in" with standard Army radios. Messages from a soldier's helmet set could be picked up behind the lines and leapfrogged over long distances to any point in the battlefield network.

Editor's Note: The preceding article first appeared in the Sept. 14, 1956, issue of the Star Presidian.



Public Affairs Office file photo; caption courtesy of Edward J. Green, Presidio Army Museum technician.

In keeping with April's theme of earthquake awareness, this photo shows the extent that the earthquake of 1906 devastated San Francisco. Thousands were left helpless, homeless, and hungry. The efforts of the U.S. Army were immense. Troops from the Presidio and other Bay Area installations were pressed into service. They attempted to stop a huge fire that had erupted from the ruins of a once great city. The Army was under the guidance of Brig. Gen. Frederick Funston. Rescue efforts downtown were highly successful as hundreds were pulled from the crumbled ruins. Troops were ordered to send the refugees to the Presidio and Golden Gate Park. The Army set up emergency field hospitals and hot food kitchens for the needy. Funston ordered U.S. Army tents in storage on the Presidio to be issued to all who needed them. Meanwhile, the fire was defeated on the third day. Three hundred thousand citizens were now homeless. The long road to rebuilding the once grand city by the Golden Gate would soon begin. The U.S. Army designated and built small shacks that housed thousands in the months after the great disaster. The total U.S. Army expense for relief supplies was \$717,141.42. Those were 1906 dollars—far more valuable than today's buck.



Charges are placed on a bridge to be demolished by Sgt. Armando Yeo, of 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co. C, 864th Engr. Bn.



Staff Sgt. John Savage and Sgt. Christopher David prepare a shape charge for detonation on a mock airstrip.



Heading up the line for food in the field is Sgt. Wayne Rogers.

photos courtesy of Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

Engineers in action: Airfield attack, night fire highlights for Earth Movers

by 2nd Lt. Tim Geisler
Special correspondent

The Earth Moving Platoon, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion had its hands full during an eight-day field training exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett recently.

The platoon completed various tasks and missions which could not be done on the Presidio.

The exercise started in the early morning hours as soldiers were up and prepared for the six-hour drive to Hunter Liggett. As the company moved out, the Earth Moving Platoon led the way. When it arrived, vehicles were camouflaged and equipment was moved into the bivouac site. There the platoon set up hasty fighting positions to secure its portion of the perimeter. At last, the soldiers settled in for the night.

Over the next couple of days, the platoon completed fighting positions and trained for upcoming missions. The first mission was to destroy an "enemy" airfield. This included setting a live shape charge used to make a small hole in the ground, and simulating placement of a cratering charge in this hole to completely "destroy" the airfield.

The platoon moved in and secured the airfield prior to setting the demolitions. Staff Sgt. John Savage and Sgt.

Christopher David set up the shape charge while the remainder of the platoon stayed on security. For safety reasons, once the demolitions were set, the platoon moved farther from the site and the charges were set off. After the explosion, the soldiers moved back to the site and set the cratering charge. They had barely completed the charge when they were hit with a simulated chemical weapon. Suffering a few mock casualties in the attack, the soldiers decontaminated themselves and headed for the bivouac site to assess the day's training.

The next mission involved traveling to Camp Roberts, about 30 miles south of Hunter Liggett, for night firing of the M60 machine gun. Specialists Thomas Novak, Cody Dewyer, Ronald McConeghy and Chuck Lindley fired their weapons with deadly accuracy. This range turned out to be a long night for the platoon.

After arriving back at the bivouac site at 1:30 a.m., the soldiers were up and ready to go again at 5 a.m.

Soldiers spent the next three days upgrading a combat trail for Hunter Liggett. Novak and McConeghy performed mine-sweeping operations while the platoon secured the area and moved heavy equipment in to do the work. The platoon completed three miles of combat trail upgrades for the Abrams

tank in those three days.

The platoon's last mission was to destroy the anti-tank mines using 20 pounds of C-4 explosives and 46 pounds of dynamite.

Lindley, Dewyer, David, Staff Sgts. John Meade and Greg Rutkowski set all the explosives and prepared them for detonation. David, Meade and Rutkowski initiated the demolition and drove the 800 meters through rough, mountainous terrain in order to observe the explosion from a safe distance.

Once the explosion went off, the .50 caliber machine guns were used to engage hostile "enemy" aircraft. Spc. Richard Johnston and Spc. Theresa Cox fired gun one; Spc. John Kenny and Novak fired gun two; and Lindley, McConeghy and Dewyer fired gun three. All gunners hit their marks, but Novak was the marksman of the day, hitting more than 90 percent of his targets.

Finally, the platoon prepared for the return trip to the Presidio. The time spent out in the field was rough and exhausting work, but for the Earth Moving Platoon it was just another "Charlie Rock" week.

Editor's Note: 2nd Lt. Geisler is assigned to "Charlie" Company, 864th Engineer Battalion.

Infantry ambush triumphant victory for 2nd platoon

by Todd A. Cartwright
Special correspondent

The 2nd Platoon, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion deployed to the Republic of Fort Hunter Liggett to put an end to a "rebel" uprising recently.

The scenario may have been fictitious, but all training was real world. The first mission for the platoon was to clear a vital link of enemy mines. The platoon removed two live mines from the half-mile stretch of road.

The next day, 2nd Platoon found itself preparing for a company-size ambush by mechanized infantry. The platoon's plan was

to set up claymore mines. These mines would stop the rebels after they were forced out of their armored personnel carriers by 1st Platoon's anti-tank weapons and Earth Moving Platoon's machine guns. Pvt. 2 John Anderson and Pvt. William Garrison each set up and fired a live claymore at just the right time. This resulted in numerous mock "enemy" casualties.

The 2nd Platoon's final mission was to set up an ambush against the mechanized infantry. To execute this ambush, the platoon rigged a bridge for demolition and mined its bypass with live anti-tank mines. To further exploit the rebels, Pfc. Brian Fields set up a

live claymore in the kill zone.

When the enemy stumbled into the kill zone, 2nd Platoon waited patiently for the lead armored personnel carrier to attempt to cross "the bridge too far." When the lead track was on the mark, Spc. Martin Compton blew the bridge up with more than 140 pounds of explosives. The second track tried to bypass the burning hulk, only to meet with an M21 anti-tank mine. Meanwhile, Sgt. Michael Aguilera discharged his anti-tank weapon on the trail of an armored personnel carrier, ruining the day for another rebel squad. When the few remaining rebel soldiers dismounted, Fields let them do business

with his claymore. That was the signal for the whole platoon — M60s, M203s and M16s — to open fire on anything that still wanted to fight. The ambush was a smashing success.

With the rebel uprising squashed, 2nd Platoon returned to the Presidio triumphantly.

Currently, 2nd Platoon continues with its peacetime mission of improving and sustaining the quality of life for every soldier on the Presidio.

Editor's Note: 1st Lt. Cartwright works at "Charlie" Company, 864th Engineer Battalion.



1st Lt. Todd A. Cartwright supervises carefully as Sgt. James Crawford arms and disarms a live M21 anti-tank mine during the recent field training exercise conducted by the engineers at Fort Hunter Liggett.

LEISURE BRIEFS

ITT open house

The Information Tour and Travel/SATO Travel/Leisure Travel Office is celebrating the opening of its new offices in Building 210 with an open house from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. today.

There will be free door prizes given away, and travel industry vendors and airline representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

The grand prize is two round-trip airline tickets to Orlando, Fla., on USAir.

Upholstery class

The Presidio Arts and Crafts Center will offer beginners classes in the art of upholstery.

A great way to save money, the classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Tuesday classes run April 21 through July 7, and the Thursday classes run from April 23 through July 9. The cost is \$75 per person.

For more information, call 561-ARTS after 2 p.m.

Spring Flowers class

Join botanist Bob Patterson to study choice native annual and perennial flowers to plant in home gardens for seasonal splashes of color. A workshop will be held in the Native Plant Garden at the Strybing Arboretum, from 10 a.m. - noon, April 18. The fee is \$8. For registration, call 661-0668. The Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is on 9th Avenue near Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park.

'Merry old England'

Are you willing to work hard to have a good time? Have you visited the Renaissance Faire and wondered how to get involved? Are you wondering what these questions have to do with one another?

The Rose & Stag, one of the most exclusive groups at the faire, is accepting applications from interested volunteers. If you've always wanted to portray a lusty serving wench, or while away the hours playing chess, the Rose

& Stag is the place for you. Excellent food and drink provided. For more information, phone Ruth or Steve Leggett at (707) 769-9909.

Spring break workshops

The Randall Museum is offering two weeks of special spring break workshops Tuesday through April 24. A wide variety of two-hour classes will include a two-day basketmaking class, theater games, whistlemaking, origami shadow puppets, painting, and special crafts workshops with Passover and Easter themes, to name just a few.

Each day, different morning and afternoon workshops will be given. This Saturday at 1 p.m., you can learn to create a rod puppet with simple materials, then bring it to life as you explore your talent as a puppeteer. All ages are welcome; under 8 with an adult. The fee is \$3. Call 554-9600 for registration and information. The Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way, is part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, and is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Fees range from \$7 to \$13 per person ages 6 and up for the spring break classes and workshops.

Teen painting class

If you already draw, or want to learn, join the drawing and painting class for teens, ages 12-15 years. Work with pencils, pen and ink, and water colors. Classes are Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5 p.m. until June 2. The cost is \$40 at the Sharon Art Studio, on Bowling Green Drive off Kezar Drive. Call 753-7006 for registration or information.

Sailing lessons

You, too, can sail on beautiful San Francisco Bay. Basic sailing is taught by the Presidio Yacht Club. Lessons will begin May 2, and will be held for two consecutive weekends. The cost for the four lessons is \$45. You do not need to be a member to participate. For additional information or to sign up, call 332-2319.

Indian bead classes

Come to Golden Gate Park for a workshop in Indian beading for earrings. Make a simple pair in this day-long session. Materials are provided, but participants are encouraged to bring any special beads or crystals. The class will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday at the Sharon Art Studio in Golden Gate Park. Ages 14 and above are welcome. The fee is \$35.

Create unique jewelry using many different materials including metal and enamel. Children aged 8 to 11 are invited to attend this class Saturdays, April 18 to May 9 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$13 and includes all materials.

The studio is on Bowling Green Drive off Kezar Drive in Golden Gate Park. Call 753-7006 for registration and information.

Band concert

Come to the ballroom of the Presidio Officers' Club to hear a special concert by the Sixth U.S. Army and Lodi High School bands at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The concert is the finale to Lodi High School's band clinic. A reception will follow the performance.

'Hi, Ho Silver!

The Presidio Riding Club cordially invites you to participate in its open house beginning at 10 a.m. April 26 in the Marin Headlands between Fort Barry housing and Rodeo Beach. There will be a parade, dressage, jumping, western riding and much more. Active duty and their family members, retired military, reservists, PSF civilians and federal employees of the greater Bay Area are invited. Call Outdoor Recreation at 561-3289 for directions.

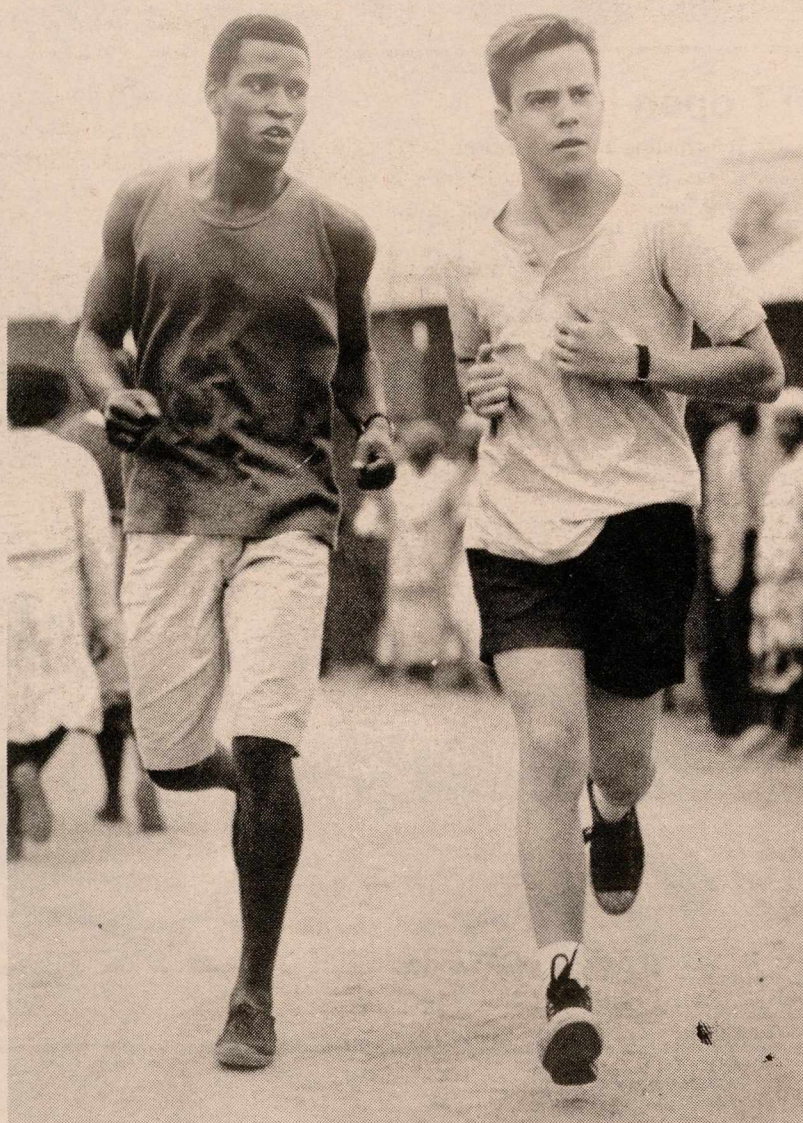
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A black and white photography class for beginners will be conducted from April 15 - May 20 at the Presidio Arts and Crafts Shop. You will learn elementary camera skills, exposure of film, processing of film and quality printing techniques. Any questions? Phone 561-ARTS.

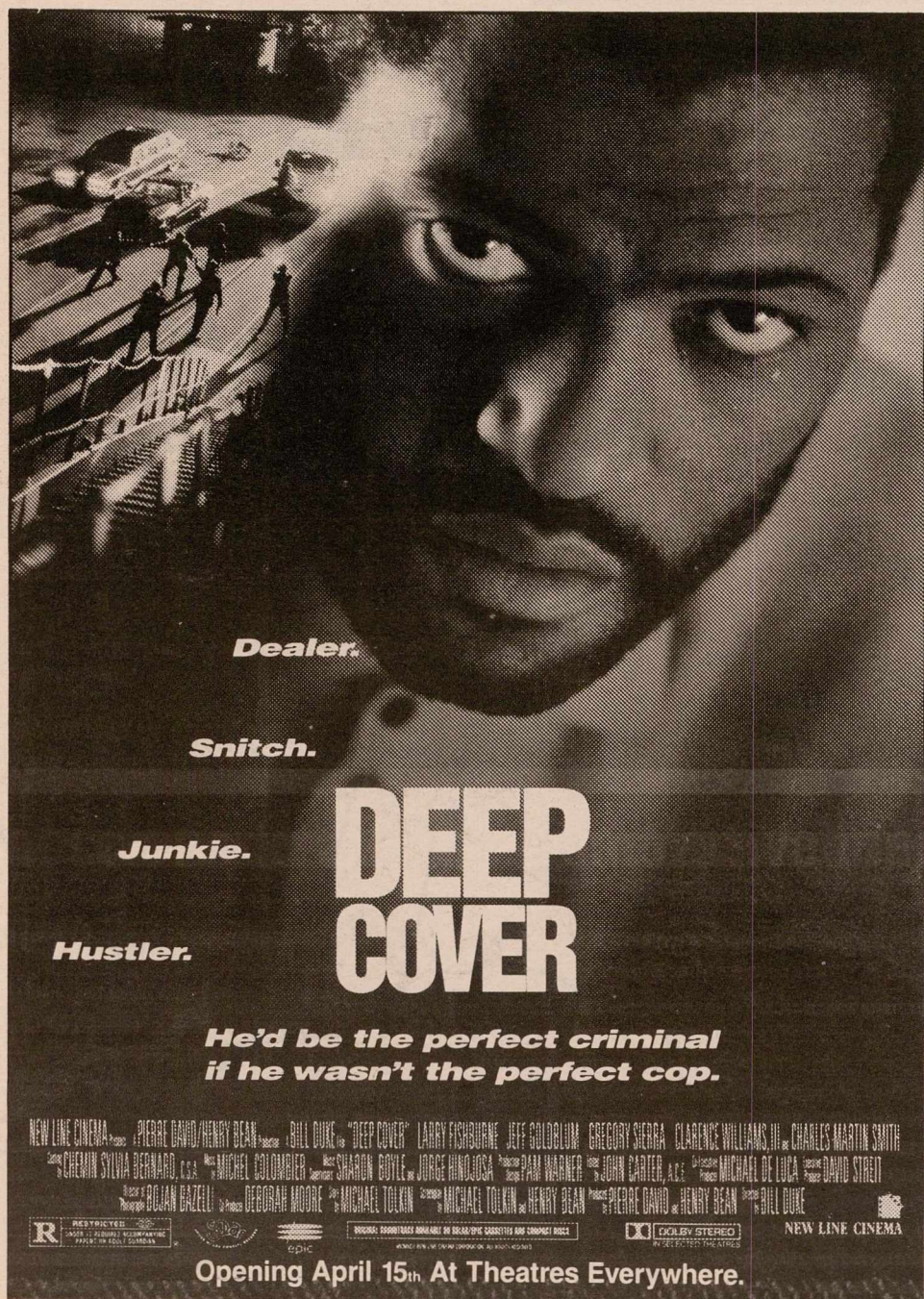
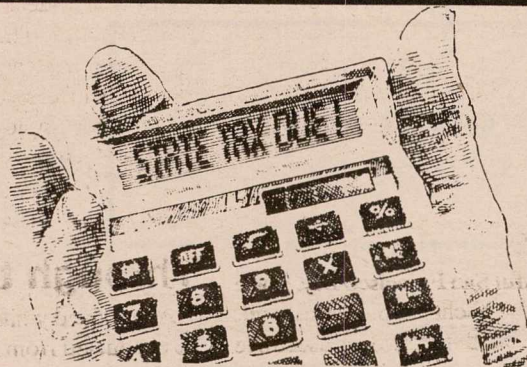


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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

*Presidio Chapels Easter
Passover Week Schedule*

*Chapel of Our Lady
Building 45*

Passover Sunday - April 12
Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.
Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Sunday Mass: 9 and 11 a.m.
Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Wednesday, April 15, 5 p.m.
Penitential Service and Mass

Holy Thursday: 5 p.m.
Mass and Liturgy

Good Friday: Noon
Liturgy and Communion

Holy Saturday: 7:30 p.m.
Holy Sunday Liturgy
Service will conclude with Easter Mass

Easter Sunday - April 19
Easter Sunday Mass: 9 and 11 a.m.

Easter Breakfast - April 19
Golden Gate Club: 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Post Chapel Service: 9 and 11 a.m.

RAC Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Post Chapel
Building 130*

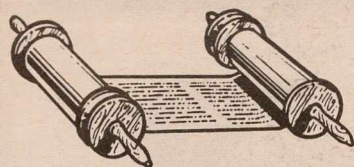
Palm Sunday - April 12
Post Chapel Service: 9 and 11 a.m.
RAC Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Seder Potluck Service - April 16
RAC: 6 p.m.

Good Friday - April 17
Post Chapel: Noon

Easter Sunday - April 19
Sunrise Service: 7 a.m.
Post Chapel Memorial Garden

Note: There will be regular Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:35 a.m. Post Chapel Building 130

**Jewish Services**

Military Personnel Seder Service and Meal, April 18, 6 p.m., at Congregation B'Nai Emunah, 3595 Taraval Street, San Francisco. For information and reservations, contact Ruth Callman at 561-4397.

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From Youth Services

There will be an open house to celebrate the Month of the Military Child beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Building 1331. Featured events will be a fire engine display, McGruff the Dog, ballet, tap, jazz and karate demonstrations, and much more. Parents, the Presidio of San Francisco community and friends are invited to attend this special event. Also, Youth Services is sponsoring a cooking class for youth ages 12 to 19 years old beginning at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Building 1331. For more information on either of these events, phone 561-5143.

Passover festival

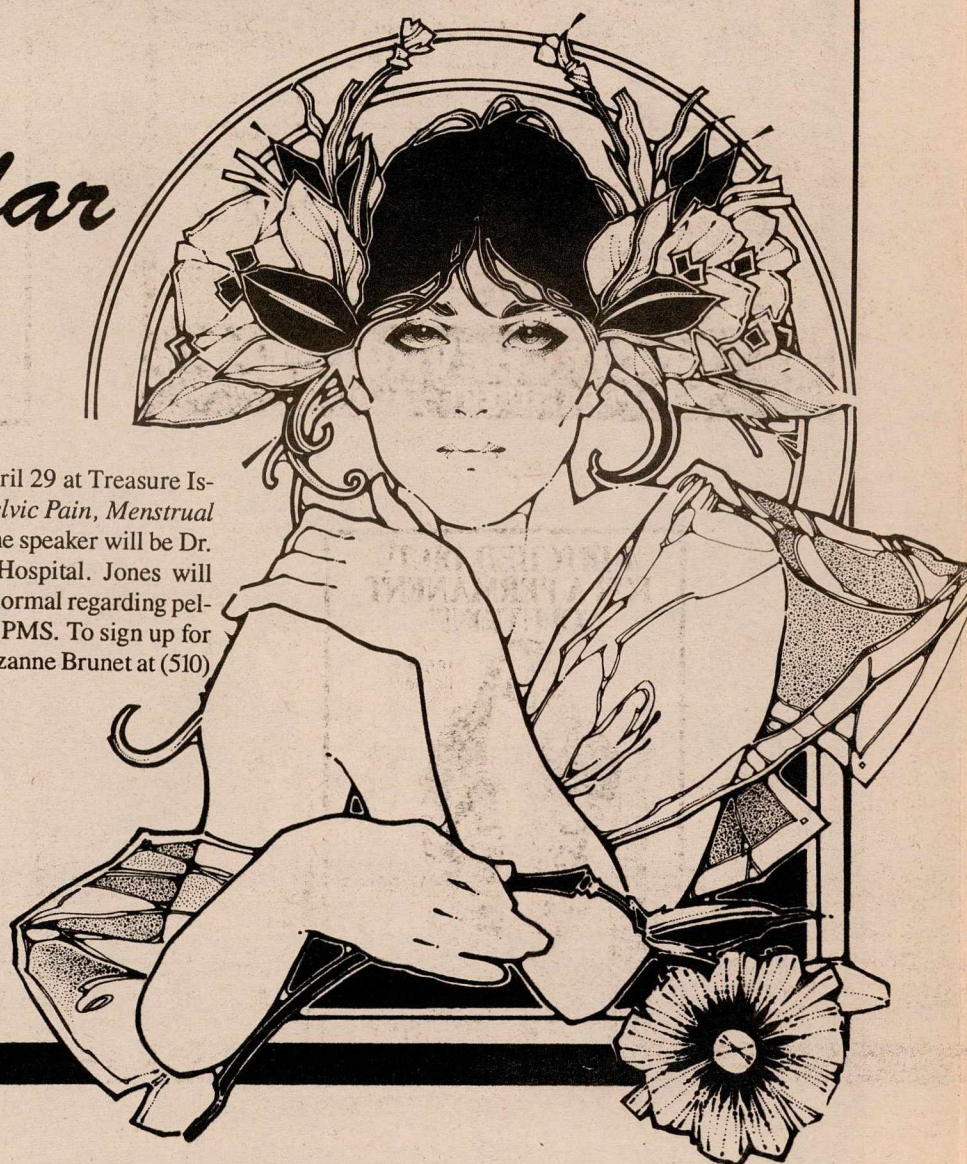
The Jewish Festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days. This year it begins at sunset, April 17, and concludes at sunset, April 25. Passover, the spring festival, celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It is a joyous family holiday, and is rich in story, symbolism and ritual. Above all, it calls attention to the yet unrealized dream of freedom for all people. In conjunction with this celebration, a Seder Service and Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. April 18 at the Congregation B'Nai Emunah in San Francisco for Jewish military personnel and their families. For more information, phone Ruth Callman at 561-3764.

Editor's Note: Information compiled by Gregory De Jean.

Calendar

For women only

A talk will be given at 6 p.m. April 29 at Treasure Island titled *Women's Health Talk: Pelvic Pain, Menstrual Discomfort... "What's Normal?"* The speaker will be Dr. Gary Jones from Oakland Naval Hospital. Jones will speak about symptoms and what is normal regarding pelvic pain, menstrual discomfort and PMS. To sign up for this important discussion, phone Suzanne Brunet at (510) 689-7909.



Computer center tutorials big success with students

by Jeane Redsecker
Special correspondent

The education center recently gave soldiers and civilians an opportunity to evaluate their experiences in Computer Based Learning Center tutorials. Results were terrific!

Almost everyone gave an excellent rating to the responses of the staff to student questions and problems. One Presidian put it this way: "The CBLC staff [was] always pleasant and helpful, and answered any questions that arose. I feel that the learning environment they have created is very relaxed and supportive."

The capable people who operate the computer center also teach computer workshops. Pat Farrell, Chris Scott, Regina Grassia and Rich Crowe are so popular that their classes fill up rapidly. Fortunately, Presidians who find their desired class already full can learn

the same skills through the tutorial method.

Tutorials are popular for several reasons. One is that they are free for soldiers, adult family members and Presidio civilian employees. Some students prefer the self-paced aspect of tutorials instead of group- or instructor-paced classes. Another advantage is flexible scheduling. The lab is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

If you have doubts about whether you would really learn as much from a tutorial, consider the comments of an AGR NCO: "The self-paced tutorial programs we offer are truly comprehensive and easy to follow. With each program that I have completed, I feel as though I am an expert or that I am capable of locating procedures in the support manuals provided. . . You and your staff offer

an exceptionally fine program and I feel fortunate that I had an opportunity to take advantage of it."

One family member who was unsuccessful with a tutorial which came with her home computer software, pointed out that her computer center experience was much different. "You have access to supportive and knowledgeable instructors who can answer questions and help with any problems."

Not all students use CBLC tutorials to learn computer subjects such as introduction to computers, wordprocessing, database management, spreadsheets, DOS, ENABLE or programming. Some other options include GRE and GMAT test preparation, speed reading, typing and vocabulary improvement.

Another CBLC offering is the CYBIS—

formerly PLATO—catalog of computer-delivered instruction. Hundreds of courses are available, and some are eligible for college credit.

If you would like to try tutorial learning, the first step is to go to the education center in Building 1216 and talk to a counselor who will help you select your course and will make your first appointment. In no time, you will be a satisfied customer like Presidio family member Gayle Bowman, who explained: "I avoided computers for a long time, thinking that learning to use one would be difficult. The staff at the computer center [has] a positive attitude that encourages you to succeed. If I can learn to operate a computer, anyone can!"

Editor's Note: Redsecker is the deputy education director at the Fort Scott Education Center.

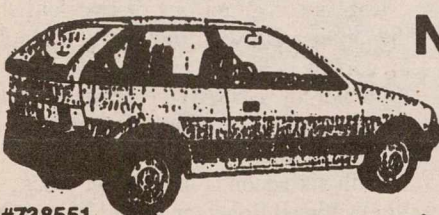
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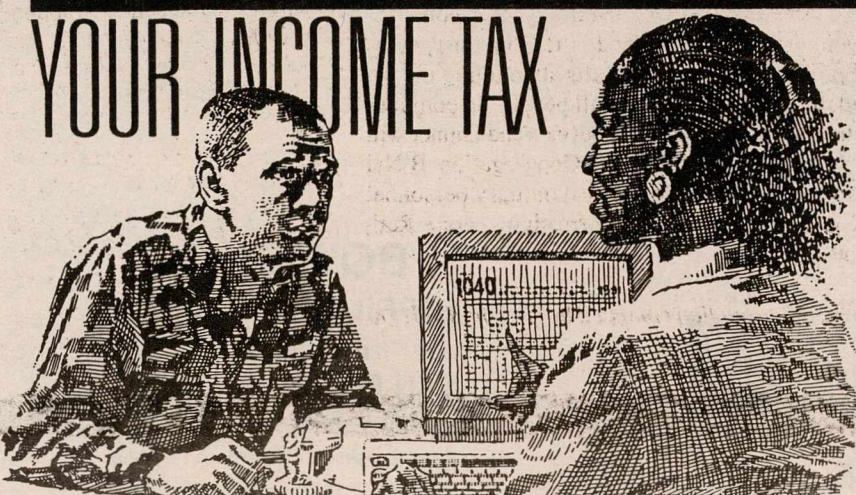
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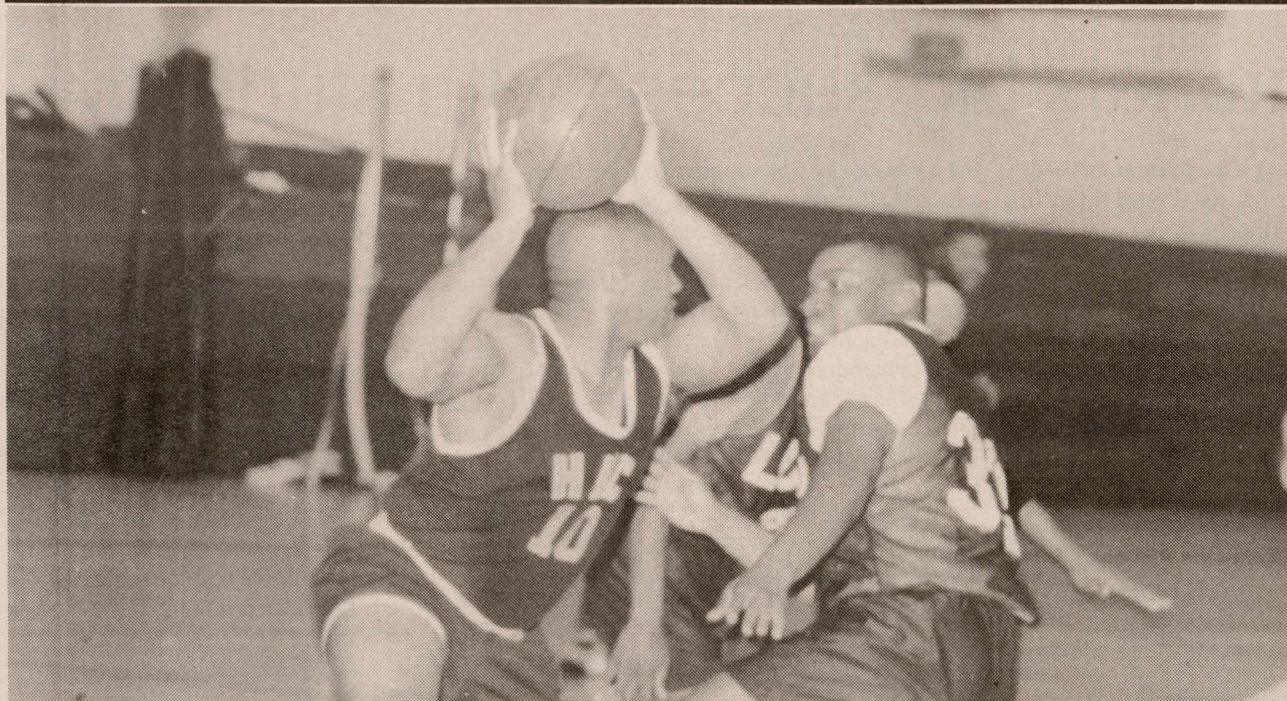


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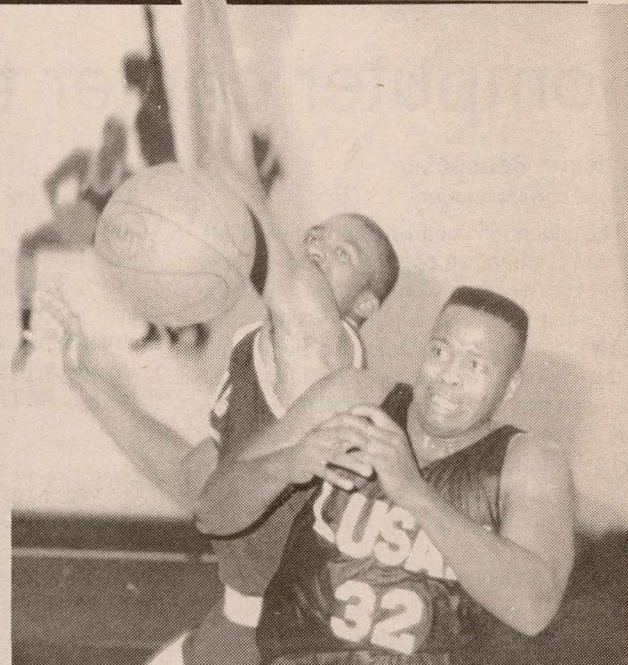
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Clearing out a rebound, USAG's Sheldon Martin (10) turns to pass down court, starting a three-on-two break, as LUSAH's Ray Jackson tries to force an offensive foul.)



Battling for possession, LUSAH's Johnny Gaillard (32) and USAG's James Bouknight struggle for control of the rebound in Thursday's game.

It's LUSAH vs. USAG as teams advance to post championship

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Kevin Cox's 3-point shot with one second left on the clock was not enough to save LUSAH as USAG held on to a 46-45 victory Friday in Gym No. 1, to force one more game in tournament play.

LUSAH had handed USAG its only loss earlier in the double elimination tournament. If LUSAH had won this game, its members would have the right to celebrate as tournament champions. But the boys from USAG had other things in mind.

Boys like Anthony Allen who scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half, including three from the line. LUSAH gave Allen an opening to the basket along the left side of the lane all night, trying to force him to go to his

weak side. Or maybe they thought it was his weak side. He scored every time.

Boys like Sheldon Martin who scored all of his eight points in the second half and was fouled repeatedly as LUSAH tried to foil his 3-point attempts. Though only four for seven from the free-throw line on this night, Martin was probably tired from scoring 19 points the previous night in his team's triple overtime victory against DOL.

Boys like Anthony Jackson who dominated the area under the offensive boards and cleared out rebounds on defense.

For four minutes in the second half and USAG leading 20-14, Allen extended USAG's lead to 13. Twice he was forced to the left side of the lane and kept driving right to the basket, scoring both times and adding one

foul shot. With 11:51 left in the game, Allen and Martin combined for a steal, and Martin was fouled. Thirty seconds later, Allen was again forced to the left side of the lane, but this time drove the baseline and dumped the ball off to James Bouknight under the basket for a 29-16 lead.

With 9:55 to go, LUSAH's Wayne Rogers was forced to turn over the ball after being trapped by Martin and Allen. Martin passed ahead to Bouknight who found Allen waiting under the basket to add two more points and give USAG a 31-16 advantage.

LUSAH was not dead yet. Its rally began with 7:53 remaining, when Ray Jackson dropped a 3-point bomb to narrow USAG's lead to 31-20. Later, Bouknight plowed through the middle of the lane to stretch

USAG's lead to 35-22, but LUSAH's Johnny Gaillard answered with three points.

Then, in the closing three minutes, things got tight for USAG. The team couldn't rebound any missed shots, yet LUSAH started hitting on every attempt.

With 15 seconds left, Rogers appeared to be intentionally fouled by James Williams. But one official had already blown the whistle on Williams for having slapped Rogers' hand an instant earlier, so the intentional foul call was nullified, much to the chagrin of LUSAH's fans.

Rogers converted one of two foul shots, then after a USAG turnover, hit a 3-pointer to narrow USAG's lead, 45-42. Another 3-pointer by LUSAH could have tied the game, possibly sending it into overtime.

But it was not to be.

With six seconds left on the clock, LUSAH's Lionel Roberson fouled Martin. Martin converted one point from the charity stripe and secured the victory, as Cox's final shot at the buzzer was not enough to erase USAG's 46-45 victory.

It was a much different story in the first half. That half ended with USAG leading 18-14, although it trailed LUSAH for the first 17 minutes of the game. Kevin Davis swatted Gaillard's hook shot to protect a 14-12 lead, and then Allen scored twice on the other end to close out the half at 18-14.

Presidio Basketball Championship results:

Round 1

USAG 58, FBI 43
DOL 54, AAFES 46
864TH 62, MEPCOM 56
LUSAH 45, LEC 38

Round 2

USAG 47, DOL 40
LUSAH 40, 864TH 37

Losers Bracket

FBI 68, AAFES 57
MEPCOM 70, LEC 68
DOL 81, FBI 72

Quarterfinals

LUSAH 53, USAG 49
USAG 67, DOL 65 (3 OT)

Elimination game

USAG 46, LUSAH 45

Tournament high scorers

Jimmy Davis, 864th and Everett Robinson, MEPCOM - 26 points;
Robert Harmon, MEPCOM and Bobby Worley, DOL - 25 points;
John Champion, DOL and Gerald Lewis, FBI - 24 points;
Gaillard, LUSAH - 23 points.

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Gangs from the Bay Area have infiltrated the Presidio, but the post military police say they "have the problem under control."

photo by Drew Seaman

News Briefs

Power outage

The power will be shut off in the 1000 and 1100 areas April 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The purpose for the shutdown is in support of an on-going contract to upgrade the electrical system.

'Best Price' policy

"Best Price" is AAFES new competitive pricing strategy. This program was successfully tested at three CONUS exchanges, and will be implemented at all CONUS, Alaska and Hawaii exchanges this spring. If our customers find any identical item carried in our main exchanges advertised elsewhere for less, AAFES will match that price. The "Best Price" pledge applies to advertised sale items and advertised everyday low prices. Watch for introduction of this program in your main exchange and in our promotional flyers.

Pharmacy hours

Due to downsizing of staff in the Letterman Army Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy hours of operation during Saturdays will be discontinued beginning June 1. The Outpatient Pharmacy will then be open only Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, approximately 30 to 40 percent of the medications currently carried by the Pharmacy will be discontinued. for more information, call 561-2967.



photo by Rena Davies

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney spoke before press members in the St. Francis Hotel of San Francisco Apr. 4.

Presidio cracks down on gangs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian s'aff

"Gang activities will not be tolerated on the Presidio," Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady announced at an emergency meeting held at the Presidio Officers' Club April 2.

This meeting was held to inform the Presidio community of the gang activities on post and to let Presidians know what precautions the Military Police are taking.

The Military Police are increasing patrols and conducting very aggressive field interview programs, increased joint investigations with the Criminal Investigation Division to combat problems with gangs on the Presidio, according to Staff Sgt. Steven J. Nyhan, investigator, Military Police Investigations. "We have the problem under control, we've identified the problem and we have a good handle on the situation."

"We are going to do everything we can to stop gang related activity," Nyhan said. "Gang members will be dealt with."

The Military Police Investigation Office has been working with the CID and San Francisco Police department to identify possible gang members.

MPs are establishing high visibility to discourage gang members from coming on to post.

"We've caught it in its infancy—we are going to do our best to prevent the problem from becoming serious," Nyhan said. "I don't think that these gangs are using the Presidio as an operating point."

"The tacking seems to be from baby gangs, ages eleven to fifteen years—these are younger kids who idolize the older gangs because of the power," Nyhan says.

Tacking is a way gang members mark their territory with graffiti and a way for gangs to show that they have entered another gang's territory.

Nyhan believes the young kids get into the gangs because they get caught up in the idea of money and power.

"These gangs work by instilling terror which is power," Nyhan said. "The gangs we have identified from the city are very bold. They know the juvenile process and know that the punishment is light."

According to Nyhan, a Presidio juvenile robbed by gang members right in front of the MP Station. "They are going to continue to commit these crimes until they get into more serious crimes that result in serious punishment."

Juveniles spotted with gang related items, such as colors or gang paraphernalia, will be questioned by

the MPs, the items will be confiscated and destroyed or returned to the sponsor.

If family members are found to be participating in gang activities, they will be referred to the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, according to Nyhan. "They may face a Juvenile Review Board—administrative action can range from community service to expulsion from the post—and a lot in between."

"A twelve year old might not think much about it, but expulsion is very serious," Nyhan said. "It will affect the entire family if they can no longer live in government housing. Kids need to realize this." So do parents.

The MPs believe that the 22nd and Fillmore Street Gang uses Baker Beach for a gathering point.

There has been a "graffiti upspring in the last one to two months," according to Nyhan. "Tacking is being used by gangs."

According to Nyhan, the Presidio Boulevard may be a boundary line for different gangs. "One side is marked with a set of symbols and the other side is marked with a different set of symbols."

"The EVG, East Vario Gang, is the only gang symbol that has been identified on the Presidio," Nyhan said. "It is an Asian gang from the city, according to the SFPD."

March 24, approximately 30 to 40 juveniles were spotted by Military Police behind the golf course. According to Nyhan most of the individuals ran into the bushes, but 15 were stopped and interviewed.

"One Chinese kid was beaten pretty badly [by the gang]: he couldn't even get up to run," Nyhan said. "From information from the SFPD gang task force it was found that he was beaten as part of initiation into the gang."

"He didn't answer questions or explain why he was beaten," Nyhan added.

"These gangs don't fear the police. They are proud to be part of their gang and they don't deny their participation with the gang," Nyhan said. "This is a dangerous cycle for our kids to get into."

"Last weekend the MPs hit hard and heavy," Nyhan said. "Forty-six juveniles were interviewed—twenty-five family members and twenty-one civilians. This weekend we'll see if it drops."

"We received a report from a senior NCO, who has seen gang members in his area, saying that the number has already dropped," Nyhan said. "It seems that the actions we have taken against the activities

see GANGS, page 4

Voices



Presidio View by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Fly The Flag



Dear Presidians—

It remains a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

On Monday, the 1st of April, I paid unexpected visits to several of our Home Care Providers. I was very pleased with what I saw and heard. We have some real caring, concerned, and compassionate Home Care Providers. This is an important program for many children, their parents, the providers and the U.S. Army.

On 2 April, we had a GREAT time with AUSA at the Officers Club. A well attended luncheon with 49ers Charles Haley, Eric Wright, and new Raider Ronnie Lott present and signing autographs. The three football heroes talked about teamwork, team building, and the winning spirit. They really did an excellent job and got a standing ovation at the end. Also on the program was our great Sixth Army band who performed outstandingly. The reason for the occasion was twofold—to thank the military for their performance in DESERT STORM and to recognize our 1991 Presidio Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year. Unfortunately the NCO of the Year, Staff Sergeant Lee Elgin of the Law Enforcement Company, is TDY so we will have to recognize him at a later date. But in the meantime all of us shared in recognizing Specialist (now Sergeant!) O'Laine Martinez, a member of the Criminal Investigation Command (CID) as our Soldier of the Year. As usual, our wonderful supporting organizations were there to help us recognize this outstanding soldier and we continue to appreciate their support. So as you can see, it was truly a GREAT day and I know you all join me in a great big HOO AH! to Sergeant Martinez.

On Wednesday our boss, the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Dick Cheney was in town. Mrs. Harrison and I, along with a number of other military folks, got to hear the Secretary of Defense speak at the Commonwealth Club at the just opened Palace Hotel. It was a great speech made greater because Mr. Cheney spoke so glowingly of the troops who participated in DESERT STORM. He gave credit to President Bush and his leadership, to our technology, to our senior leaders in country but reserved his warmest praise for "the troops" who volunteered to serve and who went into harms way and performed so magnificently. It truly was a proud moment to be in uniform and hear the great reception his remarks got from some 750 attendees. Sure made me proud to be a soldier in the U.S. Army. HOO AH!

Thursday a.m. Command Sergeant Major Whiteford and I visited several service members currently in LAMC—all evacuees from DESERT STORM. These were soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines—all getting great and concerned care from our wonderful LAMC caregivers. If any of you feel so inclined, go on over to LAMC and visit some of these wounded warriors. They really appreciate the visits. So to Oliveri, Main, Kingery, Boettcher, Budzynski, Williams, Konichek, and Hamilton—thanks for your sacrifice and HOO AH! from all of us.

Another Presidio of San Francisco soldier has returned home from Saudi—Sergeant First Class Gillihan from HHC, USAG returned on 5 April. Welcome home Sergeant Gillihan—we're all glad you're back.

Another recent returnee from DESERT STORM is Major (P) Fred Pickens of Readiness Group, Presidio of San Francisco. Major Pickens was there TDY working with the 7th Cavalry. All of us are very happy he's home with his wife Trudy and children Gary and Susan. Welcome home and HOO AH!

Saturday, the Annual AUSA Golf Tournament went off in great style. We had a max turn out, great weather, and some super golf. Lots of folks made it possible but a special thanks to Colonel Alex Woods and the ROTC Command and to Captain John Bachman, Mr. Al Cinelli and Mr. Bob Walsh for their efforts. I am told it was truly a HOO AH! event.

Also on Saturday, our Enlisted Spouses Club sponsored a DESERT STORM Family Day at the Log Cabin at Fort Scott. Again, I am told it was a super affair—good turnout, great food, good fun, and lots of SUPPORT. Thanks to all who worked to make this very special day possible.

Finally today folks I need your help. Presidio of San Francisco is experiencing a real ENERGY shortage right now. This is because for years past we have failed to pay enough attention to energy conservation. We're all at fault and now we have a near crisis on our hands. So—I am asking each of you to really think ENERGY.

CONSERVATION—turn off unneeded lights; don't turn your heat up and then open the windows; use cold or warm water instead of hot where you can; apply water saving shower heads; don't run radios and TVs unless needed; and on and on. Seriously folks—if we don't want to really be inconvenienced, we must become ENERGY conscience now.

Friday thru Sunday, I attended the Sixth Army Family Care Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel staff, along with a committee from throughout USASIX, organized and arranged this conference. We had 271 personnel attend! It was very well done, a special thanks to Major Brady Lawrence and Ms. Holly Fallquist—the real driving forces behind this conference.

Keep flying those flags for freedom, writing to our deployed troops, caring for our families and being proud to be a part of the U.S. Army.

God bless you one and all.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
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God grants liberty only
to those who love it, and
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—David Webster



San Francisco 49ers Charles Haley (left to right), Ronnie Lott and Eric Wright signed autographs at an Association of the U.S. Army quarterly luncheon April 2 at the Presidio Officers' Club.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The warm welcome soldiers from Desert Storm are receiving, as a Vietnam veteran what is your reaction?

Chief Warrant Officer Roy E. Capelle, CLAS project officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management, Sixth U.S. Army: "I feel it's great. I feel jealous because we didn't have that chance to come back in units. We came back in ones and twos. The public didn't support the war. This time they kept the units together and they were able to have a warm homecoming. I feel proud of our troops."



Master Sgt. Carol J. Baker, Casualty NCO, Casualty Assistance Office, MILPO: "I think it's great that these young men and women realize they are appreciated for what they are doing for their country. I understand the difference between Vietnam and Desert Storm. It was very decisive, well planned, the commanders and military members functioned as one concise unit."



Petty Officer 1st Class Arnette W. Goode: "The men and women who served in the Gulf are being treated better than other war veterans, but they still aren't appreciated for all they do. People in San Francisco don't care about the service members. First they protest against the military and now they want to hold a parade to welcome the troops home."



Command Sgt. Maj. John B. M. Hansell, AG sergeant major, MILPO: "It's great. I'm not jealous. I received a warm welcome home. The Army bought me a steak dinner. What more could I ask for?"



Maj. Ted J. Konfederank Jr., Chief drug division, Sixth U.S. Army: "God love 'em." I'm really happy for them. It's long over due. Maybe this will finally put Vietnam to death. I think that society now realizes that soldiers are just following their orders and doing their jobs. The public's concern needs to be addressed to the civilian leaders. I think the public no longer blames the soldiers. It makes me feel good, and no one deserves it more than this group of guys."



The Army and Air Force Exchange Service held a first quarter awards ceremony for its employees April 3 at the Presidio Burger King.

photo by Duvel White

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

A first quarter awards ceremony was held for AAFES employees April 3 at the Presidio Burger King.

T. G. Partridge, the Presidio exchange general manager, conducted the ceremony. It was hosted by Michael Stafford, the main store retail manager, and by David Eller, the People's Resource manager.

A monetary value of approximately \$3,000 was awarded to the recipients.

The Employee of the Quarter Award was presented to Roselle Joyner. The Commander's Customer Service Award was presented to Paula Damron. The Excellence Award was presented to Salvador Ruiz and Yin Ying Chien. The Courtesy Award was presented to Brenda Hall and Amy Beauclaire. The Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Vicky Clark. The Suggestion Award was presented to Kevin Mundy.

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Dublin

Camp Parks is continuing its annual push through "Parks Week 91" to improve its facilities for the influx of units and troops that will be training at the center. Parks Week 91 will end April 19.

A super congratulations to Lynne Fletcher, secretary/stenographer, who has received a Department of Defense civilian employee promotion to GS-6.

U.S. Army Special Security Detachment

Staff Sgt. Leighanne Mayr, a security administrator, celebrated her birthday Saturday. She also received an Army Achievement Medal.

Spec. Lee Box, a counterintelligence agent, also received an Army Achievement Medal.

Headquarters Command Battalion

Congratulations - Sammy Brown has been promoted to the military rank of specialist. He is a personnel administration clerk.

Happy Birthday to Staff Sgt. Gloria Cruz, an administration supervisor, who will celebrate

The Proficiency Award was presented to Haydee Flake, Elizabeth Brown, Rico DeGuzman, Adelina Bunda, Traci Bobb, Jimmy Wong, Susan Lucero, Maurice Perkins, Dorothy Fields, Robert Riles, Chris Armada, Zenaida Magtoto, Leanie Delago, Jackie Murray, Changsun Williams, Andrew Feolofai, Kiska Palomarez, Herman Francisco, Giuseppina Coates, Leonidas Lagasca, Jean Bradix, Albert Hunt, Jose Trejo, Hedwig Wilkins, Mercedes Green, Sue Bauer, Ramona Tolbert, Kwon Kray, Maribel Navarro, Grace Chargualaf, Hideyo Purifoy, Ronald Lucas, Joe Teodosio, Mentha Scott, Norma Pacheco and Kenard Williams.

The Service Award was presented to Emma Tansico, David Ng, Robert Noonan, Adelina Bunda, Anticeto Cayan, Linda Allen, Evangelina Hasty, and Leonor Charvet. The Training Certificate was presented to Gary Harrison, Gary Balentine, Kenneth Limtiaco, Herma Conrad, Linda Ostrand, Lawrence Mundy, Patricia Rosenbaum, Mark Sanchez, Vivian Howard and Brendolyn Ridley.

Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison

Happy Birthday to Trina L. Taylor. Her birthday is April 19. She is assigned to the 864th Engineer Battalion as a crane operator, but currently temporarily assigned to Headquarters Co., USAG.

Also, Happy B-day to Tina Campbell, a computer operator, whose birthday is April 16.

Congratulations to Spec. Tessie Geston for winning the Headquarters Command Battalion soldier of the month title. Her inspiration came from her boyfriend, Spec. David "the beeper" LeTourneau.



Spec. Mark Linn.

Headquarters, Criminal Investigation Division

Spec. Mark J. Linn plans to march 20 miles May 11, in full combat gear with a 50-pound rucksack, across the Presidio in support of San Francisco's homeless people. By doing this he hopes people will open their hearts and make donations which will go to St. Anthony's Foundation Shelter for the Homeless. "We shouldn't have homelessness as a problem in this country," he said. "People need to get involved and help find a solution." For more information, call Linn at 561-3767.



Spec. Lee Box receives an Army Achievement Medal from Lt. Col. Gabriel Hudson, the commander of the USA Special Security Command.

News

RIF facts: Health and life insurance

by K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

With the high cost of health and life insurance today, employees are rightfully concerned about the status of their benefits should they be affected by a RIF.

This article, another in the *Star Presidian* series of informative pieces published during this period of ongoing base closure and realignment actions, addresses these issues.

Health

If you are enrolled in the Federal Health Benefits Program and are about to be RIFed, you will receive a Standard Form 2810, Notice of Change in Health Benefits Enrollment, indicating that your enrollment is terminated.

Martin Nowinski, CPD authority on retirement matters, says, "To be eligible to convert to a non-group contract, the enrollee must furnish a copy of SF 2810 to his/her plan within 31 days after the date of the notice, but not later than 91 days after the ef-

fective date of termination." If you are retiring, you may elect to continue health benefits coverage as an annuitant with no change in benefits and government contributions. The cost may be deducted from the annuity payments. Certain requirements must be met in order to continue this coverage.

Life Insurance

If you have basic Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) coverage, you, likewise, will receive a Standard Form 2819, Notice of Conversion Privilege, and a Standard Form 2821, Agency Certification of Insurance Status. Nowinski says, "These forms fully explain the right to convert to an individual policy. If you wish to convert, you must mail your request for information regarding conversion within 31 days of the date of separation, or within 31 days of the date you receive the SF 2819, whichever gives you more time."

If certain conditions are met, retiring employees will be eligible to continue basic life insurance (not accidental death and dismemberment) and may also retain optional insurance (not accidental death and dismemberment) if they are eligible to continue basic life insurance.

For information on requirements and conditions, or for answers to specific personal questions on converting policy values, premiums, and so forth, contact Martin Nowinski, Retirement Branch, Technical Services Division, CPD, at 561-3018 or 561-5757.

Pay hike projection

by K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

Midway through this Fiscal Year 1991, there are already pay increase projections for the next five years. Although nothing is absolutely certain in the pay arena, projections are helpful in planning so you at least have some idea of what percentage pay increases are being debated.

The pay reform law passed last year tied white collar pay raises to the civilian sector employment cost index. Using the formula, the January 1992 pay increase is slated to be 4.2 percent.

The *Federal Register* and the *Weekly Federal Employees' News Digest* have cited the projected figures, through 1996, as released by the Office of Management and Budget, as follows: January 1993—4.7 percent; January 1994—4.3 percent; January 1995—4.1 percent and January 1996—4 percent.

San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York City will continue to include the eight percent locality raise instituted this year. Though the actual annual pay raises will be released each fall for the upcoming year, the five-year projection at least gives you an idea of what government salary you could be commanding in the next few years.

USO Yellow Ribbon Summer

by the Army News Service

For servicemembers and their families the USO and Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. may soon mean more than Bob Hope and a cold beer.

The USO and Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. jointly announced on March 12, Yellow Ribbon Summer, a series of programs to benefit the armed forces and their families.

"We want to recognize all the men and women, active duty and reserve, that made many sacrifices of their own" during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, said August A. Busch III, chairman and president of Anheuser-Busch. "We want to recognize the whole team."

And to do that, Busch announced a "summer of celebration." Through "Yellow Ribbon Summer," all servicemembers on active-duty during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and their immediate dependents may visit any one of the company's seven family entertainment parks free of charge from Armed Forces Day, May 18, through Labor Day September 2. The seven parks include the four Sea World parks in San Diego, San Antonio, Orlando and Aurora, Ohio, near Cleveland; Busch Gardens parks in Williamsburg, Va. and Tampa; and Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Fla.

The USO and Anheuser-Busch also plan a "Yellow Ribbon Day" for military guests and their families at six of the parks. The celebrations will include prominent entertainers and other special activities planned in honor of the armed forces. The parks will be closed to the public during these festivities. Dates for these events will be announced as arrangements are completed. For more information contact the recreational services office at your local installation after May 1.



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Tax center

The Presidio Tax Center, located in the basement of building 223, will be open through April 15. All federal and state income tax forms are available by calling 561-2TAX, or call your unit tax advisor.

Great American Investment

"The Great American Investment," the U.S. Savings Bond Campaign will be held at the Presidio during May with tax breaks for those who use proceeds for a college education. There will be a "Canvasser," a person designated as the point of contact for every 20 to 25 Presidians who will provide information about the bond program.

Installation Campaign Coordinator is David Tidwell, who will answer questions concerning the program along with Canvassers at the various units and office. Tidwell can be reached at

561-3507/3341.

The IRS said the bonds must be issued in the name of the taxpayer as sole owner, or the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse as co-owners. The taxpayer may designate any individual as a beneficiary of the bond. In addition, the proceeds of the bonds can only be used to pay tuition and required fees at eligible educational institution, the IRS said.

Tidwell said the May drive is shooting for 100 percent participation. The bonds currently pay in the area of 7.19 percent annually.

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of gang members has already worked. The aggressive proactive deterrence of the gangs will keep them off post."

No Presidio family members have been identified as gang members, according to Nyhan.

If family members suspect their children may be involved with gangs, there are signs for parents to look for: tatoos inside forearms, kids truant from school, kids carrying weapons (homemade weapons, such as knives, chains, etc.), and the wearing of

colors—hats or jackets with symbols painted on the clothing. Children may also display inappropriate behavior—young children staying out late without excuses or being beaten without an explanation.

The best defense parents have is communication. "It's important for the parents to explain that these gangs are dangerous," Nyhan says. "Parents need to actively listen to their children."

"It's almost like drugs," Nyhan said. "Gangs aren't cool either."

If children do get involved with gangs they may

find themselves into more than they can handle. If children are afraid, they can talk to investigators at the MPI office and they will help the kids any way they can.

"We're not the bad guys," Nyhan said. "We are here to help the community and the kids."

The community needs to work together to beat the gang problems on the Presidio, Nyhan says.

If gang related activities are noticed, notify the MPs at 561-2252 or 561-2251.

Leisure

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Bay to Breakers Volunteers

The 1991 Examiner Bay to Breakers will be held May 19. Volunteer forms are now being sent to last year's volunteers. If you wish to volunteer again this year, complete the registration form by putting "PSF" in the training session block and "U.S. Army" in the large group of volunteers block. Please forward the completed volunteer form to Staff Sgt. Maj. Ted Disney, room 114, building 38. The date of the training session has not been set.

Free Giants passes

There will be free season passes available at a Youth Services open house April 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Spouses and children under 18 who have service members deployed in connection with Operation Desert Storm may receive the tickets. In order to receive these passes you must have an identification card and a copy of orders.



Golf tournament change

The Presidio Spring Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for April 18. A Best Ball Foursome Tournament will be conducted with a shotgun start at noon. A \$15 entry fee will be charged for teams. Individual entry is \$5. Green fees will be paid in advance at the Presidio Sports Office by all golfers not members of the Presidio Army Golf Course. Department of the Army civilians, \$30; enlisted, \$8; Officers, \$14 and retired \$15. The tournament is open to all active duty members, family members, (20 years of age or older) and DA civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio. Following the tournament, a barbecue awards dinner will be served at the NCO/Enlisted Club starting at 5 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$6. Awards will be given for the longest drive, the drive nearest to the pin and for sinking the longest putt.

Entry blanks are available at the Presidio Office, building 63. Entry deadline is April 16. For more information, call Charles Hurd or Bobbi Gascon at 561-5032/4131.

Fort Mason tour

Free guided walks through Fort Mason will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. More than 50 arts, environmental and cultural groups make Fort Mason their home. Museums, theaters, galleries, classes and workshops utilize these converted military warehouses. For more information, call 441-5706.

Walk America

A 20-kilometer walk across Crissy Field, through the Presidio, around the Golden Gate Bridge and back with entertainment and food will be held April 28 beginning at 9 a.m. This walk will support the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. For more information, call 468-7400.

British American Club Dance

Dance the Fox Trot, Samba or Rumba with other post-World War II nostalgists. A live band and open bar accompany this Big Band era buffet luncheon. The luncheon will be held April 28 at 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$14. For more information, call 382-1462.



photo by Lawrence Lauterborn

San Francisco's colorful scenery and comfortable temperatures make dining alfresco style a natural.

Travel

San Francisco: Variety at its best!

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

What's great about San Francisco? Its diversity. What's not? Trying to figure out where to go.

It's not an easy decision to make, but with a map and a little determination you could lose yourself in the city's myriad of activities.

Following are a few highlights of the great city.

Japan Town - This modern complex is centered along Post, Geary, Laguna, and Fillmore streets. It offers hotels, shops, showrooms and a multiplex movie theater. Coming up in mid-April will be the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Chinatown - Chinese-Americans live and work in shops, restaurants in this exciting area. It is located on and near Grant Avenue between Bush and Pacific Streets.

Pier 39 - This 1,000-foot-long pier features a restaurant-shopping complex and Bay cruises.

Fisherman's Wharf - This favorite tourist spot offers seafood restaurants, shops and entertainment attractions. It's located along the bayside between Stockton and Hyde streets.

Alcatraz Island - This former federal penitentiary in the bay can be seen by reserving tickets through Ticketron, or on a first come, first serve basis from the ticket counter at the pier. For more information call 546-2805 or call Ticketron Info at 546-9400.

Lombard Street - This "crookedest street in the world" or at least in San Francisco makes 10 winding turns down Russian Hill between Hyde and Leavenworth streets.

Palace of Fine Arts - Located on Marina Boulevard, it was built during the 1915 Panama-Pacific Expo. Restored in 1967, it houses a 1,000-seat theater and the Exploratorium science museum. For information about the theater, call 567-6642 or about the Exploratorium, call 561-0360.

San Francisco Zoo - Located on 45th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, it is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. The zoo features over 1,000 animals and birds in primitive state-of-the-art settings: Primate Discovery Center, Gorilla World, Penguin Island, and Koala Crossing. For more information, call 661-4844.

Golden Gate Park - This 1,017-acre park is bounded by Fulton, Lincoln, Stanyan streets and the Great Highway. It offers bridle, bicycle and walking routes, gardens, polo field, buffalo paddock, tennis bowling carousel and much, much more. For more information call 221-1311.

Bay Bridge - This is the longest suspension span in the world. It's 8 1/4 miles long with four miles over the water. It has been a direct connection with East Bay communities via the mid-Bay Yerba Buena Island since 1936.

The Golden Gate Bridge - This is the world's second longest single span. It has linked San Francisco with Marin County and the Red Wood Empire for 52 years.

These are only a few of the activities and sights available in San Francisco and no where near what is out there to explore. Ultimately the best way to see the city: Get out and explore!



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The Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park draws visitors from around the world.



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Riders hang from the sides of a cable car as it heads south on Powell Street toward Union Square.

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By Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Disneyland tickets

Disneyland salutes America's armed forces with free tickets. The Anaheim, Calif. theme park is offering 1,250 tickets to servicemembers for a day of fun at Disneyland good for anytime between now and Veterans Day (Nov. 11). Only active duty members of the U.S. military are eligible. Tickets can be picked up at the Presidio ITT office. For more information, call 561-3992.

Cherry Blossom Festival

The Cherry Blossom Festival will be held at Japan Center and Japantown Friday through April 21. Demonstrations of flower arranging, cooking, folk dancing, martial arts and music will be given. The festival culminates with a giant colorful parade on the 21st when a huge barrel of sake is borne through the streets by a costumed throng.

ACS volunteers

The Army Community Service has many volunteer job opportunities available. No experience is necessary. ACS will even pay for childcare. For information, call Sandy Coopridge at 561-6088.

Gorillas in the mix

Bernie Krause, creator of Gorillas in the mix and other recordings in which sampled animal voices are used as instruments, will give a demonstration about natural sounds, music and the environment for kids in the Exploratorium's McBean Theater April 20 at 2 p.m.

Admission to this event is included in the price of admission to the museum. For information, call 563-7337.

Movie Review:

The Marrying Man

By Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

"It's not a very good movie; it's not worth seeing," said a movie theater employee to me as I entered a theater to watch a special preview of "The Married Man" starring Kim Basinger (9 1/2 Weeks, Batman) and Alec Baldwin (Beetlejuice, Married to the Mob). "We've had to hand out preview tickets to people in the streets just to fill the seats," she added.

The Hollywood Pictures production is set in the year 1948. That's where it should have stayed, too. Maybe the movie didn't appeal to me because by the time I entered the theater it was packed like a Muni bus; and the only available seats were the first two rows in front of the 30-foot screen. Don't get me wrong. It was great to have certain anatomical parts of Basinger's looming larger than life right before my eyes. But after the first 15 minutes of watching the "reel folks" do their thing from the vantage point of a flea, it got redundant.

The movie's hero (or more likely, poor lust-starved sap) is Charley Pearl, played by Baldwin, who is king of the toothpaste industry; as evident by his constant flashing of too-good-to-be-true white teeth. He's cocky, charming, beyond rich and engaged to Adele (Elisabeth Shue), the classy but hermit-like daughter of movie mogul Lew Horner. In celebration, or more likely mourning of his marriage to be, Pearl and his four friends (played by Paul Reiser, Fisher Stevens, Peter



A scene from "The Marrying Man."

Dobson and Steve Hunter) go on a bachelor party road trip to Las Vegas.

On their way there they stumble upon a sultry lounge singer named Vicki Anderson (Basinger) and it's lust a first sight. Pearl's buddies head toward Vegas leaving Pearl behind because he insists flying home to his fiancée immediately. However what he ends up doing is flying into bed with Anderson.

But Vicki is the private property of mobster/casino boss Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel (Armand Assante), and when he catches the two entangled in a "delicate situation" he decides to help the romance along by personally giving them a wedding with shotguns—of course launching them on the biggest roller coaster ride in marital history; and it's all downhill from there. The movie that is.

Scene after scene muddles through divorce, marriage, divorce, marriage, etc. until you lose count of how long this love-cursed relationship has endured.

So what is good about this movie? Basinger's vocal skills, that's what. But that's not saying much because after all this is supposed to be a movie and not a record album.

(The Marrying Man is Rated R)

Desert Storm vignettes

Many media inquiries are being made for first-hand accounts of combat operations during Operation Desert Storm. If you know of someone who has had first hand experiences in combat contact Col. Rick Kiernan at DSN, formerly Autovon, 227-2564. Faxes can be made to 227-2159.

Egyptian artifacts exhibit

San Francisco State University's Sutro Egyptian Collection will feature a free exhibit of selected artifacts from ancient Egypt from April 19 to May 17.

The exhibit - "Ancient Nile Kingdoms: Egypt, Nubia, Meroe" - will be in room 115 of the Science Building of San Francisco State's campus on 1600 Holloway. The exhibit will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 338-1500.

Free trips to Jamaica

Sandal Resorts, one of the Caribbean's largest resort hotel companies, announced that it will give 500 U.S. servicemembers and their families (or boyfriends and girlfriends) an opportunity to enjoy an expense-free week-long stay at one of the resorts. Names will be selected in a random drawing by representatives of the armed services shortly after the cease-fire is declared in Operation Desert Storm.

To enter the drawing, send the name, address and telephone number of a friend or relative of active duty U.S. military personnel in the Persian Gulf theater of operations on a postcard (along with the name, rank, branch of service and unit of the serviceperson) to: "Operation Sandals", 7610 S.W. 61 Avenue, Miami, Fl. 33143.

Time Line 4.0 demonstration

A demonstration of the project manager and planning software, Time Line 4.0, will be given April 30 at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of building 603. There will items raffled to those individuals who attend. Please R.S.V.P. since seating is limited. For more information, call 561-2832.

Please don't trash us

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing requests that all administrative building tenants, BOQ and BEQ occupants please do not dispose of personal trash (i.e. coffee grinds, banana peels, apple cores, table scrapings, etc.) in latrine waste receptacles.

All garbage should be removed to the outdoor debris boxes located near your building.

POWC fund requests

The Presidio Officers' Wives Club is inviting organizations that serve the military community to submit requests for fundraiser programs before April 15. The requests need to state the amount needed for a specific program or project and outline how the funds will be used. For more information, call 921-8242.

Conservation Corner

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News Briefs

Automatic license suspension

California motorists will lose their driver license for one year if convicted three times for passing a school bus displaying a flashing red signal light, according to information released by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

In the past, suspension of a motorist's driving privilege in cases of this nature was a court ordered decision. Jan. 1, an amendment to the vehicle code made this suspension mandatory upon a third conviction within three years. Penalties also increased for first and second convictions. Fines for a first offense increased to a range of \$150 to \$250, and a second offense increased from \$50-\$100 to \$500-\$1,000.

Commissary council meeting

The Presidio Commissary Council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., April 26 in the Commissary Conference Room, building 653. Guests are welcome.

Restoration to civilian duty

The Civilian Personnel Directorate has received many phone calls pertaining to return rights of employees who were placed in Leave Without Pay status to enter active military duty in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The following is information to clarify this issue.

An employee who enters active duty from a position that is not temporary in nature has statutory restoration rights to the position he left or an equivalent one. Upon release from the military, the employee has 90 days to exercise his restoration rights. The issue of whether the employee left the position via LWOP or separation has no impact on the statutory entitlement to restoration. The 90-day period is the maximum amount of time these employees have to exercise their restoration rights. Also, in an effort to ease their return to civilian life, President Bush urged that they be granted 5 days of excused absence. The President's intention was to provide the returning reservists with time to be with their families and to attend to personal matters that may have been postponed. Office of Personnel Management has stated the time off should be taken before the employee returns to his civilian position or within a reasonable item after returning. Pay for the period of excused absence should be what the employee received if he worked a regular week schedule. For more information, call Liz Jackson at 561-5750.

Pharmacy hours

Due to downsizing of staff in the Letterman Army Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy, hours of operation during Saturdays will be discontinued beginning June 1. The Outpatient Pharmacy will then be open only Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, approximately 30 to 40 percent of the medications currently carried by the Pharmacy will be discontinued. For more information, call 561-2967.

Fairmont dinner offer

The Fairmont Hotel is saluting active-duty and reserve military personnel with a special "Armed Forces" program throughout the month of April.

Service men and women receive a free dinner entree when they purchase a second entree of equal or greater value. Also, guests receive a complimentary bottle of Fairmont champagne.

The Fairmont has four restaurants for soldiers to choose from: The Bella Voce Ristorante and Bar; the Squire Restaurant; the Tonga Restaurant and Hurricane Bar; and the Crown Restaurant.

To take advantage of this offer, soldiers need only present their active duty or reserve I.D. card to the restaurant maitre d'. For restaurant reservations, call 772-5144.



photo provided by Provost Marshal's Office

Presidio Pedal Patrol

The Presidio Military Police are now using bike patrols. They have utilized these patrols twice, according to Sgt. 1st Class Warren L. Brockenberry, Provost Marshal sergeant. "It's an experiment to provide figures of cost effectiveness. The bicycle patrols provide the element of surprise, people don't expect MPs to be on a bike," Brockenberry added. "The bikes can get places the cars can't."

Water rationing eased

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Residents in Fort Baker, Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite have their mandatory water rationing reduced from 50 percent to 25 percent.

The strict water rationing plan for the areas in southern Marin County was altered April 10 by the Marin Municipal Water District due to the increased water volume in the county's reservoirs.

The MMWD has changed its water rationing policy from a 50 percent mandatory cutback to a voluntary 25 percent water reduction plan for its customers, including the three Presidio housing areas in southern Marin County.

This change in water allocation however will carry a stiff increase in cost for those customers deciding not to abide by the 25 percent voluntary cut back, according to Ed Ballasteros, Chief, Engineering Division, the Presidio Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

This cost will change from a minimum of \$3.25 per each 100 cubic feet (748 gallons) for all water used up to the allocation, to a maximum of \$8.50 per each 100 cubic feet for those using their full allocation and beyond.

The increased cost applies only to water usage exceeding the 75 percent allocation. The quota is based on the amount of water used during the years 1986 and 1987.

For family housing occupants in the Baker/Barry area the 75 percent allocation equals an allocation of 75 gallons per person per day.

"Because of the higher cost the Army will face if usage exceeds this 75 percent allocation, it is critical that the water saving efforts continue," Ballasteros said.

This 25 percent restriction will apply not only to family housing occupants but also to occupants of administrative buildings.

Ballasteros said that DEH has been monitoring water consumption in the Baker/Barry area on a weekly basis since March 1. The results of the monitoring program showed the majority of the housing units stayed within the original allocation of 50 gallons per person per day; most of the houses averaged less than 200 gallons per day.

Ballasteros said that increasing the allocation to 75 gallons per person should make rationing easier for households.

Ballasteros said DEH plans to get area coordinators involved in the monitoring program, and encourages housing occupants to read the meter that measures their housing unit's consumption.

"Most meters read consumption by more than one unit, but reading the meter will tell you how well you and your neighbors are doing in our water conservation program," Ballasteros said.

DEH plans to install markers indicating where meters are located and the houses controlled by each meter. If you would like information on meter location or how to read the meter, contact Kevin Thayer at 561-4051.

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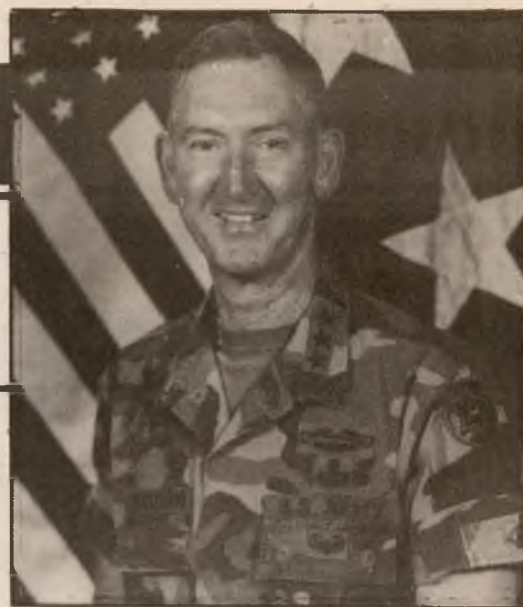
Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians—

As I write this it is TAX DAY! I hope you were more prompt than I—I just mailed my return. So, that makes it a GREAT DAY at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place! Whew—taxes done for another year—what a great feeling. (Thanks Trish!)

The news today is filled with information about our servicemen and women returning home. Everyone is so happy about that, yet we keep sending more folks over there. Just yesterday, our Deputy Commander for Veterinary Services at Letterman Army Medical Center, Colonel Jim Elmore departed for a six month tour in Saudi Arabia. In addition, the Garrison shipped out the 1394th Deployment Control Unit to Saudi. These folks are generally from Southern California and have been mobilized for several months but working at several sites here in the U.S.A. Now they are needed over there so they departed over the weekend.

My point? There are still lots of soldiers over there and more still going, so we must continue our support. Even though there is no war, these soldiers are away from home, from loved ones, and friends so they deserve our care and concern. So—keep writing those letters, sending those care packages, flying those flags, displaying those red and yellow ribbons.

On the 9th, we had our latest Soldier of the Month ceremony. Private First Class Eric R. Keefer of Law Enforcement Command was our honoree. Eric is from Rancho Palos Verdes, California and is a police officer. He has served in Honduras and here at Presidio of San Francisco. Congrats Eric and thanks again to all our supporters of the Soldier of the Month program. HOO AH! to all!

The officers and several civilian employees of USASIX and Presidio of San Francisco had a Hail and Farewell on the 9th. The bad news is we farewelled 13 personnel and wished them all well. Some went on to new assignments, some retired. The good news is that we welcomed 17 personnel! HOO AH! To all these new Presidians—WELCOME. We're glad you're here!

Also on the 9th, we had a very special day for some of our Presidio of San Francisco soldiers. That was Oakland A's opening day (they beat the Minnesota Twins 7-2—HOO AH!) and our soldiers participated in the opening ceremony. There was a Joint Color Guard under the command of Sergeant Lopez. Staff Sergeant Hayes commanded the salute battery that fired a 21 gun salute. Two large flags were unfurled on the field by two large contingents of soldiers under the supervision of Sergeant First Class Clear and two buglers from the band played echo taps as part of the affair. It was all done very well on very short notice. The soldiers were all guests of the A's for the game. All in all—a real HOO AH! night.

On Wednesday, the 10th, Mrs. Harrison and I attended a portion of the Charlie 864th Engineer spouses support group meeting. I went primarily to tell these spouses how proud I have been of them during the units deployment. They have been brave, have cared for and supported one another, have supported their spouses and have just generally been GREAT ARMY SPOUSES—doing all those things that Army spouses do during forced separations. And let me add a special note about the children of C/864th—they, too, have been real heroes. Many times we overlook these boys and girls but they also carry their share of the load and support dads and moms. So to this whole group—HOO AH. You have made us all very proud. In last weeks paper, I told you that Secretary of Defense Cheney had been to San Francisco. In his speech SECDEF said, "In the Gulf there were a great many heroes. Some are increasingly well known to the public by virtue of their visibility. But we could look all through that collection of 540,000 Americans in the Gulf and find people who performed far above anything that we have any reason to expect from how much we paid them." HOO AH! That's great praise from our boss. I would only add that all those families that kept the home fires burning are also heroes. So, to all you C/864th spouses—thanks for your outstanding performance—you served also and should be very proud of your contribution to DESERT STORM.

On the 11th, Presidio of San Francisco held its annual Holocaust Observance. As always it was a very moving experience as we heard this year's guest, Dr. René Molho, recounted his survival of this awful time in history. I know all of us who attended vowed that never again would we allow such a thing to happen—yet we wept that in Iraq the Kurds and Shiites are being tortured and killed just because they are Kurds and Shiites. So, observances such as this are important to keep us constantly aware of the potential or man's inhumanity to man.

Due to the backlog of discharges caused by the STOP-LOSS program plus the IRR all up, our local Finance Office was getting way behind. So, we requested and FORSCOM agreed to send us some help. The 138th Finance Support Unit from the Indiana National Guard (1 officer and 18 enlisted folks) are here to help us and we're really glad they are. I hope that any of you who meet these folks—they are working at the Transition Point and in the Finance Office—will speak, welcome them to Presidio of San Francisco and thank them for their contributions to our mission accomplishment here at P&F. To every member of the 138th Finance Support Unit—welcome and HOO AH!

Also on Thursday, I went to the Public Affairs Office to award a couple of coins. Sergeant Pleasant Lindsey III and Ms. Brenda Foote were the primary folks responsible for setting up the visit of the student delegation from Tracy, California some weeks back. They got such rave reviews from all concerned that I decided they deserved a coin. HOO AH! to Sergeant Lindsey and Brenda.

Sunday, Captain Wolf and I ran the 10th Annual Cherry Blossom Run—from Golden Gate Park to Japan Town. Only saw one other Presidian—Bob Cowan, the Command Executive Assistant at United States Army Garrison Headquarters. It was a little chilly waiting but the race itself was super. You missed a great time!

In closing, let me quote again from Secretary Cheney. When asked his final question following his speech—it went like this—Question:—"What was the greatest lesson learned from the Gulf War?" His response—"The one I would point to isn't so much a new lesson as a reminder of a truth that we've learned at great cost and sacrifice over the last 200 years. That is that ultimately the safety, security, and the freedom of the American people depends upon the willingness of young men and women to put on the uniform of the U.S. military and go in harm's way if need be to safeguard us. Fortunately, we are still blessed with young men and women who are prepared to do that." Another GREAT answer and what an accolade for all our great service personnel—and their families. A really big, loud HOO AH!

God bless you each and every one. Keep flying those flags for freedom!

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

**"If I do my full
duty, the rest will
take care of itself."**

George S. Patton, Jr.

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Freedom has a name: The Bill of Rights

by David Richardson
Presidio Legal Assistance Officer

You get home after a hard day at work. Wanting to relax, you turn on the television. The news has just started. As you watch, the announcer reads a story about a protest at the Presidio. Later in the newcast, the announcer relates a story about a hunter's latest exploit. You may not realize it, but you have just seen three examples of the Bill of Rights at work.

The Bill of Rights consists of the first Ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. These amendments provide the framework for those individual rights that are guaranteed to every American. The Bill of Rights is also the source for some of our most fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of the press; freedom of speech; freedom of religion; and the freedom to bear arms.

Today, most Americans take their rights for granted. They do not consider that there was once a time when Americans were seriously considering whether or not to have a Constitution.

In 1787, the Constitution was still a proposal for a new form of government. There was a strong debate among the states over whether a new form of government was needed or even wanted. Even the delegates to the Constitutional Convention were divided. Finally as part of a compromise to gain ratification of the Constitution, the delegates decided that the proposals that now constitute the Bill of Rights would be added to the Constitution as the first amendments. This compromise helped to persuade those states which were unsure of the new Constitution and guaranteed the adoption of what are now our fundamental individual freedoms.

On May 1, the United States will commemorate Law Day U.S.A. The theme this year is, "Freedom Has a Name: The Bill of Rights." The theme is especially appropriate in light of the events that happened in the Middle East. Presidio will be commemorating Law Day with a number of activities.

There will be a Law Day formation, accompanied by a fun run. Attorneys from the Presidio Garrison Legal Assistance Office will have an "Ask the Lawyer" table at the main Post Exchange. Finally, May 3 and 6 the Presidio Garrison Legal Assistance Office will be conducting "Will Days." Soldiers and their dependents who desire to have a will can call for an appointment to have their will prepared. If you have any questions about the Law Day activities, please contact Capt. Richardson, at the Presidio Garrison Legal Assistance Office at 561-4273.



WHEREAS:

*Our spouses help achieve our personal goals, and
Our spouses are our partners to help the Army attain
its commitment to peace with freedom, and
Our spouses assist in family wellness and community
involvement, and
Our spouses are the persons with whom we make our
sacred vows, and*

WHEREAS:

*Spouses in military families make great sacrifices when
military duty takes their partner away, and
Spouses must adjust to moves from state to state and from
country to country - and they do so with much courage
and great ingenuity, and
Spouses must wait when they wish not to,
must hurry when they would rather not,
must do without when money is short,
must live without their partner when duty calls,
must at times take care of family matters without their
partner.*

LET IT BE
KNOWN THAT:

*Military spouses are individuals who serve their country, support
their community, care for their family members, and contribute to
the unique mission of the peace-keeping total Army. Though they
may feel they are in the background in our daily life, they actually
are very much in the foreground an important part of the United
States total Army and its commitment to world peace with freedom.*

NOW,
THEREFORE:

*I, Lieutenant General William H. Harrison, Commander, Sixth
United States Army and Presidio of San Francisco, do hereby
declare 10 May 1991 as the date for National Military Spouse Day
at Presidio of San Francisco. The day is set aside to honor all
military spouses of Guard, Reserve, Active and Retired and to
recognize them for their many accomplishments. Be it resolved that
a copy of this proclamation shall be published and posted in activities
to commemorate this celebration. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand at Presidio of San Francisco, California, this 9th day
of May 1991.*

*Hoo AH!
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William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding



Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Your hero, and why?

Lt. Col. James A. Smith, Chief, Information Services Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management: "Being a Texan and from studying history, I would have to say Sam Houston. He was the first politician willing to do what the people wanted him to do, and when the people stopped wanting him to do what he was doing, he resigned."



Sgt. Wilma (Pat) Fiddmont, manager, Funston House: "My mom. She raised me right. She took care of me when I was sick and down and out. She also whipped my butt when I was bad and deserved it. She was always there when I needed her."



Pvt. 2 Richard D. Rendon, Standardized Installation Personnel System analyst, MILPO: "My dad. He exemplifies everything that I want to be. He's been successful in his life. He's been a good role model for me."



Sgt. Maj. Ted L. Disney, United States Army Reserve Component senior enlisted advisor, Sixth U.S. Army: "King David. He was the greatest biblical warrior in history. He equates to the Army Reserve soldier. He entered battle and did battle with only a sling and a stone."



Bernie M. Cousart, Standardized Installation Personnel System analyst, MILPO: "General Schwarzkopf. He solved the war by opening the mind of the other party and showing him that he was wrong and greedy. Because he did this it also means I won't have to go to Saudi."



photo by Kim Stokes

Jo Harrison, wife of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, presents a Commander's Certificate to Lew Gallo, owner of the Lew Gallo Hair Salon. The Salon offered free haircuts and makeovers to wives of deployed soldiers and other Presidio female personnel.

by
Star Presidian staff

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Dublin

A warm welcome goes out to Bill and Pat Chew. Mr. Chew will be Reserve Components director.

Fort Scott Education Center

Congratulations to Capt. Robert Knight for completing his executive MBA with Golden Gate University in April. He's from the San Francisco Recruiting Battalion in Alameda and he'll be making a permanent change of station to Heidelberg, Germany.

Congratulations also goes out to Capt. Jeffrey Keefe, 496th Military Police Battalion in San Jose, for completing all the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Individual Studies from Columbia College. He is the first graduate of the Columbia, Missouri college of-campus program recently started at Moffet Field.

A graduation ceremony will be held at Treasure Island June 2 for Capt. Keefe and other military personnel and family members completing degrees from Columbia College in the Bay area.

U.S. Army Information Systems Command

Clayton Chong and Gary Smith were honored for long government service. They have worked for the government for 25 years. Both Chong and Smith are employees at the Print Plant.



photo by Adrienne Sims

Thanks to Binia Limtiaco, Joel Bales and Mike Koplin for doing a great job as coaches for the Presidio Youth Swim Team.

Congratulations to Capt. G.J. Barkie on the birth of his young son. There was an agency-wide baby shower held for Griffin J. Barke, Jr. and his mother, Melissa Barkie April 4.

An outstanding soldier,

Amber Janson, has been promoted to the military rank of sergeant. She now joins Sgt. 1st Class Regina Johnson on loan to ISC from the Sixth U.S. Army as ISC's only two female noncommissioned officers.



photo by Sam Park

Dr. Rene Molho was the guest speaker at the Holocaust Observance breakfast at the Presidio Officers' Club April 11.

Sports/Health

Youth swim team enjoys sport

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"Do you work with my Mom," a little brown-eyed girl on the Youth Swim Team asked.

"My mom works at the hospital," she added.

"No, I work for the newspaper," I replied.

"Then why are you wearing that," she asked referring to my BDUs.

She was so cute. At the moment, I wished I was one of the swim team's coaches.

It was apparent why any adult would want to coach these kids. How could anyone resist the sweet faces of all these 5-to 14-year-old youngsters.

"We love the coach!" the youth swim team shouted as they posed for a group photo.

"No they don't," Mike D. Koplin, one of the swim team's coaches said.

Although he denied it, it was obvious from the smiling faces of the team members that they did love the coach.

It was obvious from the proud faces of the three coaches that they also loved the kids and coaching.

The kids don't only love the coaches, but they also love the sport.

"Being on the team is a lot of fun," Christen D. McCracken, 12, said. "I enjoy the practices because I like swimming and the team."

Christen wasn't the only team member who enjoyed practices.

The kids couldn't wait to finish posing for the photo so they could jump in the pool. It was almost a race to see who could get wet first.

Many of the teammates worked on their back stroke, free style and butterfly stroke.

"It's good exercise," Emily Mitchell, 13, said. "It's also something fun to do on Mondays and Wednesdays."

The team practices every Monday and Wednesday for one hour. They've been working hard since December, according to Emily.

They have only participated in one swim meet, but they did very well.

"It isn't determined what team wins first or second place," Koplin said. "We won a lot of first and second place ribbons. The team did real well."

"Coaching is a lot of fun," Koplin says. "The purpose of practicing and going to meets is having fun, improving swim strokes, and it helps the kids become competitive with other teams."



Julie Bales, 5, enjoys herself in the pool during practice.

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

Free season Giant passes

There will be free season passes available at a Youth Services open house today from 4 to 6 p.m. Spouses and children under 18 who have service members deployed in connection with Operation Desert Storm may receive the tickets. In order to receive these passes you must have an identification card and a copy of orders.

Walk America

A 20-kilometer walk across Crissy Field, through the Presidio, around the Golden Gate Bridge and back with entertainment and food will be held April 28 beginning at 9 a.m. This walk will support the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. For more information, call 468-7400.

British American Club Dance

Dance the Fox Trot, Samba or Rumba with other post-World War II nostalgists. A live band and open bar accompany this Big Band era buffet luncheon. The luncheon will be held April 28 at 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$14. For more information, call 382-1462.

Bay to Breakers

The 1991 Bay to Breakers will be held May 19. Volunteer forms are now being sent to last year's volunteers. If you wish to volunteer again this year complete the registration form by putting "PSF" in the training session block and "U.S. Army" in the large group of volunteers block. Please forward the completed volunteer to Sgt. Maj. Ted Disney, room 114, building 38. The date of the training session has not been set.

Wildflower hike

Visit the Wildflower Meadows of San Bruno Mountain on a three-mile hike with Glenn Keator and members of the Strybing Arboretum Society Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. San Bruno Mountain offers an original habitat of sculpted shrubs, bunchgrasses and wildflowers—including violets, fritillaries, shooting stars, poppies and checkerblooms. The cost for the tour is \$12. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call 661-0668.

Recreational swimming

Recreational swimming will be held at Hamilton Pool, Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street, April 25 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-9523.

Bowling for Seniors

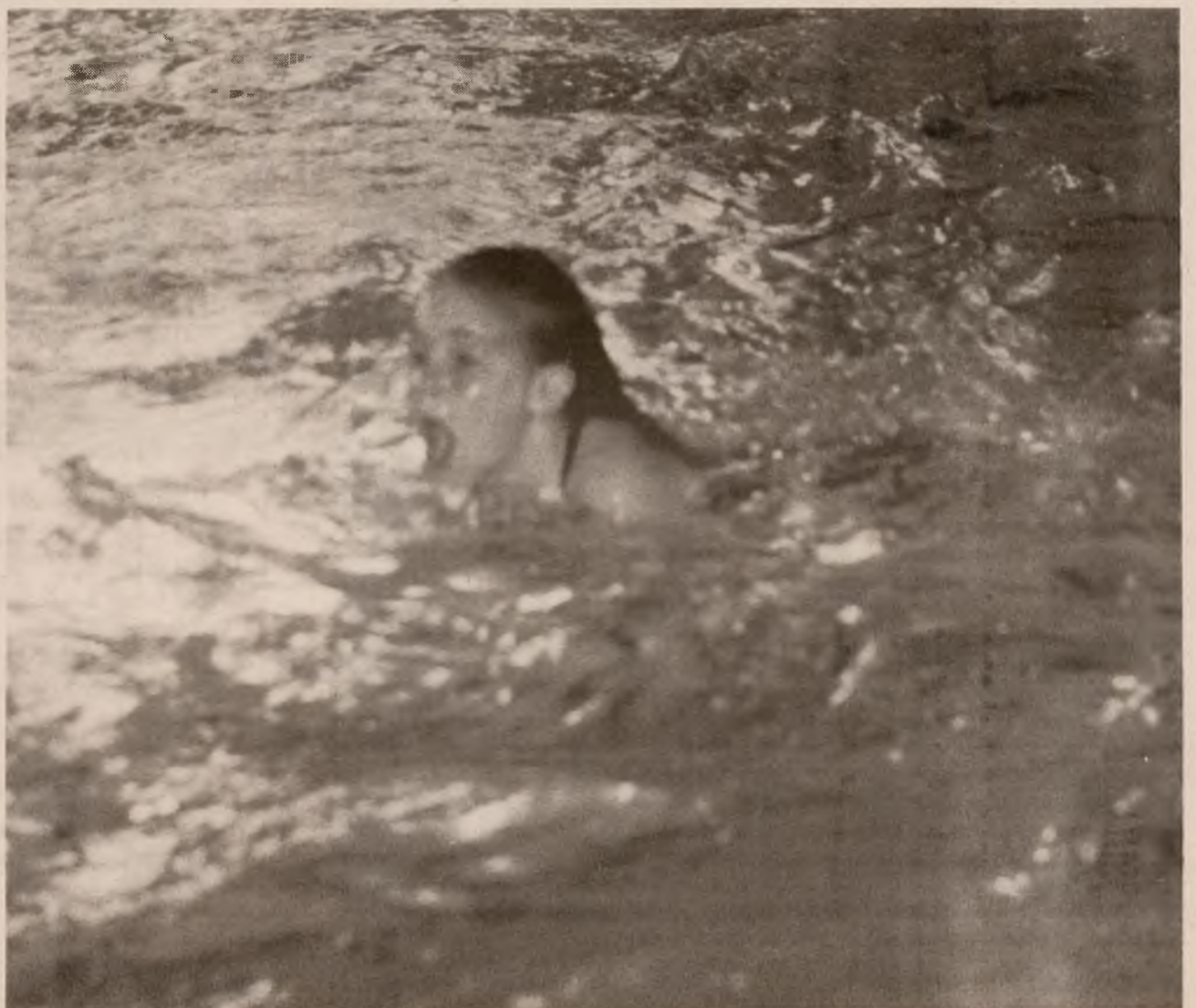
Bowling for seniors will be held at Rosa Parks Senior Center, located at 1111 Buchanan Street. For more information, call 292-2000.



Youth swim team members show off their ribbons they earned during their first swim meet.

Along with Koplin, Joel Bates and Binia Limtiaco help coach the Youth Swim Team.

"The team and coaches work well together," Koplin said. "We all do our best to keep the team in shape, and this team is in shape."



Emily Bales, 10, practices the butterfly stroke during practice at Gym No. 2.

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Family Life

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month

by the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse
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Star Presidian staff

No parents receive care instructions with their child. All children have unique personalities and react differently in certain situations. It's a tough job being a parent to say the least.

"Parents deserve at least to receive the same preparation for parenthood as our society provides people in order to obtain a driver's license, but they usually don't," Nancy Niederhauser, Family Advocacy Program director, said.

"There are always reasons for family problems," Niederhauser added, "There are even reasons children are abused or neglected."

Experts in the field of child abuse recognize four main factors that contribute to family problems becoming serious. They are: a history of serious family problems or abuse in parents' own childhood; isolation from friends and family; high stress and difficulty coping; and parents' unrealistic expectations of themselves or their children.

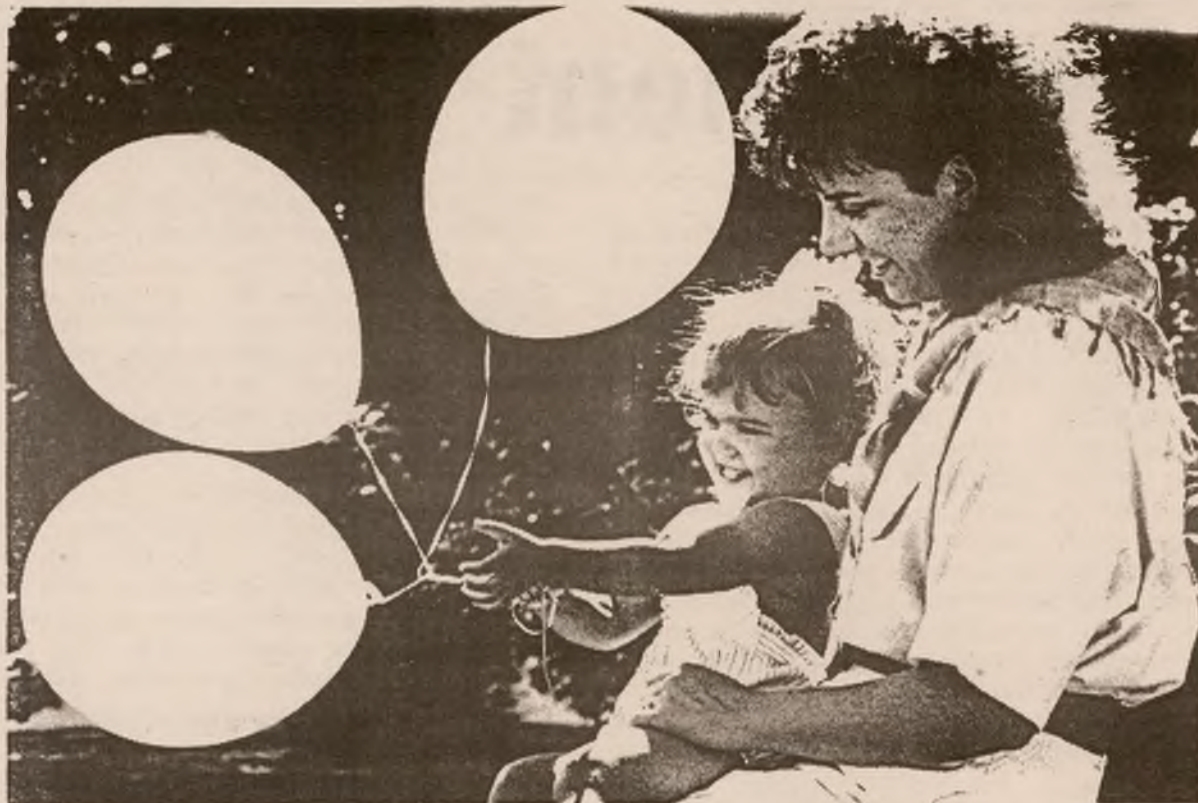
There are many occasions when children may get out of hand. One, we all know, is at the grocery store where many children become irritable.

The following are small ways to prevent big problems while shopping.

What to do to help children behave

(Without spanking, hitting or yelling).

- Give children responsibilities. (Help select the hardest apples, find the cheapest green beans, match the coupons with the labels).
- Ignore inappropriate behavior unless it is dangerous, destructive or embarrassing to you or a bother to others.
- Remove the child. (Take him to a private place—bathroom, behind a counter, outside, to the car and talk to him where no one else can listen).
- Praise another child's appropriate behavior.
- Let's guess how much something is going to cost?
- Discuss rules before entering the store. Let the child know, no junk foods. When we leave, you can select a package of gum if you remember the rules.
- Bring a nutritious snack for your child to eat during the shopping trip (raisins, apples, nuts, etc.).
- Select a secret word or signal which you can both use to get the immediate attention of the other.
- Don't let the child out of your sight. Hold hands. Let him hold onto or help steer the grocery cart.
- Reinforce appropriate behavior. Talk with him, play with him, engage him a decision making process. Encourage him to talk, watch, listen and think.
- Bring a favorite blanket, toy or book from home to help make the child feel secure.
- Don't bring children who are tired or hungry to the store. Arrange for a baby-sitter.
- Praise, praise, praise when your child is doing something right.
- Reward your children. (Play a game with them, etc.)
- Take an older child with you. He might like the diversion and be able to distract and entertain your child.
- Ask the store manager to remove gum, candy and toys from the checkout lines.
- If a child gets out of control or embarrasses you, stop, pick him up or take him by the hand and take him out of the store or to the restroom, talk to him quietly, eyeball to eyeball, and tell him that his behavior is totally inappropriate. If necessary, put him in the back seat of the car and you stay beside the car or sit in the front seat, saying nothing else. Wait for him to calm down—no matter how long it takes. Then ask him if he is ready to try again. (If he doesn't calm down, take him home. Find a sitter. Leave him at home while you return to the store.)
- Role play at home how to act in the grocery store. Go when you are rested as well as when the child is rested. Don't wait until the end of a tiring day.
- Sing songs with him. Make up a "grocery store" song.



- Give your child something of yours to play with—keys, pocket book, note pad and pencil, etc.
- Tell the child you will have to leave him at home next time—then do it.
- Stop unacceptable behavior as soon as it occurs. Don't ignore behavior that is dangerous, destructive or embarrassing. Don't let him think you will allow him to misbehave in public.
- Make a game of it. Who can see the potatoes first? Do you remember what animal bacon comes from? If your child is old enough let him check the grocery list to see what fruit, cheese, etc. is the best bargain.
- Discuss the pictures on packages—what you could make with this, etc.
- Let your child know ahead of time that you will stop by the park on the way home or play a game with him when you get home if he behaves nicely at the store.
- Don't ever buy the child a treat from the store where he threw a fit.
- Keep a supply of little action figures handy.
- For small children, tie a favorite soft toy to the handle of the shopping cart.
- Let your child see how many things he can do with certain items. (What you can make out of tomato paste.)
- Bring a pad and pencil or magic markers for your child to use while you are shopping.
- Sing quiet songs together while rolling the cart or make up a silly one together about spinach.
- Find five things on each aisle that start with letter B, are red, that are in cans, etc.
- Count how many steps it takes to get from the Cheerios to the Frosted Flakes.
- Do quiet cheers at the checkout stand spelling each child's name. (Give me an A.)
- While waiting in line retell your child's favorite story having him chime in on the verses he knows.
- With a toddler play modified catch with an apple while he sits in the basket.
- Play "I see something" in the checkout lane and have your children guess what you see.
- Describe food in the cart and have children guess it.
- Have your children help you name all the vegetables in the cart, all the meats, breads, fruits and milk products.
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothes to the grocery store.
- As your child is able, let him comparative shop. (What item is the cheapest; which gives you more for your money?)
- Go shopping with a friend. Somehow children are better behaved when we are in the company of non-family members. Also we are more relaxed, happier and creative.
- Role play the shopping experience ahead of time at home with your child. Let him know what you expect. Have fun. Laugh. See what his suggestions would be if you misbehave.

• Make a behavior chart before you leave home. Engage the child in buying stickers and deciding on rewards. Remind him before you go in the store of his behavior chart.

• Develop some sign language at home with the child—signals that mean, "Stop," "Come here." Use them in public. Children are very responsive and strangers are impressed!

• Let the child know that it is a privilege to get to go shopping with you. Then make it fun. Intersperse the shopping with fun activities—where you sit and talk, play a game, etc.

What to say or do when you see other parents abuse their children in public:

- "He seems to be trying your patience."
- "Is he tired? Does he need a nap?"
- "She has beautiful eyes (etc.)." This will get the parent in a more positive mood.
- "My child used to get upset like that."
- "Children can wear you out, can't they? Is there anything I can do to help?"
- Strike up a conversation with the adult. See if you can redirect her attention away from the child.
- Sympathize with the parent. "Isn't it amazing how children think they can get anything they want by kicking and screaming?"
- "My son behaves like that sometimes, and I . . ."
- If you are concerned about the physical safety of the child, alert the store manager.
- Divert the child's attention (if he is misbehaving) by talking to him.
- Praise children and parents at first opportunity.
- If the child is in danger, offer assistance. For example, if the child was left unattended in a grocery cart, stand by the cart until the parent returns.
- If you have authority over the parent, say, "This is a safe environment for children. We don't spank here."
- Talk emphatically to the child. "You're tired and really want to go home," or "You have spent a lot of time in that cart and now you want to get out."
- Find something positive to say about the parent. "Your child is beautiful," or "What pretty hair she has."
- "Looks like you're having a rough day. Is there anything I can do to help?"
- "Looks like your little girl is giving you a hard time." This should relieve tension and perhaps open up communication.
- Carry with you, "Tips for Shopping With Children." Give one to a parent.
- If you know the parent, offer to watch the child while the parent takes a break.
- For more information, call Army Community Service at 561-5155 or the Social Work Service at 561-2174.

News

RIF facts:

Retirement issues discussed

by K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

The option of retiring with an immediate annuity will not be every civilian employee's choice when Letterman Army Medical Center and the Presidio of San Francisco close, and when Sixth U.S. Army and other tenant functions transfer to Fort Carson, Colorado, and elsewhere. However, many Presidians *will* qualify for basic retirement, optional early retirement, or discontinued service retirement.

The Feb. 21 issue of the *Star Presidian* discussed early retirement options that would be available to qualified employees as a result of closure, transfer of function, or discontinued service actions. That article also discussed the distinctions between "voluntary" and "involuntary" retirement as this could make a difference in whether or not you would qualify to withdraw your "lump sum" retirement contributions upon retirement.

The following article details retirement options, in general.

Basic Retirement

To be eligible for retirement, CSRS or FERS, you must meet basic requirements which include a minimum of five years of civilian service, and, except for retirement due to total disability, employment subject to the retirement law for at least one of the last two years immediately preceding the separation on which the retirement is based.

Optional Retirement

Optional Retirement is based on a combination of age and service. If you are under the retirement system, you would be eligible for optional retirement with an immediate annuity upon separation if you have at least 5 years of civilian service and are age 62, or 20 years of service and are age 60, or 30 years of service and are age 55.

Discontinued Service Retirement

Discontinued Service Retirement is based on "involuntary" separation - e.g., as a result of a base closure, realignment, transfer of function, or discontinued service. An immediate annuity is payable to you upon involuntary separation, not for cause, if you have at least 20 years of service and are age 50, or 25 years of service regardless of age. Under current policy, you could request refund of your accumulated "lump sum" retirement contributions upon retirement.

Optional Early Retirement

A commander at an installation or organization undergoing a major RIF or transfer of function can request, from the Office of Personnel Management,

early retirement for civilian employees. If granted by OPM, and you apply and qualify, you will receive an immediate annuity if you have at least 20 years of service and are age 50, or 25 years of service regardless of age. Because you have chosen to retire early, retirement under these circumstances is considered "voluntary" and you would *not* be eligible to withdraw your accumulated "lump sum" retirement contributions upon retirement.

Deferred Retirement

If you do not meet the requirements for an immediate annuity, you are entitled to a deferred annuity to commence at age 62 if you have at least 5 years of civilian service, and were employed under the retirement system for at least one year within the two-year period preceding separation.

Combining military and civilian service toward retirement

Major provisions of the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) require deposits for certain civilian and military service performed on or after Jan. 1, 1957, referred to as "post-1956"—to receive credit for that time in determining length of service for retirement purposes and/or computation of annuity. In either case, you must have completed 5 years of civilian service and must have been employed under the retirement system for at least one year during the two-year period immediately preceding the separation on which the annuity is based.

Military service performed *prior* to Jan. 1, 1957 is included in the computation of the annuity regardless of whether a deposit is made after Dec. 31, 1956.

Military service performed *on or after* January 1, 1957 is covered by Social Security, and the time served may be credited toward both Civil Service annuity and Social Security benefits only under certain conditions.

Retirement issues expert, Martin Nowinski, Retirement and Compensation Branch, CPD, says, "CSRS employees first employed by the government *before* Oct. 1, 1982, have the option of making a deposit of 7 percent of basic military pay for post-'56 military service while employed, or having post-'56 military service excluded from the annuity computation at age 62, *if eligible for Social Security.*"

Nowinski adds, "FERS employees *do not have the option* of making a deposit for post-'56 military service or having the military service excluded from the annuity computation at 62, if eligible for Social

Security. In order to obtain credit for post-'56 military service, a deposit must be made to cover such service. The amount due will be 3 percent of the military base pay rather than 7 percent as required under CSRS."

Employees first hired by the Federal Government *on or after* Oct. 1, 1982, in positions subject to CSRS will receive credit for post-'56 military service at the time of retirement only if they have made a deposit for the military service, whether or not they become eligible for Social Security benefits.

Military Retirees

Employees receiving retired military or retainer pay may waive such pay and receive credit under CSRS by paying a deposit for post-1956 military service. Nowinski advises that **you should allow substantial time for this process.** Credit may be allowed for Civil Service retirement if the military retired pay was awarded on account of service-connected disability caused by an instrumentality of war and incurred in the line of duty during a period of war, or under the provisions of Chapter 67 or Title 10, United States Code. (These provisions grant retired pay to members of Reserve Components of the armed forces on the basis of age and service instead of disability.) The basic requirement for reserve retirees is the attainment of age 60 with the completion of 20 years of service.

Quoting a *Federal Times* article, Gary Stella, Technical Services Division Chief, CPD, states, "Those owing refunds who retired after Dec. 1, 1990, will receive credit for all their service before Oct. 1, 1990, even if they don't repay their refunds. Instead, OPM will reduce their annuities to recover the refund plus interest over the retiree's actuarial life expectancy. When a retiree dies before repayment is complete, the annuity reductions cease, but survivors can complete repayment to retain the service credit."

Several people have called the *Star Presidian* in the last two weeks asking for copies of past-issue articles on base realignment and closure, and on RIFs, rights, and options. At the end of this series, the *Star Presidian* will publish a collection of the latter for anyone who desires it. If you want a copy of a specific past article or want to be placed on a list to receive a copy of the accumulated RIF articles, when published, call the editor, *Star Presidian*, at 561-5465.

For specific information on retirement, as it may apply to you, call Gary Stella or Martin Nowinski at 561-5757 or 561-3018 respectively.

Cheney recommends closures

by the Office of Assistant Secretary
of Defense (Public Affairs)
and Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Citing the need to adjust the number of military bases as the size of the nation's armed forces is reduced, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney recommended last week closing 31 major U.S. defense facilities, closing 12 minor facilities and reducing or realigning forces at 28 others.

"In reviewing our need for forces through the mid-1990's, and in light of declining defense budgets, we have identified bases in the United States we no longer need and locations overseas, where we can end our operations or reduce our forces," Cheney said. "It is essential that we reduce the

number of installations where a shrinking force is based, if we're to get the greatest value from a declining defense budget."

He also noted that by 1995, the number of people in the U.S. military will be about one-fourth smaller than it is today. "Smaller forces need fewer bases," he said adding, "It's as simple as that."

While environmental and relocation work will add to the cost of closing bases, the Department will save money in the long term by reducing the number of facilities it operates worldwide. The cost of closing the bases announced last week is estimated at \$5.7 billion for fiscal years 1992-97. Savings from reduced operating costs are estimated at \$6.5 billion during the same period, for net savings of \$850

million, although the sale of federal land valued at \$1.9 billion could increase the savings. In fiscal year 1998 and beyond, the department will save about \$1.7 billion a year in reduced operating costs.

The Department's recommendations among the Army, Air Force and Navy installations identified, include seven Army bases. They are: Fort McClellan in Anniston, Ala., Fort Chaffee in Fort Smith, Ark., Fort Ord in Seaside, Calif., Sacramento Army Depot in Calif., Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Ind., Fort Devens in Ayer, Mass., and Fort Dix in Wrightstown, New Jersey. All of Fort Chaffee will be transferred to the Army Reserve. Parts of Fort Devens and Dix will be transferred to the Army Reserve, and part of Fort McClellan will be used by

the Alabama National Guard.

The recommended closure for an Army minor facility is the Harry Diamond Laboratory Research Facility in Woodbridge, Virginia.

The Department's recommendations for the 10 Army installations at which forces should be reduced or realigned include: Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md., Harry Diamond Laboratory in Adelphi, Md., Aviation Systems Command/Troop Support Command in St. Louis, Mo., Rock Island Arsenal in Ill., Fort Polk in Leesville, La., Fort Monmouth, Redbank in N.J., White Sands Missile Range in Las Cruces, N.M., Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pa., Army Research Institute in Alexandria, Va., and Fort Belvoir in Fairfax, Va.

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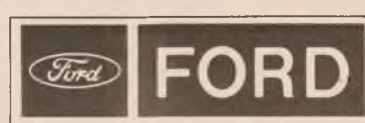
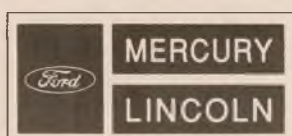
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by the Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

Leave donation

Stephanie Franklin, an employee with the Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station, is experiencing a personal medical emergency. So is Elizabeth Barbosa, an employee with the Sixth Recruiting Brigade. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave and both have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please call Mary Dukes at 561-3780.

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and the Letterman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

LAMC jobs

Letterman Army Medical Center is hiring for positions specifically targeted for family members of the Presidio community. The temporary positions available are clerk typists/secretary (GS 4-6), medical clerks/receptionists (GS 3-5), nursing assistants (GS 4-6) and food service workers (WG 2-4). For more information, call Diane Nishimoto at 561-4421.

Bay Area cruises

Heritage Architectural Bay Cruises will be given on Hornblower Yachts at Pier 33 beginning June 8. The focus of the cruises will be to help people rediscover the unique Bay Area architecture. The cost for Heritage members will be \$30 and for non-members the cost will be \$40. For more information and reservations, call 441-3004.

Gospel service moves to LAMC

The Presidio Gospel Service moved from the Fort Scott Chapel to the Letterman Army Medical Center Chapel March 1. The congregation invites all Presidians to join them in worship each Sunday at 11:15 a.m. The chapel is located on the first floor of LAMC, across from the dining facility.

GMA test

Management Admission Test June 17, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The GMAT is free to active duty or reserve military members who plan to pursue a masters degree in business. The test must be ordered by May 6. For more information, call 561-2974/4445.

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Movie Review



'FX-2' to be released May 10

by Jesse Gordon
Star Presidian staff

(Note: "FX2" premiering nationally May 10th, stars Bryan Brown, Brian Dennehy, Rachel Ticotin, Liz Kennedy and Philip Bosco.)

O rion Pictures has struggled through some difficult times, but occasionally, a breath of fresh air comes along to keep it afloat.

In 1985, Bryan Brown ("Breaker Morant," "Cocktail") starred in his first big American movie, "FX." The film did better at the box office than anyone expected it to, thanks to an inventive story and an excellent acting job in the lead role.

Six years later, the same creative team that made "FX" has reassembled to produce a sequel, once again starring Brown and Brian Dennehy ("Silverado," "Presumed Innocent"). Newcomers include Lisa Ticotin ("Total Recall," "Critical Condition") and Philip Bosco ("Children of a Lesser God," "Working Girl").



The second FX follows roughly the same storyline as the first, delving Rollie Tyler (Brown) into an espionage plot in which he is called upon to use his expertise of special effects to get himself out of trouble.

Rollie has a new love interest, seeing as how his former lover was shot to death by the men who set him up. The replacement is Kim Brady (Ticotin), whose ex-husband, Mike, is a policeman. He asks for

Rollie's help to capture a psychopath who has been stalking a beautiful woman. When the operation turns out to be a set-up, Mike ends up dead, and Rollie, Kim and her son have to escape from Mike's boss, Ray Silak (Bosco). At this point, Leo (Dennehy), Tyler's old cop buddy from "FX" is called in to help engineer a plan to foil the villains.

The comical side of Tyler's world rounds out the film, dropping hints of every movie genre about the set. Maybe this is not the thriller that the original was, but the thrills are not gone; there is every ingredient for the formula: from the spooky bad-guy with the unkempt hair to the crooked cop to the priceless object which is the motive for wrong-doings. Yes, there is a visible formula, but the plot twists and inventive gadgets are solid enough to allow for it.

Despite every individual aspect being well produced, the film still comes out somewhat inconsistent. The first half is spent developing a plot, and while it certainly needs to be developed, the process is so choppy, it seems as if it has been compressed into half the time that the writer had intended. It seems as if we are watching the 11 o'clock news briefs, or the second of a two-part television show, and now we must rely on the 30-second synopsis of the previous show to become aware of the story.

There will be no post-Academy Awards banquet to honor "FX2," but that was not the goal of the filmmakers in the first place. They were looking to serve up a movie that anyone can go and enjoy, and it isn't a bad effort. Although we are left wondering how a few things were accomplished, or how people knew things, the script is none the less a sound one. And even though this film fails to live up to its original, hardly any sequel does, "FX2" isn't far off the mark.

Desert Storm vignettes

Many media inquiries are being made for first-hand accounts of combat operations during Operation Desert Storm. If you know of someone who has had first hand experiences in combat contact Col. Rick Kiernan at DSN, formerly Autovon, 227-2564. Faxes can be made to 227-2159.

Recycling point

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

Free trips to Jamaica

Sandal Resorts, one of the Caribbean's largest resort hotel companies, announced that it will give 500 U.S. servicemembers and their families (or boyfriends and girlfriends) an opportunity to enjoy an expense-free week-long stay at one of the resorts. Names will be selected in a random drawing by representatives of the armed services shortly after the cease-fire is declared in Operation Desert Storm.

To enter the drawing, send the name, address and telephone number of a friend or relative of active duty U.S. military personnel in the Persian Gulf theater of operations on a postcard (along with the name, rank, branch of service and unit of the serviceperson) to: "Operation Sandals", 7610 S.W. 61 Avenue, Miami, FL 33143.

Time Line 4.0 demonstration

A demonstration of the project manager and planning software, Time Line 4.0, will be given April 30 at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of building 603. There will be items raffled to those individuals who attend. Please RSVP, since seating is limited. For more information, call 561-2832.

Please don't trash us

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing requests that all administrative building tenants, BOQ and BEQ occupants please do not dispose of personal trash (i.e. coffee grinds, banana peels, apple cores, table scrapings, etc.) in latrine waste receptacles.

All garbage should be removed to the outdoor debris boxes located near your building.

Egyptian artifacts exhibit

San Francisco State University's Suto Egyptian Collection will feature a free exhibit of selected artifacts from ancient Egypt from Friday to May 17.

The exhibit "Ancient Nile Kingdoms: Egypt, Nubia, Meroe" will be in room 115 of the Science Building of San Francisco State's campus on 1600 Holloway. The exhibit will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 338-1500.

Conservation Corner

Don't water the gutter. Position your sprinklers in such a way that water lands on your lawn or garden, not on the concrete. Avoid watering on windy days—much of the water may be carried off before it hits the ground.





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News Briefs

Spring clean-up schedule

Participation from all occupants is required for complete area beautification. Dumpsters will be provided for additional debris. Please do not use regular dumpsters for area clean up. The 1500 area clean up is scheduled for Monday. The building coordinator of housing areas 1517-A through 1529-D should contact Sgt. 1st Class Marold Studesville at 751-8419 or 1519-A Pershing Drive no later than 1 p.m. Saturday.

Commissary council meeting

The Presidio Commissary Council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Commissary Conference Room, building 653. Guests are welcome.

SATO emergency systems

An Arlington, Virginia based company is providing emergency systems to cut precious hours from the trip for home for United States service men and service women returning from the Persian Gulf. SatoTravel, which provides travel service to the U.S. government and military and is owned by 13 major U.S. airlines, has set up fully equipped, automated emergency "field offices" of 20 passenger ticketing positions each at Philadelphia International Airport's Overseas Terminal and the Charleston, S.C. International Airport. In addition to airline ticketing, the emergency services will include short-term hotel arrangements, simplified billing procedures, and even the packaging and handling of weapons.

Michael J. Premo, SatoTravel President, said his company was selected by the Military Traffic Management Command to provide the service "based on our more than 35 years' experience working with military customers, including many emergency situations." He added, "It's exciting and gratifying for us to help bring the heroes and heroines of Operation Desert Storm and their families back together as quickly as we can."

Premo said SatoTravel will have a staff of nearly 40 at each location, and although no passenger figures have been released, "We are prepared to handle up to 3,000 passengers a day in each city for as long as we are needed."

SatoTravel has a network of about 700 travel service offices on military bases and in government facilities around the U.S. The company provides both official and leisure travel services under contract, and a portion of its commissions on leisure travel is returned to the Military, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Services.

Scheduled power outage

A power outage has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for buildings 1027, 1028, 1029 and 1030 to allow the Directorate of Engineering and Housing to upgrade the electrical substation located in Building 70.

Other areas and buildings will be affected at various times during the shutdown. These areas include:

Housing areas 500, 700 and 800; and Buildings 42, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 64, 65, 67 and 68.

Occupants should unplug television sets, VCR's and computers, just as a precaution, to avoid possible damage when the electrical system is turned back on. Periodically, power surges may occur when the power has been shut down and then brought back up.

DEH apologizes for any inconvenience that residents and building occupants may experience during this electrical line repair program.

Questions concerning the outage should be directed to DEH Inspection Branch at 561-6000, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Welcome home, heroes!

Family members and friends were on hand to celebrate the return of men and women from the 343rd Medical Detachment and the 114th Medical Detachment.

States enforcing new retirement annuities tax

Even if you no longer live there!

by K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

Many states may be seeking, or enforcing, a tax on your retirement annuities if you earned any of your career income in those states. California already has this tax and is one of the major players in enforcing collection. If you ever lived and worked in California during your career and then moved to another state, before or after retirement, California can tax your retirement annuities *for the rest of your life!*

If you worked in a number of states during your long government career, and you moved during or after your career, you could owe all those states a portion of your retirement annuities FOREVER! even if the state you retired to does not have a state income tax.

Many states already have this tax, called the "source tax," but have not rigidly enforced it in the past because of the difficulty of keeping track of retirees. Many states, however, may begin to do so. Computer technology and information sharing by business, industry, and state and federal governments are making the pursuit of retirees increasingly more possible, probable, and actual. The tax is collectable if you once worked in the state pursuing you—whether or not you still live there.

According to the April 22 issue of the *Federal Times*, 32 states already have the source taxes "on the books" and "any state with an income tax has the ability to levy the taxes." The *Times* also states that, according to the tax's opponents, "Twelve states are actively pursuing retirees to other states to collect the levies. California is known as the most active enforcer."

As California and other states get more and more strapped for funds, they are enforcing this new state tax as an additional source of revenue—some states going after it with a vengeance.

Surprisingly, most people don't even know this is going on. Most people haven't even heard of the tax. If (and many people expect this will happen unless action is taken to curb it) more states begin taxing the retirement annuities of former residents, hundreds of thousands of employees and retirees will be hit up for taxes by the states in which they formerly lived and worked, thus further reducing their dwindling retirement annuities.

Many retirees, for example, left California for what they thought would be a less expensive lifestyle only

to learn now there is no escape. They are prisoners of California's source tax law, or that of any state with a source tax in which they may have worked during their careers. The *Times* mentions one federal retiree who during his career worked in seven states, four of which enforce source taxes against retirees' pensions.

Jim Reber, spokesman for the California State Franchise Tax Board, as quoted in the *Times*, says, "For those that thumb their noses, we can file liens against their California property or go to the state where they're living and file liens. If that were challenged, we would have to go to court."

Reber states, says the *Times*, that "source taxing of pensions brings in approximately \$10 million a year, but California is losing \$20 to \$30 million a year in taxes not collected."

"If it's big enough money, we go after it," says Reber. California even hires outside tax collectors to pursue delinquent retirees.

Reber says that California is not out to "squeeze blood out of a turnip or put the poor and elderly out on the street."

According to the *Times*, "Retirees report being slapped with tax bills as high as \$16,000 as many as 12 years after moving out of California. In addition to owing taxes, many former California residents wind up owing hefty penalties—55 percent—plus interest."

One retiree quoted in the *Times* article suggests that California may intentionally wait several years before pursuing collection so that it can add the 55 percent penalty and also claim tax fraud, thus allowing it to go back as many years as it wants to collect back taxes.

Many government and private industry employees, irate over the new tax surprise and the chipping away of their retirement benefits, are taking action. According to the *Times*, "Retirees are organized and lobbying in Washington, D.C. and their home states" against this new form of state taxation. "They no longer live or vote in the states vexing them with source taxes."

Bill Hoffman, a private company employee who worked in California and who, upon retirement, moved to Nevada, which has no personal income tax, said, as quoted in the *Times*, "In California, the general population doesn't know about it. Most

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Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians—

Wednesday, 17 April was award and promotion day at our Base Relocation and Closure Task Force Office. This always makes it a GREAT day when we have the opportunity to recognize our good folks. Lieutenant Colonel Frank Moore, our new BRACO Chief, was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Medal from his last assignment with the Pacific Engineer Office. Congratulations Frank and HOO AH!

In addition, we promoted the GS-12 Bob Taylor and Caroline Buckles. These folks work in our BRACO office and are most deserving of these recognitions of their GREAT services. HOO AH! Bob and Caroline.

Also on Wednesday, I got to participate in a ceremony at the Civilian Personnel Directorate recognizing some of our great civilian employees. There were a number of awards for a host of people—to each one listed below, HOO AH!

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Cindy Swift

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Michael Hampton

Customer Service Nominees

John Sergeant
Ron Filippone
Tina Jones
Cynthia Swift
Martin Nowinski

Nancy Kurtz

Lorraine Lucas

Customer Service Winner

Nancy Kurtz

Finally, on Wednesday I was invited by Readiness Group, Presidio of San Francisco to a Welcome Home party for Major Fred Pickens, their returned Combat Arms Branch Assistance Team Chief. Fred was a liaison officer with the 1st Cavalry Division and saw lots of action. I know his wife and two children were glad to have him home, but so are all of us.

On Thursday the Presidio Sports Branch organized and ran a really GREAT golf tournament. We had 64 personnel sign up and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Bobbie Gascon and Charles Hurd for all their work to make this possible.

On Friday night, we had a very special affair take place here at Presidio of San Francisco. The Activities Council of San Francisco Performing Arts Library and Museum held a "Salute to Swing" at the Presidio of San Francisco Officers' Club. It was quite an affair! Their program carried thanks to the Sixth United States Army Jazz Combo: Lieutenant Colonel Bob Barnes, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Fredericks and Jim Hudgins.

It was another travel weekend for yours truly. Saturday was spent at Gowen Fied, Idaho with the 1/163d Armor Battalion from Butte, Montana. Great training—tactical platoon exercises and range firing—with the new M1 Main Battle Tank. Lots of good training and learning going on and the troops like that.

Then it was on to Salt Lake City, Utah and the 96th Army Reserve Command Commanders' Conference. Good conference with lots accomplished. At the banquet, Senator Orrin Hatch was the primary speaker and told us all how the Congress looks at Desert Storm.

Then Sunday night was a very special affair. Presidio of San Francisco welcomed home the

343d Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance) and the 114th Medical Detachment. The 343d is from Hamilton AAF and the 114th is from Los Angeles. They got to the Golden Gate Club about 8 p.m. to be welcomed by some 200+ personnel. The band was there, the TV networks, radio shows, well wishers, but most importantly the families. It was a very emotional welcome—our first opportunity to actually welcome units home. I know it was good for all us welcomers. I hope the troops and their families didn't mind letting us say a great big HOO AH! and welcome home!

Finally this week I want to share with you an anonymous letter I received. I do not normally act on anonymous letters, but this one was so sincere and bit a real tender spot—water waste. The writer alleges indiscriminate lawn watering like all night long! But more importantly the writer alleges that the abuser will not cooperate when approached by neighbors. First, I hope the waste isn't taking place. Second, I hope our quarters occupants are mature enough to cooperate when such things are brought to their attention. Friends, the rains have NOT solved our water problems, we are better off but not yet OK I still need your help in conserving water and energy. Every little bit helps—so please Presidians—conserve—and follow the rules.

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

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—R. E. Lee



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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

America's involvement in helping the Kurdish refugees in Northern Iraq by using the American military to protect, feed and build camps for them. Your opinion?

Sgt. Josie Morris, personnel administrative specialist, Personnel Actions Center, Headquarters Battalion: "I feel since we started we should finish it. We should stick to it and wipe out Hussein. If we would have finished the job, Hussein wouldn't be treating the Kurdish people this way."



Sgt. Michael S. Zimmer Jr., special agent, Military Intelligence Battalion, Counter Intelligence/Counter Narcotics: "We should assist them further by supplying them with arms because Saddam Hussein is who we are fighting against and he is treating them inhumanely. They can fight back if we assist the Kurdish rebels from removing Hussein from power."



Cpl. Cynthia R. Olida, administrative specialist, Personnel Actions Center, Headquarters Battalion: "I feel sympathy for the way the people are being treated, but we have starving and hungry children here. Instead of spending millions of dollars on another country, we should spend it here. They won't send a dime to the starving children that are right by the White House."



Spec. Thomas F. Dear, reassignment clerk, Military Personnel Division, MILPO: "I think it's a good idea. I feel if we help them, they may help us in return if we are in need of help."



Spec. David D. Zamlich, administrative specialist, Military Intelligence Battalion, Counter Intelligence/Counter Espionage: "I feel we should help. In some ways we are partly responsible for the position the Kurds find themselves in. Our victory over Iraq was a signal to the Kurds that possible world opinion would be on their side for freedom. It's our responsibility as the world's defenders of freedom to encourage and assist anyone desiring freedom."



Park Ranger Lynn Fonfa of the U.S. Forest Service reveals the history of Fort Point to Alameda's Island High School students.

Alameda students learn Presidio history

by Capt. Andy Echugen

Readiness Group, Presidio of San Francisco

"I learned a lot about a military hospital, and I didn't know places like Fort Point still existed," said 18-year-old high school student Chau Dang, "We met a lot of interesting people and learned how they work on a daily basis."

On a chilly Presidio of San Francisco morning, 18 young high school students from Alameda's Island High School participated once again in a Readiness Group, Presidio of San Francisco, Community Action Project.

The March 26 visit gave the students and two of their teachers an opportunity to visit and share in the daily life of soldiers working on the Presidio.

"This tour is part of the many activities planned by RGPSF as part of our quarterly CAP," said Col. James Elliott, RGPSF commander.

"Our intention is to share with the local community, and in particular these young students, what a special place Presidio is and that we are an integral part of the neighborhood within San Francisco," he added.

Island High is an alternative school for troubled youth who are faced with family, emotional or other problems that have caused them to drop out of school.

"These young people are trying to restructure their lives," said Lt. Col. Alexander Janke, Chief, Combat Arms Division, the host for this CAP. "Giving them a positive role model to follow will benefit all of us in the long run."

During the tour, each student was paired with a member of RGPSF and learned about the history on the Presidio and Army life.

Immediately following a history of the Presidio presentation, the students and their sponsors departed to visit the Civil War-era Fort Point and participated in a practice drill of firing a cannon.

After being treated to a "gourmet lunch" of MREs at Torney Hall, the Island High students visited the Nuclear Medicine Division and Occupational Therapy. They also visited the Blood Bank, Hematology and Microbiology laboratories, observing actual daily operations. As they toured LAMC, the students discovered that being a soldier is more than just carrying a weapon and going to the field.

"Once again I'm impressed with the sponsorship and dedication that the soldiers from Presidio gave each individual student during their visit," said Tina Kreitz, who organized the tour for the second year and is a teacher at Island High. "The students learned a little about the military life and the role each soldier plays within the hospital and Presidio."

Prior to their departure from Presidio, Col. Elliott presented each student with a RGPSF certificate, some momentos and an I.D. Tag with their name.

From the smiles of the students and their RGPSF sponsors during the closing group photo session, it was obvious this CAP was indeed a special day for all.

Nancy bids farewell to Presidio

Because I won't have the chance to say good-bye to most of you personally, I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much it meant to me to be a part of the Presidio community for the past three years. It was a very hard decision to leave you all.

Being the Family Advocacy Program Manager at the Presidio of San Francisco has been one the most important experiences of my life.

To the command at all levels, I say thank you for your support. I learned so much from you as we worked so hard together. I'm proud of the program we created here.

To the soldiers and families of the Presidio, thank

you. I learned to be a better counselor, better trainer and better person in my work with you.

To my valued colleagues across the Presidio, all of you who shared my commitment to soldiers and families, thank you for your support, your collaboration and your work.

To the Presidio community as a whole, thank you for the opportunity to work with you and for you. This has been the most challenging and rewarding job in my 20 year career. I will take you and all I've learned from you with me wherever I go. And, know that wherever you go, you have my deepest appreciation.

Sincerely,
Nancy Niederhauser

News

Administrative Careers With America

by K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

Many of the younger, junior employees at the Presidio may be more vulnerable to the RIF than senior employees because of their lower grades, status, and seniority. For example, if you are at a low GS level, you could be affected early by the bumping and retreating process once the RIF is instituted. If you currently hold a lower grade, you may be interested in looking now into other careers with the government.

This article discusses one possible career consideration to help you, the younger employee, if you are interested in staying with the government. The jobs discussed here are entry-level jobs—grades GS-5 and GS-7, and are part of a job program called “Administrative Careers with America (ACA). The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) oversees this program.

OPM essentially promotes the ACA program to recent college graduates; information on this program, therefore, rarely reaches current government employees. However, you, as a government civilian, are eligible to apply for the program, which, according to OPM promotional literature, has “thousands of challenging entry-level jobs” available “throughout the United States and overseas.”

About 100 different types of occupations are filled through the ACA program, using one of two options:

- A written examination, or
- An application based on scholastic achievement, reflected by your grade-point average (GPA).

Government employees, with or without a college degree (or recent college graduates who are interested in these entry-level jobs), can take the required application test.

There are six different “occupational groups.” You may apply to take an examination in any of these general areas:

- Benefits Review, Tax and Legal
- Business, Finance and Management
- Health, Safety and Environmental
- Law Enforcement and Investigation
- Personnel, Administration and Computers
- Writing and Public Information

Each examination consists of two parts: a written test and a multiple-choice Individual Achievement

Record (IAR) questionnaire.

There is a Qualification Information Statement (QIS) for each group which you can obtain from OPM. The QIS also identifies employment opportunities for positions in the group. A few examples of jobs and specialties in each of the six occupational groups are as follows:

- The “Benefits Review” group includes jobs in Claims Examining, Passport and Visa Examining, and as Paralegal Specialists, and Tax Technicians.
- The “Business, Finance” group includes Trade, Transportation, Traffic Management, and Property Disposal.
- “Health, Safety” group includes jobs in Environmental Protection, Hospital Management, Outdoor Recreation Planning, and Public Health.
- “Law Enforcement” group includes Criminal Investigation, Civil Aviation Security, Game Law Enforcement, Park Ranger, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Inspection.
- “Personnel, Administration” group includes Contractor Industrial Relations, Employee Relations, Labor Relations, Manpower Development, Personnel Management and Staffing, and Salary and Wage Administration.
- “Writing and Public Information” group includes General Arts and Information, Public Affairs, Technical Information Services, Writing and Editing, and Technical Writing and Editing.

Testing is conducted in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam. California test sites are San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

The written test is an assessment of job relevant abilities such as reasoning abilities. The IAR is a biographical questionnaire which is intended to assess job relevant characteristics other than reasoning abilities. When you apply to take an exam, you will get a descriptive booklet which includes sample questions.

If you wish to take more than one exam, you will need a separate application package for each one. Examinations will be conducted periodically throughout the year based on Federal hiring needs. You can be tested in as many areas as you wish, but you can only be tested once a year in any specific

occupational group. If you fail a test in one occupational group this year, for example, or wish to try for a better score, you will be required to wait at least 12 months before you take that occupational group test again.

Once you apply, you will be notified by mail in 4 to 6 weeks of when the next test will be given in your area for your requested occupational group.

If you want to apply based on your GPA or scholastic record without having to take a written exam, you must be a college graduate and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, based on a 4.0 scale for all completed undergraduate work, or have graduated in the upper ten percent of your class.

Federal agencies with vacancies can hire you directly on the basis of your GPA/scholastic record. You can apply directly to agencies for employment consideration.

There are several entry-level positions under the ACA program that do not require a written test, but do require the completion of specific college course work. These include positions in Archeology, Archival Work (Archivist), Community Planning, Economics, Educational Programming, Foreign Affairs, General Anthropology, General Education and Training, Geography, History, International Relations, Manpower Research and Analysis, Museum Management (Curator), Psychology, Social Science, and Sociology. The local OPM area office handles these positions.

To get current employment and career information, application forms and materials, you can either call the Career America Hotline at 1-900-990-9200 (there is a 40 cent a minute charge for this service), or the local Federal Job Information Center at (415) 744-7205. The latter is a recorded message after which you can leave your name, address and the ACA program in which you are interested. OPM will mail the information to you immediately.

If you are interested in merely reviewing the literature on all the ACA programs, the *Star Presidian* has a sample package from OPM. Call the editor at 561-5465 and set up a time to visit the *Star Presidian* office to look over the package. We'll photocopy for you any information which may be of specific interest to you.

Army Chief of Staff welcomes returning soldiers

On behalf of the entire Army and a grateful nation, welcome home. For each of you, this day marks the end of an operation of historic significance—an operation that will help define the very soul of the community of nations for decades to come.

Under some of the most demanding conditions ever faced by America's Army, you have won a monumental victory—a victory that will be honored for as long as Americans remember their past. You have restored freedom to a nation brutalized by a ruthless dictator; you have brought peace to a region

that is vital to the health of the entire world; and you have rekindled a deep sense of national pride that wells in the hearts of the American people.

As soldiers in America's Total Army, you have made a unique sacrifice in the name of the United States. You have left hearth and home to serve the nation in a perilous and alien environment, and you have given up months of your livelihood in order to answer the call of freedom. You are worthy heirs to the legacy of the Minutemen, and you reflect the depth of commitment of the citizen soldier that has kept our country free for over two hundred years.

As you now return to your civilian pursuits, remember that your sacrifice has not been in vain. For in a land thousands of miles away, the children of Kuwait are now awakening to a new day—a day free from repression and fear, a day bright with renewed hope for the future.

Gen. Carl E. Vuono
Chief of Staff
United States Army

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figure when they left California, that was the end of it. I got no information from my company on my pension saying if I ever left California I would have to pay them tax on it forever.”

“Hoffman founded Retirees to Eliminate State Income Source Tax, RESIST, to fight levies,” says the *Times*. “The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the National Association of Letter Carriers, and a coalition of more than 20 military organizations are among groups of Federal workers pressuring Congress on source taxes.”

According to the *Times*, the “source tax states contend retirees owe them taxes on their pensions because annuities represent deferred income earned in the states.” The states contend that “taxes are due on that income since they were not collected when the money was contributed by employers into retirement plans.”

The growing anger by retirees and employees who are just now learning about this new form of taxation has resulted in their forming strong lobbying efforts against it. Two Members of Congress and two

Senators have subsequently introduced four separate Bills—three in the House and one in the Senate—to kill or control the states' new source tax claims.

Representative Barbara Vucanovich, Nevada, this year for the second time introduced HR 431, which would ban source taxes completely, and HR 1655 “which would permit source taxing only if states provide taxpayers advance notice, uses a formula to derive tax rates that omits income from other states, and allows taxpayers to prepay the tax before they move out of state.”

Representative Jolene Unsoeld, Washington, introduced HR 1531, identical to Vucanovich's HR 431. Senators Harry Reid, Nevada, and Richard Bryan, Nevada, introduced S 267, a companion measure to HR 431.

Senator Bryan is quoted by the *Times* as saying, “Source taxation of pension income is especially troubling since, for the most part, pensions cannot be removed from the offending State. Pensioners may transfer all their other assets to whatever State they desire, but their pensions are held hostage by

the State in which they were earned. Considering the longer lives we all hope to enjoy, this fact becomes especially shocking; 85-year-old retirees are no longer uncommon; such an individual may well be paying taxes to a State from which he has derived no benefit for the last 20 years.”

The *Star Presidian* contacted the offices of Representatives Vucanovich and Unsoeld and Senators Reid and Bryan for copies of their Bills.

Just prior to going to press, the *Star Presidian* received a copy of Unsoeld's Bill which, as it states, would “prohibit a State from imposing an income tax on the pension income of individuals who are not residents or domiciliaries of that State.”

Known also as the “Pension Tax Equity Act of 1991,” the Bill specifies that “No State may impose an income tax . . . on the pension income of any individual who is not a resident or domiciliary of such State.”

The amendment, if it is passed into law, would apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1990.

Strict water policy to affect the Presidio

by Rajeev Parasnis,
Energy Coservation Engineer
Directorate of Engineering and Housing

The *Star Presidian* reported last week that the Marin Municipal Water District has eased its strict water rationing policy from a 50 percent mandatory cutback to a voluntary 25 percent reduction for its customers. The Army family housing occupants of the Fort Baker and Fort Barry area deserve praise for being water conservation-conscious. Now it is the Presidio of San Francisco residents' turn to be the good neighbors and start actively participating in the water conservation effort.

The Presidio is fortunate to have its own water wells and a flowing creek. Together, they supplied us with over 500 million gallons of drinking-quality water last year. But only about half of the water consumed on Post has been ending up in the San Fran-

cisco City sewers. What does that tell us? It means that irrigation and other outdoor use of water on post continues to be too high. PSF residents cannot expect to keep their lawns and gardens emerald-green while most of the San Francisco Bay Area lawns are in the danger of turning brown. The time has come to impose certain restrictions on all exterior use of water on post.

Effective May 1, 1991, an information program consisting of daily displays at the Presidio Fire Station and other selected areas will be implementing advertising water availability conditions. These conditions will be defined as follows:

Condition Green - Watering of lawns and plants plus washing cars will be allowed once a week. Area 1 residents (See map illustration) may engage in outdoor watering on Mondays, Area 2 residents may water on Tuesdays, and so on. Note that the Presidio Army Golf Club (Area 8) chooses to buy its water

from the city of San Francisco and as such, the PAGC is governed by the water use restrictions imposed by the city.

Condition Yellow - Watering of lawns and plants allowed only at the main parade ground and main parade ground and main entrances on regularly scheduled days. No outdoor watering permitted in any other residential or nonresidential area.

Condition Red - No outside watering allowed. The occupants of Fort Mason are in Condition Red at this time. PSF purchased over 40 million gallons of water from the City of San Francisco in Fiscal Year 1990 for use in Fort Mason. The Presidio's operating budget for FY 91 utilities is already facing a shortfall of nearly 2.5 million dollars. Conservation is no longer a matter of choice, it is a matter of survival for the Presidio of San Francisco

For more information call Rajeev at 561-4051.



The price of crime can be costly

by John Fowler
Presidio Provost Marshal

If you can't do the time, don't do the crime," announced the theme of the 1970's popular television show "Barreta." The show has long been off the network, but the warning is still an important one.

On April 16, a Garrison Juvenile Review Board was convened to review charges against seven juvenile members of the community. The charges were all related to the breaking and entering of an abandoned building and subsequent fires that were started as a direct result of the youths' misconduct. "The Juvenile Review Board has a variety of pur-

poses," advised Lt. Col. Roy Helsing, Director of Personnel and Community Activities. "The board reviews the misconduct and advises the Garrison Commander of the appropriate sanctions or punishments. Consistent with the recommendation is the deterrence for the youths to avoid future misconduct. The added benefits of reminding parents of their responsibility to be accountable for their dependent's behavior and informing the community that this kind of misconduct is not going to be tolerated are also results," Helsing added.

The board can recommend the entire gamut of punishments and sanctions; no punishment, com-

munity service, ejection from quarters and restriction from the installation are but a few of the options.

The recent board resulted in the recommendation for the expulsion of two youths from the installation, a combined total of 700 hours community service and service to youth activities and religious organizations, written essays about fire safety, fire prevention or burns and the requirement for a mandatory viewing of a fire safety film.

The old saying "Crime doesn't pay" is true and will be quickly realized in the Presidio Community.

News

Presidio celebrates 34th annual Law Day

by David Richardson
Presidio Garrison Legal Assistance Office

The President of the United States has designated May 1 as Law Day USA. The Presidio will be conducting several activities to commemorate Law Day.

On May 1 at 6:45 a.m. there will be a formation of Headquarters, Sixth United States Army and all tenant units. The Sixth U.S. Army Band will play. A proclamation will be read, and there will be a

ceremonial reaffirmation of all of the soldiers' oaths. Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison will speak and all assembled will embark on a Law Day fun run.

From 10 a.m. until noon and from 1:45 to 4 p.m. attorneys from the Presidio Garrison Legal Assistance Office will be having an "Ask the Lawyer" table at the Main Post Exchange. They will be answering general legal questions and passing out copies of the constitution.

On May 3 and 6 the Legal Assistance Office will be

conducting "Will Days." Soldiers and family members who desire to have a will can call 561-4273 to make an appointment to prepare a will.

Finally, on May 17 there will be a Law Day luncheon held at the Presidio Officers' Club. The Judge Advocate General of the Army, Maj. Gen. John L. Fugh, will be the guest speaker. If you have any questions about the Law Day activities, please contact Capt. Richardson at the Presidio Garrison Legal Assistance Office at 561-4273.



Proclamation



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May 1st is Law Day U.S.A. in the United States of America, and

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200 years to many millions who have sought our shores, and

The foundation of individual freedom and liberty is the body of the law that governs us, and

The Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights are the heart of that body of law, which guarantees us many freedoms -including freedom of religious belief, freedom to have and hold property inviolate, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of petition, and due process of the law among others, and

This year marks the 34th annual nationwide observance of Law Day, and the Congress of the United States and the President by official proclamation have set aside May 1 as a special day for recognition of the place of law in American life,

I, Commanding General of the Sixth United States Army and the Presidio of San Francisco, do hereby designate May 1, 1991, as Law Day U.S.A. and call upon all soldiers, family members, employees, and organizations of the Presidio of San Francisco to commemorate the role of law in our lives.

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
COMMANDING

Family Life

Discovery Museum opens at Fort Baker

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Bay Area Discovery Museum moved to East Fort Baker from Corte Madera and will celebrate its grand opening April 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days.

The museum has hands on exhibits and murals created by Bay Area elementary school children.

"The exhibits were designed by exhibition designers Tom Ancona and Kevin O'Farrell," said Margaret Crane, publicist. "The architectural firm of Escherick, Homsey, Dodge and Davis designed the complex."

The museum occupies four old Army buildings nestled in Horseshoe Cove, behind the Coast Guard Station in what is now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The museum complex is in the first half of a two-phase project. This first phase includes the two exhibit centers housed in the buildings.

The project's second phase will include more exhibits and activities.

The two exhibits now on display allow visitors to get physically involved with the activities.

The "San Francisco Bay" exhibit concentrates on the marine ecology and commerce of the Bay Area. The exhibit's main feature is a commercial fishing vessel outfitted with navigational charts, fishing equipment and a realistic cargo hold.

The vessel is named the "Discovery Boat" and is

constructed indoors. By using their imagination, youngsters will be able to transport cargo to and from Bay Area ports and load and unload their cargo.

The exhibit also includes an underwater crawl-through tunnel that allows visitors to see up close what life in the ocean depths is like.

There is a "Life Under a Rock" demonstration and a "Science Corner" as well.

The "Architecture and Design" exhibit features plumbing and electrical displays, a wood shop, drafting studio and a construction site.

The Discovery Museum is not just for the young. The museum's brochure touts it as a "children's museum for the whole family."

Photo workshops, nature hikes and arts and crafts activities are available for young and old at the museum.

Also available at the museum are an art studio, darkroom and a cafe. Moreover, the museum has a multi-purpose room for performances, dances and parties for children.

The Bay Area Discovery Museum is open to the public each week, Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After Memorial Day, the museum will be open on Tuesdays as well. There is an admission charge, however memberships are available for constant users.

Callers can get information about special activities and events by dialing 332-7674.



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News

Retiree medical care top concern

by Duvel White
and Army News Service

With the closing of Letterman Army Medical Center, military retirees in the Bay Area are very concerned about medical care. Their concerns are shared by Army retirees nationally according to a new study.

Medical care is the number one issue on the minds of Army retirees, say the Army chief of staff's ambassadors-at-large to the retirement community.

Retired Lt. Gen. John Blount and retired Army Sgt. Maj. Bill Bainbridge, co-chairmen of Gen. Carl E. Vuono's Retiree Council, met with Vuono and key Army staff members recently to present concerns and recommendations from retirees the world over.

Blount and Bainbridge were recalled to active duty, as were the other 22 council members, for the council's annual meetings at the Pentagon. The council members, all retirees, range from colonels to staff sergeants; they each represent an Army installation, command, or geographic area's retired military population.

And, because a shrinking Army would likely have fewer health care resources available for retirees, they all put medical care at the top of the list of retiree concerns. Most Army medical treatment facilities are already offering reduced or no services to retired soldiers.

"This retired group is growing older, and the cost of medical care is going up, up, up," Bainbridge said.

"They're on a very fixed income, and without the things they're used to — particularly the medical treatment facilities — it's pretty tough out there."

Of particular concern is what Blount called "Medicare subvention," or the process of transferring Medicare money from one government agency to another. At age 65, military retirees use Medicare benefits rather than CHAMPUS-funded benefits. However, when retirees over 65 are treated at a military treatment facility, Medicare funds do not reimburse the Defense Department for the cost of that care.

"Those of us that are still able to go to a military treatment facility and if we are on Medicare, the hospitals treat us, but . . . they don't get the money back," Bainbridge said. "If we could get that money (directly) into the treatment facilities, then those hospitals who do it cheaper could provide more and better care."

Another issue the council tracks closely is "CHAMPUS over-65 overseas." Many military retirees reside overseas, but space is usually unavailable to treat them in U.S. military medical facilities in the area. Medicare does not pay the cost of medical care overseas, and CHAMPUS benefits stop at age 65.

"We've been urging the Congress to do something about this for a long time," Blount said. "Senator

(Daniel) Inouye (D-Hawaii) has introduced a bill several times to take care of this segment, and we've worked the cost out now, so we think it's possible that it will get passed this year."

On the dental side, Blount said that the already-dwindling amount of dental care available for retirees at military facilities could be endangered by an Army tendency to take resources away from dental activities with space available for extra patients. Retirees are treated in military dental facilities on a space-available-only basis.

"If they (DENTACs) manage their workload to the point where they can have some extra capacity. . . to bring in some retirees, that good management is being punished," Blount said. "There is an element that wants to take money away from the dentists for that good management. We think that's not a great reward for good management, and we don't like to see that principle applied."

He said that the principle of reducing money for space-available services to retirees potentially could be applied to all medical care, to transportation on military aircraft, and other facilities retirees use on a "space-A" basis. "We think that's a terrible way to do business, so we're dead set against that," Blount said.

The council also asked Vuono to study extending the Army's active-duty dental insurance program to the retirees.

Not all of the group's recommendations are so weighty as medical care. For example, one of the issues presented by the council this year is that a copy of a retiring soldier's medical and dental records be furnished to the soldier during the retirement process on a mandatory basis. Installations are currently authorized to provide these records to retiring soldiers, but generally defer to the Army Reserve Personnel Center to provide them after retirement and upon request only.

Eight recommendations were in the council's final report:

- The protection of Army medical resources.
- Support to legislation which makes CHAMPUS a second payer to Medicare for retirees and dependents over 65, and extending CHAMPUS benefits to retirees over 65 living overseas.
- The mandatory furnishing of medical and dental records during the retirement process, and reducing delays in obtaining those records later from ARPERCEN.
- Not basing budget decisions on the amount of space-available dental care.
- Studying dental insurance for retirees.
- Publishing changes to Army Regulations 600-8 and 5-9 to establish separate retirement services offices reporting directly to principal staff officers.
- Encouraging Reserve and National Guard units to provide funeral honors when active units are unavailable.
- Scheduling pre-retirement physical exams four months before a soldier's transition leave would begin, rather than four months before retirement.

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Travel

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Windsurfing lessons

Windsurfing lessons are being offered through Outdoor Recreation June 15 and Aug. 10 at Black Point in Novato. Cost is \$60 per person, payable upon sign-up to include transportation, all equipment, including wet suit and certification.

Lessons are available to active duty and their spouses, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees.

For sign-up and additional information, call the Information, Tour and Travel Office at 561-3992/3285.

Sailing lessons

Basic sailing lessons will be given through the Presidio Yacht Club. lessons will begin May 3 and will be held Friday evenings for a total of five classes. cost is \$45.

Instructors are members of the Presidio Yacht Club.

You do not need to be a member to participate. Lessons are available to active duty and their spouses, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees.

For sign-up and additional information, call the Presidio Yacht Club at 332-2319.

Intramural golf

The intramural golf league is underway with nine teams playing every Thursday afternoon. Early season team favorites are B Company, Letterman Army Medical Center, post Chapel and Sixth U.S. Army. The best golfers so far have also been from these teams, David Kim—Co. B LAMC, Rick Grillot—Post Chapel and Dale Litney—Sixth U.S. Army.

League standings: Post Chapel, 2-0; Co. B LAMC, 2-0; Sixth U.S. Army, 2-0, LAIR No. 1, 1-1; Dental Lab No. 2, 1-1; Co. A LAMC, 0-1; LAIR No. 2, 0-1; Dental Lab No. 1, 0-2; Golden Bear Bde, 0-2.

Intramural Volleyball

Eleven teams are participating in the Presidio Intramural Volleyball Program with games being played at Post Gym No. 1, starting at 5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Five matches are played each night. The DODC team comprised of Department of the Army civilian employees and dependents, coached by Steve Sauafea, is currently leading the league with four wins and no losses. League standings as of April 17 is as follows:

DODC, 4-0; USAG, 4-1; LAIR, 3-1; LEC 3-1; Sixth U.S. Army, 2-1; Co. B LAMC, 2-2; MEPCOM, 1-3; RGPSF, 1-3; INSCOM, 1-4; BAND, 0-4; Co. A LAMC, 0-1.

The match of the week: 6th Army over Co. B LAMC. Scores: 10-15, 16-14, 15-12.

Walk America

A 20-kilometer walk across Crissy Field, through the Presidio, around the Golden Gate Bridge and back with entertainment and food will be held Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. This walk will support the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. For more information, call 468-7400.

Bay to Breakers meeting

The Presidio Bay to Breakers volunteer meeting will be held May 1 at the Post Theatre from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you wish to volunteer and have not yet turned in your volunteer form bring it with you or pick one up at the meeting.

British American Club Dance

Dance the Fox Trot, Samba or Rumba with other post-World War II nostalgists. A live band and open bar accompany this Big Band era buffet luncheon. The luncheon will be held Sunday at 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$14. For more information, call 382-1462.

Seniors bowling

Bowling for seniors will be held at Rosa Parks Senior Center, located at 1111 Buchanan Streets. For more information, call 292-2000.

Disneyland



Many people cross under the Disneyland castle to enter a world of fun and excitement.

Visit to the Magic Kingdom

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Over hills, through space, under water and across the world. Disneyland will take you to all these places.



Water falls from the Matterhorn as many wait to begin the adventure of the ups, downs and splashes of the ride.

There's more to Disneyland than Mickey and Donald.

Besides all of Mickey's friends, there are exciting space rides, splashing water rides, dangerous safari, shops, shops and more shops.

It's impossible to leave Disneyland without feeling like a kid.

The Disney characters are lovable, the rides frightening and the food is filling.

Just like a kid, your eyes become much bigger than your stomach after looking at all the food stand menus—corn dogs, salad to spaghetti. Don't forget the churros and chocolate covered bananas. Mmmm, Mmmm, Mmmm!

Remember—don't fill up too much before jumping on any rides. The lines aren't long enough to let your food settle.

Space Mountain, the most popular ride at the Park, had less than a 30-minute wait. Don't be discouraged by the length of the lines. They seem to go very fast.

Don't miss getting your fortune read at the penny arcade. You'll find out everything from your lucky number to your best mate. You can also find out how you rate for kissing. On second thought, don't try that—you may discover that you are a clammy kisser.

There are great souvenirs that aren't expensive. At the penny arcade, you can get a penny with Mickey Mouse's face for only 50 cents, a helium balloon for \$3 and Disneyland T-shirts for under \$15.

Now is a great time for active duty members to break away from the stresses of work and play at the Land of never-ending fun.

Active Duty military members are entitled to free tickets to Disneyland, now through Nov. 10. These tickets can be picked up at the Information Tours and Travel Office, building 215.

Besides for the free tickets, it's also a great time to check out Disneyland because the park is not too crowded before summer. So you can hit every ride and stop at every food stand.



A swan plays in a pond at Disneyland.



Community Calendar

Leave donation

Stephanie Franklin, an employee with the Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station, is experiencing a personal medical emergency. So is Elizabeth Barbosa, an employee with the Sixth Recruiting Brigade. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave and both have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please call Mary Dukes at 561-3780.

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and the Letterman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

LAMC jobs

Letterman Army Medical Center is hiring for positions specifically targeted for family members of the Presidio community. The temporary positions available are clerk typists/secretary (GS 4-6), medical clerks/receptionists (GS 3-5), nursing assistants (GS 4-6) and food service workers (WG 2-4). For more information, call Diane Nishimoto at 561-4421.

Bay Area cruises

Heritage Architectural Bay Cruises will be given on Hornblower Yachts at Pier 33 beginning June 8. The focus of the cruises will be to help people rediscover the unique Bay Area architecture. The cost for Heritage members will be \$30 and for non-members the cost will be \$40. For more information and reservations, call 441-3004.

Sea World offer

Sea World is admitting all active duty and activated reservists and their dependents once between May 18 and Sept. 2, 1991. Military I.D.'s must be presented at Sea World for this offer.

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Free vehicle inspections

Free car inspections are still available at the Auto Shop (building 662) to soldiers who were involved in Operation Desert Storm and their family members who have military IDs and deployment orders. Building 662 is located on McDowell Avenue. Call 561-5521 for an appointment.



photo by Chuck Blancet

Staking a claim

A hawk boldly keeps watch over his new territory on the Presidio.

Spouses Day is coming

The Spouses Day Celebration honoring military personnel and their spouses is scheduled for May 10 at the Presidio.

The event will kick off with a retreat ceremony at 3:30 p.m. on the main flag pole area. A reception will be held in the Officers' Club at 4 p.m. and a dinner-dance will begin at 5 p.m.

The dinner-dance in the Moraga Room of the club is open to all active duty soldiers, spouses and family members, reservists and retirees and their spouses. Entrees will range from \$12.95 to \$14.95 with appetizers and desserts costing extra.

There will be no charge for dinner for returning Operation Desert Storm soldiers and their spouses. All other spouses will be charged half price.

Reservations for the dinner-dance may be made by calling Family Services Division at 561-6373 up to May 9 at 4:30 p.m. Child care at the CDC will be provided free from 3:30 to 11:30 p.m. to those attending the celebration. Reservations must be made by May 9 at 4:30 p.m. by calling 561-3588.

Class A military uniforms or civilian coat and tie will be the dress policy.

Presidio Post Theater

Friday - The Never Ending Story II (Rated PG)

Saturday - Green Card (Rated PG-13)

Sunday - Scenes From A Mall (Rated R)

Monday - Alice (Rated PG-13)

Recycling point

Presidians who bring empty aluminum cans to the Outdoor Recreation Center will receive a 50 cent bonus for each pound and a 2 cent bonus for clear and colored glass. A scale and cash register are in operation to ensure a speedy payment for recyclable products. For more information, call Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities, Service Division at 561-2530.

Free art exhibit

The San Francisco State University Art Department will be exhibiting works by Bay Area artist Linda Fleming May 6-23 in the Art Department Gallery (Art and Industry bldg., room 201). Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Fleming is known for her large scale glass, steel and wood sculptures. The exhibit is free. For more information, call the Art Department at 338-2176.

Mozart lecture/recital

Pianist William Corbett-Jones commemorates the bicentennial of W.A. Mozart's death May 5 at 3 p.m. in Knuth Hall on the San Francisco State University campus. After the concert, a lecture will be given on Mozart's life and works. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3.50 for students, seniors and SFSU faculty, staff and alumni. For tickets or more information, call the School of Creative Arts Box Office at 338-2467.

Choral auditions

The San Francisco Choral Society will be holding auditions for singers interested in participating in a massive performance of the Berlioz Requiem at Civic Auditorium this summer. Over 500 voices, four brass bands and a full symphony orchestra will combine for what is expected to be a truly napoleonic display of sonic pyrotechnics in the most significant musical event to take place in San Francisco for many years. For audition and ticket information, call the San Francisco Choral Society at 566-8425.

A Mickey Mouse offer

Every active member of the U.S. Military is eligible for free admission to Disneyland. Visit ITT at building 215 to pick one up. The tickets are valid through Nov. 11, 1991.

Universal Studios

Universal Studios is offering free admission to Active duty, retired and reserve soldiers who present an ID card at the Universal Studios ticket counter.

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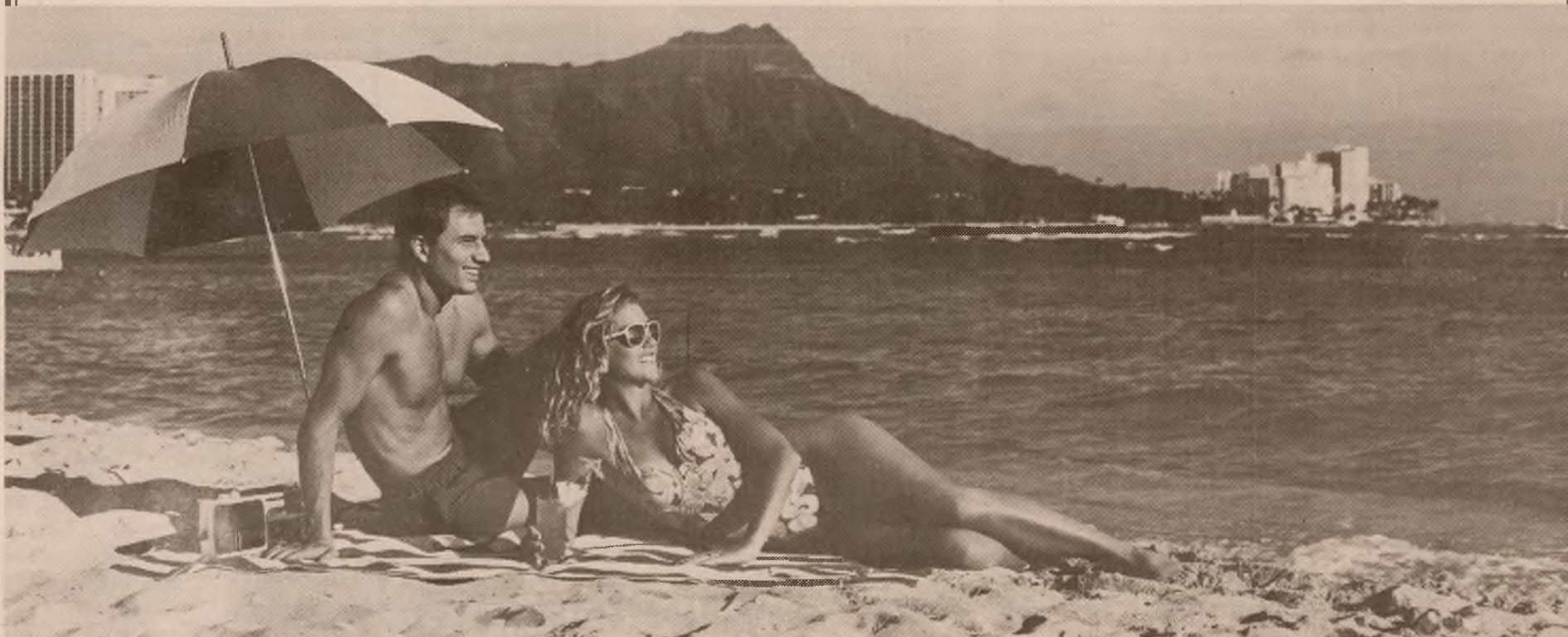
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BACK IN THE USA

Soldiers from Headquarters Command Battalion's Ceremonial Platoon fire a cannon salute April 23 as the Naval Hospital ship, USNS Mercy sails under the Golden Gate Bridge after returning from the Persian Gulf and Operation Desert Storm.

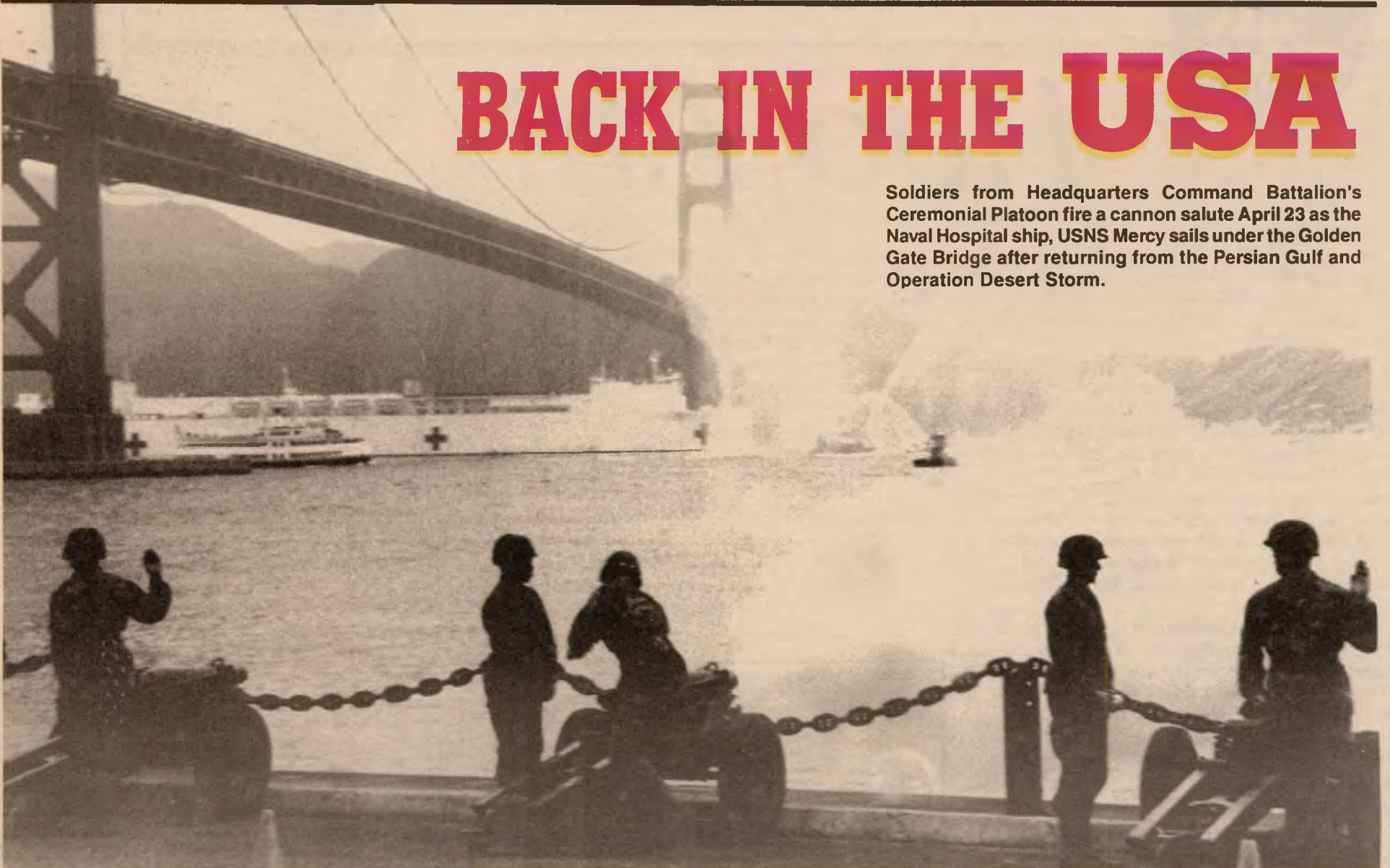


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Bay Area Armed Forces Week parade moves to Presidio

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Armed Forces Week 1991 will culminate with an Armed Forces Day parade, Saturday, May 18, beginning here at the Presidio, winding along Marina Blvd. and ending at Fillmore St. Following the parade, everyone is invited to return to the Presidio for entertainment that will include static displays of equipment used in Operation Desert Storm, a free concert at Crissy Field, and other events to be announced later.

The parade will feature marching units from all services, including returning Desert Storm units, military and civilian bands, military color guards, veterans' groups and civilian-support organizations. It will also be broadcast live on KTVU-Channel 2.

Armed Forces Week activities this year are being sponsored jointly by the military and the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose Chambers of Commerce.

Other activities during the week include:

A luncheon honoring returning Desert Storm troops, sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber-rotary Club and held in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin St. Francis Hotel on Union Square May 14 at noon.

There will be a Joint Service Concert at Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California St, between Taylor and Jones, in San Francisco, May 17 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature the Sixth U.S. Army Band as well as Navy and Air Force bands. The concert is free and open to the public.

Information updates on all activities are available by calling the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce at 392-4511. The *Star Presidian* will also publish more information as it becomes available.



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A soldier from 343rd Air Ambulance Detachment gets a warm welcome April 21 at Travis Air Force Base. For more on the return of the 343rd, see story and photos on page 5.



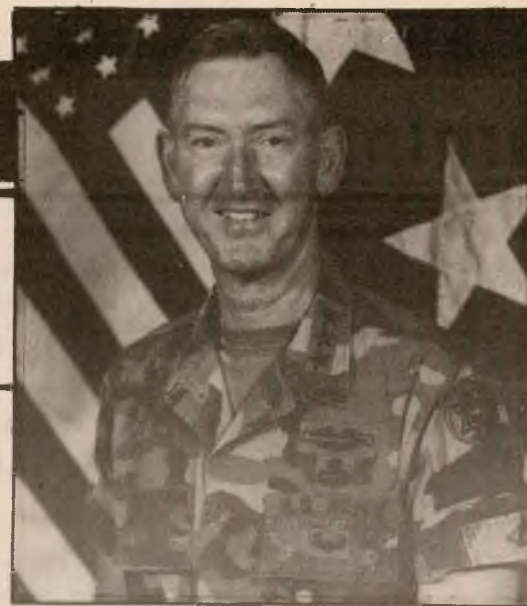
Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians:

Another week of beautiful weather which always makes it a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army. I hope you're all enjoying the sunshine and warm (for San Francisco!) weather.

Tuesday the 23d I ventured south to Camp Roberts and Fort Hunter Liggett. I went to visit the 2nd Brigade of the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard. As always, I loved being with the soldiers, but I must also admit that I also loved being back in my old 7ID(L) stomping grounds. Roberts and Hunter Liggett are beautiful this time of year—California poppies and lupins abloom everywhere—a real riot of color. I got to sit on the side of a hill and listen to an after action review of a platoon tactical exercise. It was a really special day—a GREAT day to be a soldier!

The 24th of April was Secretary Day. I hope that everyone at the Presidio—A Very Special Place! who has a secretary said a great big HOO AH! to her or him that day. I saw lots of flowers around plus candy, gag gifts, etc. I took my secretary to lunch. Ms. Teague does so much for me every day of the year that this is one small way to say thank you. This coming year I'm going to try and remember her *every* day—not just on Secretary Day!

Also on the 24th Jeanne Mote, our Installation Volunteer Coordinator, organized and oversaw our 1991 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. It was well done and I want to add just one more thank you to *ALL* our volunteers at Presidio for all they do. Seriously, I could not operate the Presidio without them. So, a big HOO AH! to every volunteer. But a special one to our Volunteer of the Year nominees—individuals and groups. And then a very big, loud HOO AH to Patty Anderson for being selected the Volunteer of the Year. That's quite an honor and very deserving of several HOO AHs!

Our monthly Retirement Ceremony on the 25th was very special this month. Besides our two active duty retirees we also had the opportunity to award a long overdue Silver Star medal to Hal Braun of Los Angeles. Hal is now a motion picture actor but in 1943 he was a lieutenant in

the 158th Infantry Regiment—the Bushmasters. For actions in the Philippines and on New Guinea he earned the Silver Star for heroism. Then we honored Lieutenant Colonels Pasco and Cornfoot who retired with a total of 47 years of service. As always, the USASIX band and color guard performed outstandingly. The honor company

was Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison and they looked great. As always, we all appreciated the efforts of the soldiers—the make these ceremonies so special.

On Friday I flew to Los Angeles to spend time with the Commander and CSM of the 63d Army Reserve Command. Great conference on Friday and Saturday—much accomplished and many plans laid. HOO AH!

On Sunday the bay was full of boats as the 106th Opening Day on San Francisco Bay was held. Our compatriots from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard really put on a show.

Our folks in the Garrison SJA Office won an award last week. They were recognized as being one of the 10 top SJA offices in the Army in collecting millions of dollars for the U.S. from third parties for damage they cause to Government property. A very worthwhile and very profitable endeavor. So—HOO AH! to all.

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

“Never tell people *how* to do things. Tell them *what* to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.”

—G. S. Patton, Jr.

P.S. Keep those cards going to Saudi Arabia. Keep supporting our families back here. And keep those flags flying for freedom. Freedom is never free!



photo by Adrienne Sims

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison pins the Silver Star on Harold Braun, a retired captain of the United States Army, during a retirement ceremony held April 25. Braun's gallant leadership as Company B, 158th Infantry Regiment, Combat team commander made it possible for him to be awarded the silver star while a first lieutenant.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Pleasant Lindsey III



"Last week's *Star Presidian* ran an article on the 'Source Tax'. Your reaction?"

Nate Golden, retired MasterSgt., U.S. Air Force: "The source tax is without a doubt unfair. The revenues desired by the states could better be obtained by targeting large corporation and the applicable wealthy rather than segment persons from the military community."



George Dwinell, retired MasterSgt., U.S. Army: "I think it's a form of double taxation. If this was to apply to me I would definitely turn into a tax rebel. Fortunately, I retired here and this is my home. I think anyone this applies to should write to senators and congressmen and strongly protest it."



Floyd E. Odom, Postman, PCA Branch, U.S. Postal Service (former Army): "This kind of taxation is harsh because it punishes the hard working individual who sometimes is forced to move because of economic reasons. The state in which he resides is the only state in my opinion that he should be accountable to."



Staff Sgt. James DoBynes, personnel NCO, Deputy Chief of Staff/Personnel: "What do I think? I think its double taxation. We already pay taxes on our gross income. We shouldn't have to be taxed again."



Robert Lansche, retired Major, U.S. Army: "I prepare other people's taxes. There should not be more than one state taxing your pension. You should be able to get a

credit from one of the states, or file a nonresident tax form. We'll have more changes on the state income tax form in the coming year.

Faces

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Letterman Army Institute of Research

Doctor (Col.) Martin Fackler of the Division of Military Trauma conducted a course recently in ballistic wounds and weapons effects for approximately 500 Veterans' Administration physicians nationwide.

Fackler's training focused on identifying the differences and similarities between military and civilian trauma, understanding of weapons and weapon effects, and identifying complications resulting from ballistic wounds.

Sixth U.S. Army Band

Congratulations to Sgt. Jeffrey Jaworski who received a driver's badge last week. Congrats also to Spec. Carroll Woods who received an Army Achievement Medal.

The band performed at the Special Olympics April 28 held in Union City.

A hearty welcome goes out to new band member, Spec. Tammy Jorgenson, a clarinet player. She is arriving from the School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.



Volunteers received awards for their contributions at the Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities awards ceremony held at the Presidio Officers' Club April 24.



Presidio Garrison Commander Col. William D. Swift presents Sgt. Maj. Tony LeCroy with a medal for being the Presidio Athlete of the Year. The presentation occurred Friday in Gym No. 1.

Headquarters, Sixth Region United States Army, CIDC

Capt. Cindy Cottone, a personal and administration chief, is expecting to give birth next month. Come by and give her a HOO AH!

A welcome back to Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Huber who has returned from Fort Hood, Tx. in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Headquarters Command Battalion

The battalion will hold a luncheon May 22 for Sgt. Maj. Rose Aguayo. She is retiring.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Gloria Cruz for having the best uniform during an in-ranks inspection of United States Army Garrison soldiers last month. She will receive a certificate of achievement.

Letter to the editor

I am so glad that we finally realize that water conservation is important. It saddens me that we act only when it concerns our survival.

(For the record, we tried our best not to water our lawn because we knew there was a water shortage in this area. Knowing that people were getting fined for watering their lawn emphasized the point that we should conserve water.)

"Now it is the Presidio of San Francisco residents' turn to be good neighbors and start participating in the water conservation effort." (Strict water policy to affect the Presidio, by Rajeev Parasnis, *Star Presidian*, April 25 issue, page 5.) The article says that the Presidio was supplied with over 500 million gallons of drinking-quality water last year. "But only about half of the water consumed on Post has been ending up in San Francisco City sewers. "What does that tell us? It means that irrigation and other outdoor use of water on post continues to be too high. . ."

I have a possible answer. On June 4, 1990 Post Command Sergeant Major Abner inspected our area. His findings were our lawn/grass needed (1) mowing/cutting, (2) watering, (3) raking, (4) fertilizing/rototilling. On June 19, 1990 Post Command Sergeant Major Abner cited us for not watering our lawn. Furthermore, there would be a follow-up inspection in four days to see if we made the necessary corrections. (I wonder how many others got cited.) We did not get cited again. We try to obey the rules.

I am sure glad that we made the necessary corrections because we could have been evicted from our quarters for non compliance. (Post housing: a privilege worth protecting, Crickett Jones, *Star Presidian*, Aug. 2, 1990 issue page 5). Following are a few excerpts from that article:

A. "Soldiers who have not taken care of their quarters have been told to leave their quarters."

B. "There are 135 families on a waiting list for your home. In the Presidio area, it is just not cost-efficient to let this kind of thing to happen to you."

C. "The occupant is responsible for watering their lawn, keeping it mowed. . ."

D. "The Garrison Command Sergeant Major makes checks of housing areas on post and notes problems on a paper slip, which he leaves on their door."

We are again reminded to water our lawns per the Oct. 1, 1990, Memorandum for the Occupants of Portola and Rodriguez streets. Roosevelt Dunn Jr., SGM, US Army Area Coordinator. Paragraph 2k of the Memorandum states: "Nonwatering of Lawns: A discussion of non-watering of lawns also took place at the meeting. Col. Swift stated that residents of quarters that did not water their lawns could be evicted from their quarters. Let's water our lawns. We have several that have almost died out in our area."

By trying to comply with the above, I think we may have contributed to some of the water that was wasted down the sewers of San Francisco. We did not try to keep our lawn "emerald green." We just wanted to make sure we were not doing something that would get us evicted from our quarters.

This is really amazing. During the June-October 1990 timeframe, we had a neighbor that was wasting water. The occupant would water his lawn all night long and at times all day long. We almost got into a feud because we didn't think it was right to waste water. Now, Lieutenant General Harrison writes in the "Presidio View" Section of April 25 *Star Presidian* issue about an anonymous letter he received. Lt. Gen. Harrison's article states part that "The writer alleges indiscriminate lawn watering like all night long! But more importantly the writer alleges that the abuser will not cooperate when approached by neighbors." I do not know if my neighbors approached this water abuser. I only know that we did.

Lt. Gen. Harrison's interest in conserving water eases my worries about getting evicted if I do not keep my lawn green as required. I do hope we do not get evicted if we follow the rules.

Thomas L. Cho

News

News Briefs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Automatic license suspension

California motorists will lose their driver's license for one year if convicted three times for passing a school bus displaying a flashing red signal light.

In the past, suspension of a motorist's driving privilege in cases of this nature was a court ordered decision. Penalties increased for first and second convictions. Fines for a first offense increased to a range of \$150 to \$250, and a second offense increased from \$50-\$100 to \$500-\$1,000.

SGLI premium changes

Soldiers SGLI coverage and premium has increased effective April 6. to \$100,000 and \$8 respectively. Soldiers who have opted not to be covered previously are also covered for the SGLI effective April 6. The results of the change will be reflected in the May 31 LES. Soldiers previously covered for the maximum \$50,000 will have a net SGLI deduction of \$12 in May (\$8 for May coverage and \$4 for additional April coverage). For more information, call Cindy Young at (317) 542-3240.

Free movie

A free movie will be offered for active duty members and their dependents May 10 at 3 p.m. at the Presidio Theatre. Free small popcorn and soda will be served to everyone. Military ID is required.

Holiday closure

The Presidio commissary will be closed May 18 for observance of Armed Forces Day.

Scheduled power outage

A power outage has been scheduled for May 11, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for buildings 1027, 1028, 1029 and 1030 to allow the Directorate of Engineering and Housing to upgrade the electrical substation located in Building 70.

Other areas and buildings will be affected at various times during the shutdown. These areas include:

Housing areas 500, 700 and 800; and
Buildings 42, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 64, 65, 67 and 68.

Occupants should unplug television sets, VCR's and computers, just as a precaution, to avoid possible damage when the electrical system is turned back on. Periodically, power surges may occur when the power has been shut down and then brought back up.

DEH apologizes for any inconvenience that residents and building occupants may experience during this electrical line repair program.

Questions concerning the outage should be directed to DEH Inspection Branch at 561-6000, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Restrictions for desert uniform wear

Soldiers may not wear desert battle-dress uniforms at their own discretion, according to Army officials.

According to recent Headquarters Department of the Army guidelines, the wear of the DBDU at public functions other than homecoming parades and activities directly related to the celebration of the return of soldiers from Southwest Asia is not authorized without an exception from the Major Command, MACOM.

In an effort to ensure uniformity throughout the Army, soldiers appearing before the public at community relations events should wear the Army class A or B uniform as appropriate. Those events include, but are not limited to, sporting events, speaking engagements, individual recognition ceremonies, and other similar activities.

President extends soldier benefits for Gulf War era veterans

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

All active-duty soldiers who served during the Persian Gulf War will receive extra perks for a job well done following President Bush's signing a benefits package April 6 that provides or expands a variety of veterans benefits, according to a Veterans Administration spokesman.

The legislation formally defines the conflict in the Persian Gulf as a period of war for benefits purposes, beginning August 2, 1990 and ending by Presidential proclamation or by law.

"Basically, this bill extends the benefits that were previously made available to veterans of past wars to veterans of the Persian Gulf War period," said Walt Dickinson, chief, Veterans Assistance Section in the San Francisco VA Regional Office.

The bill also expands eligibility for VA readjustment counseling for Persian Gulf War combat veterans, as well as veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities following the Vietnam War, such as Lebanon, Grenada and Panama. Nationally, the VA's Readjustment Counseling Service has 195 Veteran Centers that were originally designed to provide counseling and outreach services to Vietnam veterans and family members.

Highlights of the benefits package are:

- Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty basic education rates are increased from \$300 and \$250 per month to \$350 and \$275 per month, beginning October 1991 through September 1993.
- Rates for full-time training under the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve are increased from \$140 to \$170 per month, beginning October 1991 through September 1993.
- Eligibility for VA-guaranteed home loans is extended to each veteran who served on active-duty during the Persian Gulf War for 90 days or more, previously 181 days or more, even if they did not serve in the combat area.
- Eligibility for VA pension programs is extended for Persian Gulf era veterans and their survivors.
- Persian Gulf War veterans, who saw action in the Persian Gulf, and develop an active psychosis within two years of discharge will be presumed to have incurred this disability during active duty.
- Dental benefits are authorized for veterans who served on active duty for 90 days, previously 180 days, during the Persian Gulf War.
- Maximum Servicemen's and Veterans' Group Life Insurance coverage is increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

For more information on VA benefits, veterans and family members are urged to contact the San Francisco VA regional office at 1-800-827-0641 or visit the VA Regional Office at 211 Main St., San Francisco, Calif.

While Army officials are not certain when eligible soldiers will receive any back payments authorized by the act, they say it will be soon and will be automatic. The act provides for the following temporary benefits which are retroactive to the date indicated. The ending date for these benefits is 180 days after the end of the Persian Gulf war (date has not been determined).

- Effective Aug. 1, 1990, hostile fire and imminent danger pay was increased from \$110 to \$150.
- Effective Jan. 15, 1991, family separation pay was increased from \$60 to \$75.
- Effective Aug. 2, 1990, death gratuity was increased from \$3,000 to \$6,000.
- Effective Aug. 2, 1990 through April 5, 1991, an



additional death gratuity payment equal to the servicemembers pre-arranged Soldiers Group Life Insurance is payable to the SGLI beneficiary (this is in addition to normal SGLI benefits).

- Basic allowance for quarters for unmarried Reserve Component soldiers called to active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm, if the soldier had to live somewhere other than his primary residence. To qualify, the primary residence had to be owned or rented by the soldier when he was called to active duty.

- Effective Nov. 5, 1990, extends special pay for Reserve Component health care professionals, equal to that provided to their Regular Army counterparts. Payment may be made without board certification as long as the health care professional obtains board certification within 180 days after release from duty in connection with Operation Desert Storm.

- Waives certification of foreign language proficiency and authorizes foreign language proficiency pay for active duty performed after Aug. 2, 1990 in connection with Operation Desert Storm. Soldiers must obtain certification within 180 days after release from duty in connection with Operation Desert Storm.

- Allows payment to beneficiaries of any accrued leave for soldiers who died while on active duty, even if the soldier had more than 60 days leave or had previously cashed in excess leave.

- Provides for accrual of savings of soldiers in a missing status in excess of \$10,000.

- Delays increases in CHAMPUS deductibles and co-payment requirements from Nov. 4, 1990 until Oct. 1, 1991.

- Provides for transitional health care for Reserve Component soldiers and their family members for 30 days after the date released from active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm, or reinstatement of employer health care, whichever comes first.

For more information on the Persian Gulf Conflict Supplemental Authorization and Personnel Benefits Act of 1991, call Lt. Col. Ron Becker at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, DSN 225-2670 or commercial (703) 695-2670.

Public Service Recognition Week

The Federal Government will celebrate Public Service Recognition Week May 6 - 12 this year. More than 500 cities around the country are planning observances and special events to pay tribute to government service employees at all levels.

"Pride in Public Service" is this year's theme. President Bush has issued his message in support of the week, stating that "Our public servants are all engaged in the same mission: to ensure that the American people are able to live and work in a free,

safe and orderly environment."

The Department of Army takes particular pride in honoring both military and civilians who served so effectively during Desert Storm. Recognizing that our employees are our most valuable resource and knowing that our Nation can count on them makes all the difference.

M.P.W. Stone
Secretary of the Army

Welcome Home



Warm hugs greet returning veterans of the Persian Gulf war as soldiers of the 343rd are reunited with family and friends.

photo by Chuck Blancet

343rd returns from Gulf

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

The Presidio's MEDEVAC unit received a hearty welcome home at Travis Air Force Base when it returned from the Persian Gulf April 21.

The 343rd Air Ambulance Detachment, from Hamilton Air Field in Novato, Calif., was activated for Desert Shield/Storm duty Nov. 17, 1990. The unit first set foot in Saudi Arabia Dec. 15.

Six members of the detachment are still in Saudi Arabia, making sure all of the unit's remaining equipment and its aircraft are packed for the return trip home.

The 343rd took six helicopters and their pilots, six medics and various operations and maintenance men and women to support the Army's effort to free Kuwait.

It was the first medical unit to support the liberation of Kuwait.

The 343rd performed what is known as MEDEVAC control, and ferried wounded and injured war victims to allied medical facilities.

Passengers at certain times ranged from allied soldiers to Kuwaiti citizens and Iraqi prisoners of war.

Members of the 343rd had a personal involvement in providing care and comfort during the war. But first, they had to get ready for their new environment and find a place to stay.

"We arrived at a place called Cement City where we had to get ready first," said Staff Sgt. Pablo Cababaa, flight medic. "We had to make modifications to our aircraft and check our equipment before we could go to work."

Once in Saudi Arabia, the 343rd stayed in Al-Khobar for two weeks, and King Khalid Military City for two to three weeks before the unit was thrown into action.

Many of the ambulance runs occurred before the war began.

"We were transporting traffic and burn victims before the war," Cababaa said. "They drive crazily over there. The Saudi drivers would pass you on the right shoulder of the road just to get by you."

Sometimes, the lack of driving skills brought deadly results.

Spec. Shirley Long, 343rd Operations, said that in one instance the unit's medics joined several others to rescue victims of a major bus accident.

"Two Saudi buses collided with two MP vehicles—

a female lieutenant died, and 10 people were injured," she said.

Culture shock

Nonetheless, the 343rd's tour of duty was not without some humorous surprises.

Although American soldiers sent to the Gulf were told about the cultural differences of Arab countries, the actual experience was somewhat enlightening.

Soldiers of the 343rd discovered that men and women were not allowed to sit together in restaurants.

"When I got back," Long explained, "I went to a restaurant and asked the waitress if I could sit anywhere and she said, 'Of course, why?' Then I explained to her that I had just returned from Saudi Arabia where the women were not allowed to sit with men in public."

"Whenever we went to a restaurant the women had to sit in a different section with the curtains drawn to hide them."

Cababaa added that if male and female soldiers sat together in a restaurant the patrons would stare at them until someone told them the proper way to act.

Members of the 343rd also had a surprising homecoming.

Before they were greeted at Travis AFB, the soldiers received a warm welcome from the citizens of Bangor, Maine.

Their plane was supposed to land elsewhere, but the weather forced them to land in Maine.

"The people only had 15 minutes' notice that we were coming, but when we got off the plane we were greeted by a huge crowd and there were long lines of tables with snacks for us," Long said.

"I'm glad to be back," she said. "I feel like I'm in the twilight zone."

The 343rd was given the Presidio of San Francisco Certificate of Achievement during a welcome back ceremony held April 26 at Pershing Square.

343rd Air Ambulance Detachment was officially demobilized from active duty April 29.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Maj. Steven Carey, commander, 343rd Air Ambulance Detachment, receives a Presidio of San Francisco Certificate of Achievement from Col. William D. Swift, garrison commander, Presidio of San Francisco.



Civilian workers hang a banner welcoming 343rd soldiers back to the Presidio.

photo by Adrienne Sims

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Soldiers and Civilian Employees on the
Presidio of San Francisco

SUBJECT: 1991 Savings Bond Campaign

1. For many of us, saving money is hard work. But it doesn't have to be. We can all save more and do it easily through the Payroll Savings Plan for U.S. Savings Bonds.

2. For half a century Savings Bonds have helped millions of employees save more than they had ever before--and with advantages such as convenience, a competitive return, and safety. Yet, another advantage was added last year. If you buy bonds and use them to help pay for your or your child's higher education, the interest paid on the Bonds could be completely tax free if you meet certain qualifications. Interest on U.S. Savings Bonds has always been free from state and local income taxes and now, under certain conditions, may be free from Federal tax as well.

3. I urge you to become familiar with the many features and benefits of Savings Bonds, and join the Payroll Savings Plan if you are not already a member. Savings Bonds can be purchased in denominations to suit almost any income or savings need, from \$100 to \$1,000. A \$100 Bond at maturity costing only \$50 can be purchased with two \$25 payroll allotments. Thus, you can buy a Bond a month. Of course, allotments need not be that large--substantial savings can come from regular allotments of any size.

4. Our Savings Bond campaign will be held 1-31 May 1991. When one of your fellow soldiers or civilian employees calls on you, please take the time to consider what U.S. Savings Bonds can do for you. You'll find that a decision to join the Payroll Savings Plan or increase your allotment is now smarter than ever.

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a GREAT way to
help ourselves!*

William H. Harrison
WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

Family Life



'My most memorable experience as a military spouse'

(Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part series of essays by military spouses about their most memorable experiences. We will continue the series next week.)

Homecoming

By Noel D. Mize

Homecomings and joyous reunions are the "icing" on the bitter, unleavened cake of separation, loneliness, danger, and pain for military families. Watching televised reunions as the Desert Storm troops return has refreshed a special memory for me from the summer of 1969. My husband, a chaplain, was stationed with a combat transportation battalion in Qui Nhon, Vietnam. Their daily convoys carried vital supplies through An Khe pass to Pleiku, and ambushes were common and deadly. Jerry would start out in the lead truck and work his way back so that, by the end of the day, he had hidden and chatted with every driver. During ambushes, he loaded ammo and comforted the wounded and cradled the dying. Much of his pain was poured out in the tapes he sent me—hurt that others eased by "telling it to the chaplain." As his "R and R" approached, I made plans for a wonderful reunion in Hawaii. We would fly immediately to a secluded hotel on Kauai, spending only the last day in Honolulu. I bought resort wardrobes for both of us. Finally, I found myself in a terminal full to overflowing with other military spouses, many with small children, all in a state of extreme exhaustion and excitement. It was chaos, but the escort officers tried to keep us calm as we awaited the MAC flights bringing our loved ones on this furlough from hell. We could see an incoming flight, and then a military sedan zoomed off to meet it on the tarmac. We were informed that the soldiers would pick up their luggage and pass through customs before they were allowed to greet their families. The tension became thick in the gigantic room crammed with women and children. Suddenly, I recognized a familiar shape, a tall, thin, uniformed apparition heading straight at me down the long corridor. How could it be? The buses had not even begun loading out at the plane. But suddenly, there he was and his arms were around me, and every single eye was on us! Laughter and cheers surrounded us. Traveling light, Jerry had tucked a change of underwear and his shaving kit in his briefcase and hitched an immediate ride to the terminal in the escort officer's sedan. No luggage meant no hold up in customs. We have parted and reunited many times over the years, but that magic moment remains a shining treasure in my memory.

It's a small world

By Cynthia R. Stanton

In 1983, because I had the good fortune of being a military spouse, I won a trip to Budapest Hungary's Cooking School, through the Heidelberg Officers' Wives Club. On the trip my co-travelers and I had the opportunity to participate in a mock Hungarian Peasant wedding ceremony with a Polish touring group. Our all-women's group spent the entire evening with their co-ed group sharing dancing partners, joking, laughing, and eating together, thoroughly enjoying each other's company.

At the end of the evening as we stood to leave, the Polish group stood up and sang a very loving rendition of a peace song. We all hugged and kissed before parting. There was not a dry eye in the house. In celebration, the chicken song was sung and danced in the aisle of the bus all the way home. It was so lovely. What a way to preview on a human level the end of the cold war.



Military Spouse Day May 10

Special events

3:30 p.m.: Retreat ceremony, Pershing Square

4 p.m.: Free reception, Officers' Club

5 p.m.: Dinner Dance, Officers' Club.

Half price for spouses and free dessert to Desert Storm soldiers and their spouses.

Open to all ranks

For free child care at the Center for these events, Call 561-3588 by Wednesday, May 8.

Closure Questions

More answers to closure questions

by K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

Readers of the *Star Presidian* asked five questions recently in response to the "Ask Presidians" question: "Base closure issues you'd like to see addressed?"

Answers were provided by the Civilian Personnel Directorate and the Base Realignment and Closure Office, as follows:

CPL ROBERT F. MARTINELLI asks "If the base closes and they [civilian employees] lose their job, what is being done to get them another job?"

CPD responds: "The CPD will assist all affected employees in a number of outplacement programs with registration. The *DoD Priority Placement Program* has been in existence for over 25 years. It is a mandatory placement program and this is why it is so effective. The *Interagency Placement Assistance Program* is an Office of Personnel Management Program that employees can register in prior to separating from their jobs. The presence of a priority candidate enrolled in this program stops a Federal Agency (not just DoD) from hiring new persons from a civil service register (those currently outside the federal government). The *Displaced Employee Program* assists employees that have already been separated. It also stops a Federal Agency from hiring new persons from a civil service register. The Reemployment Priority List is an Army CPD listing by commuting area of employees separated by RIF. These employees are given priority consideration within the commuting area."

BARBARA J. ALLEN asks: "I wonder if they'll let us have early retirement like they do with Letterman employees? Will we receive a lump sum when retiring? Are they going to find jobs for civilians that don't have their 20 years in?"

BOB DOERING asks: "Will the Presidio seek early retirement authority from OPM in order to mitigate eventual RIF turmoil and employee displacements? If so, what early warning signals can we look for to know such action is imminent? What specifically constitutes a reasonable offer to an otherwise involuntary separated employee as pertains to permanent grade reductions, mandatory change to less competitive job series and significant increase in overtime and travel requirements? Can an employee whose position is abolished be forced by management to accept an undesirable offer in lieu of an immediate annuity, with a greater commuting distance, outside the current agency, or to a position with duties the employee does not feel competent to perform?"

JOHN D'AQUISTO comments: "I am mostly concerned with what is going to happen to the people. When they take a professional individual and reassign them and change their GS work, that individual is suffering a handicap to their future. If the individual was working in a job that requires a college degree and is assigned to a position that does not, it makes it almost impossible for them to compete for other positions. Why not give the individual the option to take an early out. It may be a greater disservice to him to be reassigned than to let him go."

CPD responds to these questions:

"Letterman has requested early retirement (through DA) from OPM, but it has not been approved yet. There are strict guidelines and criteria that must be met before we can request this authority from OPM. One of the requirements is that 5 percent or more of the employees will be separated. This number is in addition to the number of employees that will leave through attrition before the effective date of a RIF.

"Our experience thus far has been that organization management has sought 'early out' authority whenever the 5 percent threshold has been exceeded, but that does not guarantee OPM approval.

"It is our opinion that some activities will receive permission for Volunteer Early Retirement and that other activities may not receive that option. This will be determined on a case by case basis at OPM.

"Based on the guidelines mentioned above, and as soon as decisions are made, employees will be notified through the *Star Presidian*, *Fog Horn*, *ISC Bulletin*, and *CPD Newsletter*. Employees should talk to their supervisors and managers to find out specific



details for RIF and Voluntary Early Retirement at their agency. This will be the initial step in determining what the "early warning" signs may be.

"If there is a voluntary early out, the lump sum option is not an entitlement; however, if the employee has received a RIF letter, which states that he or she is being separated, the employee may apply for discontinued service retirement and may choose the lump sum option.

"A person does not have to accept a position outside the recruiting [area] unless he/she has specifically requested consideration outside the commuting area.

"Employees [if they qualify by age and years in service] may apply for discontinued service retirement.

"Outplacement assistance is not dependent on the number of years an employee has served. Status employees (career or career-conditional) have a number of programs available to assist in placement opportunities when they receive RIF letters.

"No one will be forced to accept any position offered to [him/her]. The employee has the right to decline job offers. If an employee is offered a reassignment and then declines the offer, severance pay is not an entitlement. If [he/she] meets the entitlement for [an] immediate retirement annuity, it will be granted. Employees will also forfeit their right to be registered in outplacement programs.

"If the position offered will result in a change to a lower grade, and you decline the job offer, you will be separated. However, you are eligible for outplacement programs and may be registered.

"If an individual meets OPM basic qualifications, he/she may be reassigned to that position even if the employee has never held that position. In a RIF situation, a reasonable offer of a job is one that must (1) be in the competitive service, (2) be in the same competitive area, (3) last at least three months, (4) be one for which the released employee qualifies, (5) have a representative rate—Step 4 for GS and Step 2 for WG—no higher than the representative rate of the position from which the employee is released, (6) be occupied by another employee subject to displacement by the released employee, (7) have the same type of work schedule—e.g., full time, part time, intermittent, seasonal, or on-call—as the position from which the employee is released, (8) when more than one available position will satisfy an employee's right, the employee is entitled to the position with the highest representative rate.

"Employees will be registered for positions nearest the individual's duty station, where a reasonable job

opportunity can be expected. Within the 'referral area,' the individual must normally be willing to register for all DoD activities which utilize his/her skills. ('Referral area' means that area the employee has chosen to register in. It may be broader than a commuting area depending on the individual employee. Remember, the commuting area is defined by the employee; some may be willing to go to Sacramento while others will not even go to Vallejo.) The intent of this provision is to avoid skipping over activities or states (e.g., some areas cross over states, such as at White Sands) and registering for more distant activities. In identifying the area of referral, good judgment must be applied in satisfying the employees' ability to relocate and identifying activities likely to provide the maximum opportunities for job placement.

"The issue is that the guidance on registering people is not hard and fast. The regulation is designed to meet individual needs within certain parameters. For instance, if there were jobs [in your specific field] at Mare Island, Oak Knoll, Oakland, or San Bruno, but not at Hamilton or Travis or MTMC, Oakland, we would not force you to register there. We try to help you choose those installations which will give you the best chance of getting a job.

"On the other hand, if you didn't want to go to Oakland but only wanted to register for Travis, we probably would not let you do that because it would reduce your chances of getting a job."

REGINA B. ALLEN states, "I am from the east coast and my husband is stationed here. I am concerned that the soldiers who are now stationed here may have to stay at the Presidio until the base closes."

BRACO responds: "Military personnel are controlled by PERSCOM and no one has been told they will have to stay at the Presidio until the base closes. They will be sent to their assignments as usual and wherever there is a need for their MOS."

Our thanks to CPD and BRACO—especially to Severin Johnson, Director, Civilian Personnel Directorate, who went to great lengths to provide detailed and accurate information in response to the questions asked of CPD.

If any of you, our *Star Presidian* readers, have questions on base closure (or any other military related) issues, or hear rumors you would like authenticated or dispelled, please write to the Editor, *Star Presidian*, and we will seek to obtain and publish the official answers for you in upcoming issues of the newspaper.

Sports

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

Bay to Breakers

The 1991 Bay to Breakers will be held May 19. Volunteer forms are now being sent to last year's volunteers. If you wish to volunteer again this year complete the registration form by putting "PSF" in the training session block and "U.S. Army" in the large group of volunteers block. Please forward the completed volunteer form to Sgt. Maj. Ted Disney, room 114, building 38. The date of the training session has not been set.

Spring golf tournament

The spring golf tournament was conducted April 18. There were awards for the best teams and individual players. The results are as follows:
No. 1 Co. A LAMC (62)
No. 2 LAIR (67)
No. 3 Chapel (67)

Longest drive:

Charles Pixley, Tom Kalehar, Mike Noriega

Nearest to the pin:

Steve Miller, Tong Yi, Randell Larson

Longest putt

Dave Kim, Bob White, Robert Walden.

Windsurfing lessons

Windsurfing lessons are being offered through Outdoor Recreation June 15 and Aug. 10 at Black Point in Novato. Cost is \$60 per person, payable upon sign-up to include transportation, all equipment, including wet suit and certification.

Lessons are available to active duty members and their spouses, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees.

For sign-up and additional information, call the Information, Tour and Travel Office at 561-3992/3285.

Sailing lessons

Basic sailing lessons will be given through the Presidio Yacht Club. Lessons will begin Friday and will be held Friday evenings for a total of five classes. Cost is \$45.

Instructors are members of the Presidio Yacht Club.

You do not need to be a member to participate. Lessons are available to active duty members and their spouses, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees.

For sign-up and additional information, call the Presidio Yacht Club at 332-2319.

Fitness Day

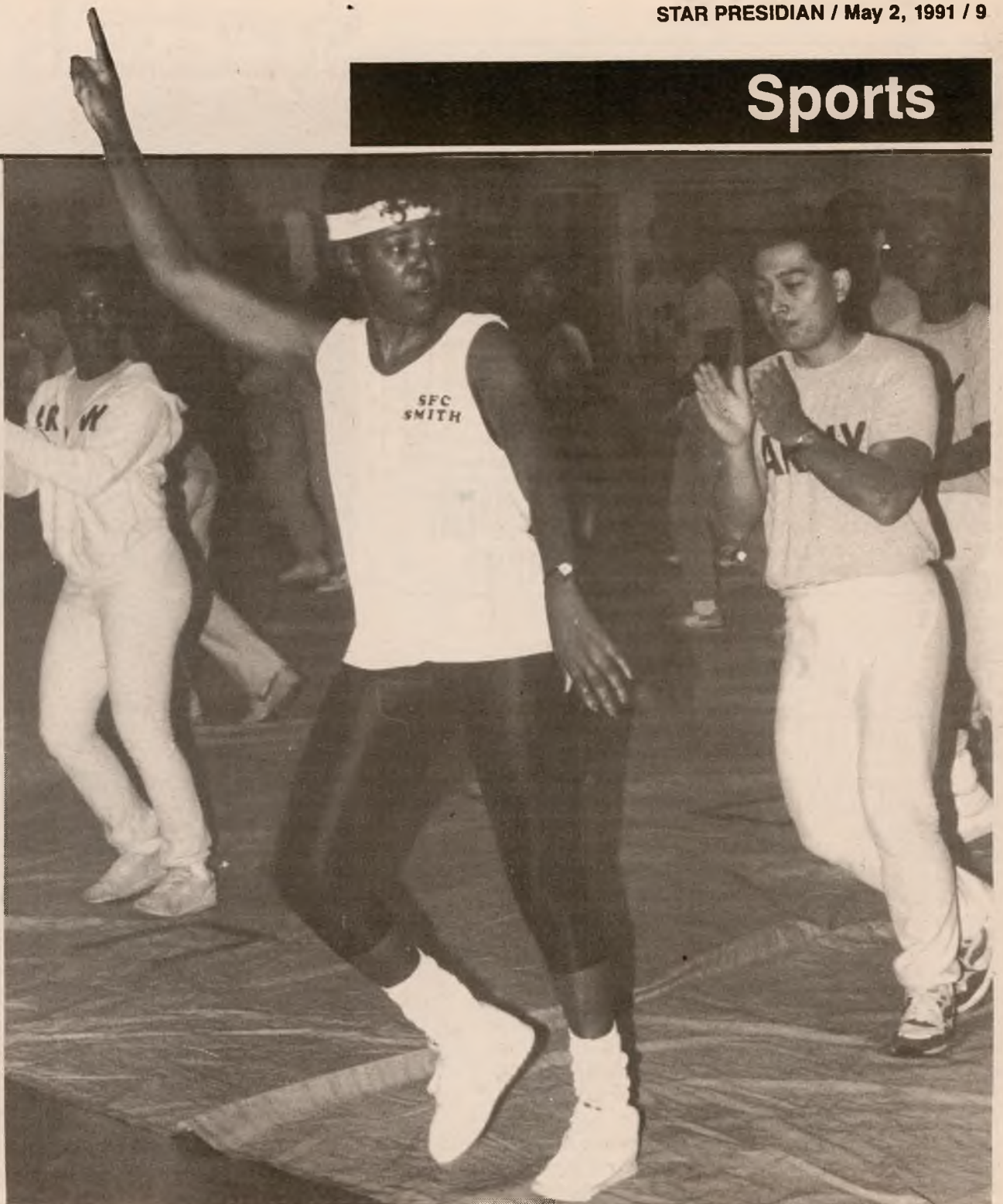
The second annual Presidio Employee and Health Fitness Day will take place May 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gym No. 1. This event is open to all military and civilian employees on post. You have a choice of health and fitness activities to participate in. There will be aerobic dance and Nautilus classes, blood pressure and cholesterol test and information on sports nutrition and smoking cessation. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120/4131.

Intramural softball

The Presidio Intramural Softball Program will get underway May 14. Coaches and managers from all participating units must attend the organizational meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at Gym No. 1 May 7. Teams attending the meeting will earn points toward the Commander's Cup. Units desiring to participate must submit a letter of entry to the Sports Branch by Tuesday. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032, or Charles Hurd at 561-4131.

Softball umpires

The Pacific Officials Association will conduct a softball officials clinic May 13 at 5 p.m. For more information, call John Funes at 561-4131.



Sgt. 1st Class Smith leads Headquarters Company USAG in aerobics during physical training at Gym No. 1.

Aerobics add variety to PT

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Aerobics provides one of the main principles of Physical Training in the Army—variety. Without variety soldiers become bored and lose interest in PT.

Many soldiers enjoy aerobics. They get the chance to listen to popular music while they work out.

"It's motivating," Spec. Marlana Joyce, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison soldier says. "It gives you a chance to become healthy and express yourself in dance."

Besides variety aerobics offers complete body workout, according to Smith, an aerobics instructor at the Presidio.

"Aerobics works every part of your body," Smith said. "It helps soldiers improve their PT scores tremendously."

"Since I've been doing aerobics I always max my run," Smith said. "Before I did aerobics, I wasn't very good at doing push-ups. Now push-ups are eas-

ier and I have improved my overall PT score."

Aerobics is not included in every company's PT program. However, aerobics is a big part of Headquarters Company USAG's program.

"Aerobics provide variety in physical training exercise," 1st Sgt. Mazie L. Brewington said. "There are many forms of aerobics, such as basketball and other sports."

"Aerobics works the arm, leg and stomach muscles," Brewington said. "It keep soldiers fit."

"Aerobics breaks up the monotony of running," according to Smith.

Aerobics gives soldiers a chance to improve their push-ups, sit-ups and their time on a 2-mile run while offering them a change from the same old routine.

Many soldiers find aerobics difficult at first, but they still enjoy themselves.

Many beginners try to hide in the back during aerobics, but they still receive the same benefits as soldiers who "dance" like pros—health, fitness, a good work out and a good time.



Headquarters Company soldiers participate in aerobics during physical training.

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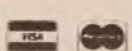
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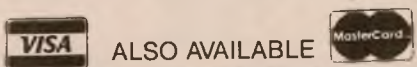
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Community Calendar

Asian Pacific luncheon

The Asian Pacific Heritage Luncheon will be held at the Golden Gate Club May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Director of the San Francisco Asian Law Caucus, Bill Tamayo, will be the guest speaker.

Jazz Festival

The Asian American Jazz Festival will be held May 17 and 18 at the Asian Art Museum (Trustees Auditorium) in Lincoln Park at 8 p.m. For more information, call 668-6404.

Free art exhibit

The San Francisco State University Art Department will be exhibiting works by Bay Area artist Linda Fleming Tuesday through May 23 in the Art Department Gallery (Art and Industry bldg., room 201). Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Fleming is known for her large scale glass, steel and wood sculptures. The exhibit is free. For more information, call the Art Department at 338-2176.

Please don't trash us

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing requests that all administrative building tenants, BOQ and BEQ occupants please do not dispose of personal trash (i.e. coffee grinds, banana peels, apple cores, table scrappings, etc.) in latrine waste receptacles.

All garbage should be removed to the outdoor debris boxes located near your building.

Wine and Food Festival

Radio station KQED's 11th Annual Wine and Food Festival will be held Saturday in San Francisco. Over 120 restaurants and wineries will join forces to create a block-long banquet. A one day tour will be given of California's finest wineries. Live jazz will also be presented. For more information, call 553-2000.

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and the Letterman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

Free vehicle inspections

Free car inspections are still available at the Auto Shop (building 662) to soldiers who were involved in Operation Desert Storm and their family members who have military IDs and deployment orders. Building 662 is located on McDowell Avenue. Call 561-5521 for an appointment.



photo by Sam Park
Letterman Army Institute of Research soldiers pose with their newly-won Commander's Cup for athletic excellence. They received their trophies during a ceremony Friday at Gym No. 1.

Cinco de Mayo celebration

The Cinco de Mayo parade and celebration will be held in the Mission District Sunday. The parade will begin at noon and will be followed by the festival held at City Hall. For more information, call 826-1401.



ISC PRESENTS: ENABLE 4.0 DEMONSTRATION



A representative from ENABLE Corporation will be here May 21 to demonstrate the integrated software package, ENABLE 4.0. The demonstration will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in bldg. 603 in the auditorium, first floor. A copy of ENABLE 4.0 FE (Federal Employee III) will be raffled to those who attend. For more information, call Alyssa Perkins at 561-6267 or 561-3287.

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Saturday - The Hard Way (Rated R) 7 p.m.
Sunday - Come See The Paradise (Rated R) 7 p.m.
Monday - Warlock (Rated R) 7 p.m.

Leave donation

Stephanie Franklin, an employee with the Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station, is experiencing a personal medical emergency. So is Elizabeth Barbosa, an employee with the Sixth Recruiting Brigade. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave and both have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please call Mary Dukes at 561-3780.

Mozart lecture/recital

Pianist William Corbett-Jones commemorates the bicentennial of W.A. Mozart's death May 5 at 3 p.m. in Knuth Hall on the San Francisco State University campus. After the concert, a lecture will be given on Mozart's life and works. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3.50 for students, seniors and SFSU faculty, staff and alumni. For tickets or more information, call the School of Creative Arts Box Office at 338-2467.

Choral auditions

The San Francisco Choral Society will be holding auditions for singers interested in participating in a massive performance of the Berlioz Requiem at Civic Auditorium this summer. Over 500 voices, four brass bands and a full symphony orchestra will combine for what is expected to be a truly napoleonic display of sonic pyrotechnics in the most significant musical event to take place in San Francisco for many years. For audition and ticket information, call the San Francisco Choral Society at 566-8425.

A Mickey Mouse offer

Every active member of the U.S. Military is eligible for free admission to Disneyland. Visit ITT at building 215 to pick one up. The tickets are valid through Nov. 11, 1991.

Universal Studios

Universal Studios is offering free admission to Active duty, retired and reserve soldiers who present an ID card at the Universal Studios ticket counter.

Sea World offer

Sea World in San Diego is admitting without charge all active duty and activated reservists and their dependents once between May 18 and Sept. 2, 1991. Military IDs must be presented at Sea World for this offer.

Bay Area cruises

Heritage Architectural Bay Cruises will be given on Hornblower Yachts at Pier 33 beginning June 8. The focus of the cruises will be to help people rediscover the unique Bay Area architecture. The cost for Heritage members will be \$30 and for non-members the cost will be \$40. For more information and reservations, call 441-3004.

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Conservation Corner

Watering lawns and washing cars on the Presidio will only be allowed ONCE A WEEK. Call Rajeev at 561-4051 for more information.





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News Briefs

by Adrienne Sims / Star Presidian staff

Museum reopening

After extensive remodeling to repair damage caused by the 1989 earthquake, the Presidio Army Museum will reopen to the public May 18 at 10 a.m. Hours of operation will be Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed Mondays. Admission is free, although voluntary donations are accepted. Arrangements for group tours can be made by calling 921-8193. For more information, call Herb Garcia at 561-3319/4115.

Scheduled power outage

A power outage has been scheduled for Saturday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for buildings 1027, 1028, 1029 and 1030 to allow the Directorate of Engineering and Housing to upgrade the electrical substation located in Building 70.

Other areas and buildings will be affected at various times during the shutdown. These areas include:

Housing areas 500, 700 and 800; and Buildings 42, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 64, 65, 67 and 68.

Occupants should unplug television sets, VCR's and computers, just as a precaution, to avoid possible damage when the electrical system is turned back on. Periodically, power surges may occur when the power has been shut down and then brought back up.

DEH apologizes for any inconvenience that residents and building occupants may experience during this electrical line repair program.

For more information, call 561-6000.

Holiday closure

The Presidio commissary and the post exchange will be closed May 18 for observance of Armed Forces Day. The exchange mall food concessions will be open.

National Park photographers

As part of the long-range planning efforts for conversion of the Presidio, the National Park Service is conducting a preliminary condition survey of all Presidio buildings. A team of National Park Service architectural consultants will be looking closely at and photographing the exteriors of the housing areas. The team will be on site from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule of their visits are Monday through May 17 and May 20 through 24.

Federal employee awards

Now is the time to honor outstanding federal employees (including military members) in the San Francisco Bay Area. There are 16 categories with awards in each. Candidates may be nominated in all categories but an individual may only be nominated once. Obtain a form for the Federal Employees of the Year Awards from your supervisor. Nominations are due no later than Wednesday. For more information, call Nancy Gunther at 561-3779.

ID card section

The ID card hours will change effective May 15. Appointments only for all cards, 8 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be held noon to 1 p.m. During lunch a reduced staff will be present for emergencies only. Walk-In for all cards will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sponsors must accompany family members or have the application notarized. The ID card section can not issue reserve ID cards for other services or their family members. To reduce film cost photos will be delayed.

Correction

In the Ask Presidians of the April 25 issue, Sgt. Michael S. Zimmer's unit was written as the Military Intelligence Battalion Counter Intelligence/Counter Narcotics. Zimmer's unit is MI Battalion Counter Intelligence/Counter Espionage.



Maj. Mark Waldron, (kneeling, third from left) joins Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander, U.S. Central Command, and some of the other members of the coalition command staff in a farewell photo.

PSF officer works inner circle of Central Command in Saudi Arabia

by Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian Staff

A handful of soldiers were lucky enough to be part of the inner circle of the decision making process when Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

Among them was a Presidian, Maj. Mark Waldron. Waldron was a member of Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf's staff, specifically, the Coalition Coordination, Command and Intergration Center or C3IC.

Located three stories underground behind heavy vault doors, it was C3IC's job to coordinate information and logistics between Saudi Arabia and the United States, as well as advise the Saudi Arabian and American generals.

The center was on duty 24 hours a day.

"I got a view of the war not many people got," Waldron said.

Waldron said the Allied forces were organized into two command structures, coordinating the movements of 26 nations.

The Saudi government was responsible for the Joint Forces Command under the direction of Lt. Gen. (Prince) Khalid bin Sultan. His command included the major Coalition Forces of Saudi Arabia, France, Egypt, Syria and Kuwait, as well as troops from other Arab nations.

The U.S. government was responsible for the U.S. Central Command under Gen. Schwarzkopf's direction. Central Command included the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines, as well as combat troops from the United Kingdom.

Waldron said that because of the differences in training and equipment between the nations, the communication between the Joint Forces and Central Command was crucial to the success of their mission to fight Iraqi aggression.

"It was the function of C3IC to coordinate host nation support for training and assembly of coalition forces and their equipment," he explained.

"We moved information and supplies from one arm of the command to the other. If the Saudi government needed information or materiel from the U.S. government, or vice versa, the requests came through us.

"The logistics of it was mind boggling. We tracked movements, plans and operations throughout the war and beyond to redeployment."

Waldron said that once the ground war started C3IC coordinated the supply and movement of five field commands. These commands included the U.S. Army VIIth Corps and XVIIIth Corps, MARCENT or Marine Central, and Joint Forces North and East.

It was within these five commands that the combat and support troops of 26 nations united to fight aggression.

"The VIIth Corps had tactical control of French combat troops, and the XVIIIth Corps had tactical control of the British," Waldron said. "The VIIth was the largest Corps the U.S. Army ever put together."

Waldron described working in C3IC as "... sitting in the front row of a ball game."

"I wasn't in Viet Nam, so this was an experience I didn't have before and probably won't have again," he said.

Although there were 26 countries involved, not all of them sent combat troops. Some of them provided much needed support personnel and equipment as well.

South Korea sent cargo planes. Czechoslovakia sent a chemical decontamination company. Nigeria sent a company of troops to provide security, and Morocco sent a battalion. Sierra Leone, the Philippines and Hungary sent medics.

Waldron said C3IC oversaw the prepositioning of 60 days worth of supplies for coalition forces, including moving three to four million gallons of fuel and more than a million cases of MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat) from port to the farthest logistics base.

"We had Army Reserve troops working 24 hours a day getting supplies where they needed to be. It was amazing," Waldron declared.

Get the job done

Waldron's description of the American troops' work ethic carried over to all of the units in the field. He said that he realized when he arrived there that everyone had a role to play.

"As an aviator there was always a part of me that wanted to be in the air," he said. "But, for every guy on the line there are three or four people supporting him, from the supply and logistics soldiers in the field to the ones back at the home unit taking care of the families and the pay."

see Inner Circle, page 4

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians—

Our glorious weather continues and the clear views of San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge remind us that it is yet another GREAT day—to be in, and a part of, our great U.S. Army—and to be at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

On 30 April, I attended the Change of Command at Coast Guard Island of Joint Task Force 5. This is an all service Joint Task Force dedicated to the war on drugs. It is headed by a Coast Guard Admiral (departing Admiral Leahy; incoming Admiral Linnon) but has a number of Army personnel assigned. It is always interesting to attend such a ceremony and observe the different customs of the other services.

Our post clean up has been going from 29 April thru 5 May. I appreciate all the hard work put in by everyone to spruce up our home. I cut a lot of grass across from my quarters and it sure looks better. I didn't get all done so I will have to finish my part soon. To all the folk along Presidio and Washington who have cleared away the blackberry bushes, thanks and HOO AH! Sure does look better.

On Wednesday the 1st of May we all helped the folks from our Presidio of San Francisco and Sixth U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate shops celebrate LAW DAY! It all began with a GREAT run at 0630! There were numerous other activities during the day but the run was a great time for all. Congrats to all our legal personnel.

Also on Wednesday, we promoted to major my aide-de-camp, Major Bill Wolf. Promotions are always special affairs in the Army, but in Bill's case it was extra special. His dad—a retired colonel—and his mom were here for the ceremonies. And then a group of his friends and admirers arranged a super party. (Ever eat fruit pizza? Neither had I, but Jane Fredericks, wife of our Public Affairs Officer, sure makes a great one!) There were lots of goodies and a good time was had by all—especially Major Wolf! HOO AH!

At noon on Wednesday I had lunch with a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Henry Morris and Colonel (Retired) Ralph Ropp from National Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Headquarters. Colonel Ropp was here to investigate ways to perpetuate the U.S. Army image in the Bay Area once Presidio of San Francisco closes. AUSA is one way, so I hope all of you that can, are members of our local Presidio or Oakland or San Jose Chapters. AUSA is a very worthwhile organization, and it does much to help all of us in uniform. They have sought pay raises, money for training and new equipment, etc. They are a HOO AH! organization. Hope you will all come out to our next affair.

On Thursday, the new Command Sergeant Major from the United States Army Garrison, Command Sergeant Major Ward, came to see me for our initial visit. Command Sergeant Major Ward and his wife, Master Sergeant Ward, are joining us from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

Welcome to the Wards—we know you will have a great tour at Presidio of San Francisco.

Speaking of Command Sergeant's Major—did you all hear that my old Command Sergeant Major up at I Corps, Command Sergeant Major Dick Kidd, was recently selected as Command Sergeant Major of the Army!! HOO AH! Command Sergeant Major Kidd will represent all our Noncommissioned Officer's and soldiers well.

On Friday the 3rd, I participated in the 6th Region Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Conference at Fort Ord. As many of you know, I love returning to Fort Ord and LIGHT FIGHTER country. The AUSA Conference was interesting and as always I met some great Americans.

On Sunday I attended the change of command at the 40th Infantry Division (MECH), California National Guard, in Los Angeles. It was a very impressive ceremony carried out before a large gathering of military and civilian personnel—and a beautiful Southern California day.

Some upcoming and ongoing events of which you should be aware: On Friday, 10 May, we will celebrate Spouses Day here at Presidio of San Francisco. The ceremony will be at 1530 at the Main Flagpole. I hope all of you will turn out to honor all military spouses. For more information, see the 2 May issue of "THE DEEP."

And are you aware that this is Nurse and Teacher Appreciation Week. Personnel in both these professions play such a vital role in all our lives—very different but equally vital—that we should honor them 52 weeks a year. But this is their special week, so make an opportunity this week to send along a real sincere HOO AH! to a nurse and a teacher. They will appreciate it.

I appreciate all your efforts in conserving water. We have made progress but we need you to continue your efforts at conserving water and energy. If each of us turns off one light per day and saves another gallon of water—it all adds up to great savings. So, please, turn off un-needed lights and follow the water saving schedule.

Remember—saving water and energy is HOO AH!

My job as Presidio of San Francisco and Sixth U.S. Army Commander takes me many places representing you and the U.S. Army. Last week was an especially busy week. On Monday, I joined the Consular Corps for coffee and a briefing by former Chancellor Mike Heyman of University of California, Berkeley at the new Delancey Street Complex. What an interesting place and program. We were all guests of State Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Harrison and I attended a reception at the Soviet Consulate to welcome the new Consul General and his wife, Consul General and Mrs. Savostianov.

And on Tuesday evening we attended the 43rd Anniversary of the State of Israel reception. This was a very large affair (like our 4th of July) at a downtown hotel.

So, it was a busy week—but a great week, a HOO AH! week. As I did my P.T. I continued to look for those flags flying for freedom! I hope all Presidians will continue to do so and will continue to write our folks still in Saudi Arabia. Until every last one of our service personnel are home, they need and deserve our support. So come on all you Presidians—uniform members, family members, retirees, civilian employees, volunteers—Fly A Flag For Freedom, Today! That's HOO AH!

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure peace only by preparing for war."

John F. Kennedy
6 September 1960

Letter from FORSCOM Commander

Dear Presidians:

I wanted to write you a short note to thank you for the magnificent job you have done during the mobilization and deployment of our Reserve Component units. It's because of great soldiers and civilians like you working the extra hours to make sure our deploying units were ready that guaranteed the tremendous victory in Operation Desert Storm.

Through your tireless efforts we have forged a

total force of unprecedented readiness. You can be proud of the important contribution you made to this stunning victory through your professional planning, thorough training, and leadership.

Again, thanks for your great work and professionalism.

Sincerely,
Edwin H. Burba, Jr.
General, U.S. Army

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

"As in the recent media controversy, should rape victims be identified in the press?"

Linda Ostrand, manager, Presidio Class Six Store: "The only reason that the woman's name was brought up was because of the Kennedy name involvement. No, I don't think it should be brought up. I don't believe their names should be revealed."



Larry Howard, manager, Golden Gate Club: "My son is a narcotics agent. Knowing some of the things he has to deal with, any victim should be afforded confidentiality."



Sgt. Maj. Alvin Vales, DSPER, Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army: "No I don't think it's right. It should be left up to the individuals concerned. Names of victims shouldn't be used without consent. I feel the victims are traumatized enough by the rape itself."



Garry Harrison, warehouseman, Four Seasons: "I think the names should be published. They're accusing another person of a crime and they should be held accountable for that."



Angela Kidd, cashier, Main Post Exchange: "I think they have their right to have their names remain confidential. The incident with the Kennedy involvement happened because viewers wanted to know her name."



Andrea Fernandez, supply clerk, Logistics Control Agency: "They shouldn't have given out her name. It's not the public's business. We don't need to know her name, but we do need to know the attacker's name."



Private 1st Class Eric Brooks, personnel actions specialist, Casualty Office: "No, her name really shouldn't have been given out. It should have stayed confidential."



Faces

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff



LAIR photo

Bruce Stuck, research physicist and chief of the Division of Ocular Hazards at Letterman Army Institute of Research, accepts a "big check" from the institute commander, Col. Donald Croby. Stuck was largely responsible for development of the ballistic laser protection spectacles known as BLP-S and fielding of the first 100,000 systems.

Sixth United States Army

Sgt. DeAnn Wilson received the Distinguished Leadership Honor Graduate title April 28 in the Primary Leadership Development Course at the Sixth U.S. Army NCO Academy. Command Sgt. Maj. Robert A. Whiteford (left) presented Wilson with the certificates. This was Whiteford's last appearance as the guest speaker at the academy because he is to retire this summer.



A yellow banner: In honor, in memory

(Note: Presidians may have noticed, along with the General Officer flags in front of Building 38, a smaller, yellow flag. Following is the story behind that bright banner, and an extraordinary family who made it possible. Just in time for Mother's Day, this is a unique tribute to a great Army mother.)

by Col. Manuel Gonzales

Sixth U.S. Army Engineer, as told to Susan Rose, Sixth Army Public Affairs

Recently, I was on emergency leave in Texas when my mother passed away. I noticed that a lot of the businesses, homes, and other establishments were displaying a yellow flag with an eagle emblem and the phrase "WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - DESERT STORM." Texans are proud people, and many wanted to show their support for the armed forces. Well, I knew some people at Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, who supported Desert Storm too. So I made several phone calls to find out where I could get such a flag. I found out I could purchase it only from the manufacturer at that time, so I went to San Antonio, found the flag company, and decided to buy two flags.

One was for Sixth Army. I presented this flag to Lt. Gen. Harrison, on behalf of the entire Sixth U.S. Army staff. Their hard work and encouragement went a long way to support the troops. We sent quite a few people over there from the Sixth Army area, as well. The yellow flag in front of the Sixth Army headquarters building flies in tribute to all those who care during difficult times.

The other flag, I bought in memory of my mother. For she, too, supported Desert Storm, and was a great supporter of the Army for many years. She had seven sons, and all seven of us have served in the Army and National Guard. Four of my brothers served in World War II. One received a Purple Heart, and was not expected to live, but my mother's prayers and faith kept him alive. I can still visualize her kneeling in the corner of a room, in front of a

makeshift altar, praying every night for her sons' return. When each left to go overseas, I know her heart went with them.

Even after the war, she supported the rest of her sons when they joined the Texas National Guard. When I was just 16 years old, she supported my decision to enlist in the National Guard. The first order I received from my future company commander was to lie about my age to the administrative sergeant. I didn't lie, but the sergeant did adjust my date of birth so I would be of age - on paper, anyway. All of my brothers achieved the rank of NCO, so naturally I looked forward to that. When I was promoted to staff sergeant and then had the opportunity for sergeant first class, I was asked by my company commander if I wanted to go to Officer Candidate School. I accepted, and received my commission a year later.

Looking back over my reserve and active career, I realize that much of the inspiration for my military service came from my mother, with her encouragement, faith in all of us, and her dedication as an American. She never complained that she had to give up her sons to the Army. She looked at it as her duty as a mother, and her way of supporting the United States' war efforts. With only a year of formal education herself, she provided us with a wealth of knowledge to be honest, patient, kind, helpful, dedicated and stern, but considerate of others. Six of my eight sisters took these principles to heart and pursued careers in nursing. Her advice consisted of: "Do the very best, honestly, patiently, and willingly. If you fail, don't give up - learn from your mistakes and try again." Those, for me, are meaningful words from a very special lady. I am privileged to fly that yellow flag in her memory.

It's been said that the toughest job in the Army is being an Army wife. But a job that equals a wife's in its "toughness" is that of an Army mother.

Letterman Army Medical Center

LAMC's soldier of the month for March was Spec. Benito Reece. The Philippine-born soldier is a five-year veteran of the Army. Reece credits his wife, Isabelle, for his achievements.

U.S. Army Information Systems Command

There was an agency-wide pot luck for all the USAISC employees at the Log Cabin last month. The second quarter length of service awards were presented there. Thanks go out to Andy Marquez, Clay Chong, John Collins and the TCC, Print Plant and Publications personnel for the coordination.

Sixth U.S. Army Band

The band welcomes Spec. David M. Drake, a trumpet player, into the unit family. He is arriving from the School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.

A farewell to Staff Sgt. Lyn Rideout who is ETSing from the Army.

Also a happy birthday to a super soldier, Staff Sgt. Cindy Lereche, a bassoon player. Her B-day is May 11.

Headquarters Command Battalion

Staff Sgt. Lee Elgin graduated from the Master Fitness Course in Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana last month.

News

Inner circle

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"I took pride in the fact that I was in the Army." Waldron stated that the Saudi Arabians also were impressed with the attitude of the United States' troops.

"The Arabs in general were amazed at our soldiers' compassion, humanity and discipline. We had Iraqi battlefield commanders say that they were impressed with our soldiers' battlefield prowess," he said.

Yes, he said, it's good to be back home. But Waldron said he wanted to give special thanks for his experience.

"First I want to give thanks to God for the small number of casualties we suffered.

"Second I want to give thanks to the American people for their support. I was receiving letters addressed to 'Any Soldier' from little old ladies in nursing homes and kids barely old enough to spell their names.

"That meant a lot. I felt like it was worth being in the military. We felt the full support of the nation."

Commissary survey: close weekends?

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

More customers preferred Sunday and Monday as the best weekend closing days for the Presidio commissary, according to a survey taken from March 28 through 30 and April 2.

The survey was taken to determine the best way to meet the needs of commissary customers if the commissary was forced to reduce operating hours.

Given a choice between fewer operating days or shorter operating hours, customers chose the shorter hours.

The commissary survey was directed by Sixth U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Robert A. Whiteford. More than 1,100 surveys were completed by commissary customers.

The survey focused on three areas: The number of hours for the commissary to remain open; alternate closing days; and preferred operating hours.

The surveys showed that 308 customers preferred Sunday and Monday as the best days to close the commissary. Monday was the day suggested by 156 Presidians, and 122 proposed closing the commissary on Monday and Tuesday.

Also, customers surveyed were offered a choice

between operating the commissary for fewer days with longer hours, or fewer hours but with more days.

Thirty-eight percent of the customers preferred having the commissary open on more days for fewer hours, and 19 percent opted for maintaining the commissary's current hours.

The final portion of the survey asked customers what hours they would prefer to have the commissary open.

According to the executive summary of the survey, prepared by the Directorate of Logistics, most customers surveyed preferred the commissary's current operating hours through the week.

Bob Vanela, Presidio Commissary Officer, said that he does not anticipate a change in store operating hours in the near future.

"Customers appear to be satisfied with the current days and hours of operation which will remain in place until such time that budget constraints dictate a reduction of hours," he said.

However, customers seemed to favor lengthening the Sunday operating hours.

The most popular choices for Sunday hours were 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., or 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

RIFed employees and unemployment compensation

by K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

Can an employee who is RIFed collect unemployment compensation? If a RIFed employee receives severance pay upon RIF, will his/her unemployment benefits, if any, be affected?

Most of you, when the Presidio closes, will already have your career well under control, and may already be working in, or on your way to, new jobs—government or private industry. However, some of you may find yourselves temporarily unemployed, or employed part time, and may wonder whether you are eligible to collect unemployment in the interim.

This article is provided to help you.

DoD Regulation 1400.20-1-P covers the subject of unemployment compensation after a RIF. A SUMMARY of that section of the regulation is provided below, followed by specific information the *Star Presidian* obtained from the California State Unemployment Office.

SUMMARY OF DoD REGULATION: "Your right to unemployment compensation and payment is determined by the State Employment Security Office under the applicable provisions of the State Unemployment Compensation Law. To determine your eligibility, you will have to visit your nearest State Employment Security Agency and file a claim after you are separated by a RIF.

"Take with you (1) your Social Security Card, or an official document showing your SSN account number, such as a Leave and Earnings Statement, and (2) your official notice of separation by RIF, which will be your Standard Form 50, "Notification of Personnel Action," and your Standard Form 8, "Notice to Federal Employee About Unemployment Compensation," which you will receive on your last day of duty.

"If you are separated and do not have a job, you should file a claim for unemployment benefits as soon as possible after separation.

"Most important, however, you should know that any severance pay you receive from the government as a result of the RIF may affect your unemployment compensation claim."

Because the DoD regulation speaks only in generalities, we consulted the California State Unemployment Office, 3120 Mission Street, San Francisco to determine *California's* policy.

Stan Okasaki of that office informs us that, in California, any employee who is RIFed on an indefinite lay-off can collect unemployment compensation. This would apply even if you have received severance pay. Severance pay is not considered to be wages; neither is annual or sick leave.

Okasaki says that anyone in California has the right to file for unemployment compensation, even if that person is currently holding a part time job.

According to Okasaki, there are also provisions for a RIFed employee to collect unemployment if he or she should move to another state. Should you move, the first thing you should do is to visit your new local

unemployment office in that particular state and file a claim.

The key condition to qualify for unemployment in all situations is "eligibility for employment." If there are any eligibility concerns, you will be scheduled for an interview to decide whether you meet the requirements for eligibility.

If you claim eligibility, you must also be *available to work*—from the time you apply and throughout the compensation period. When collecting unemployment, you routinely will be asked specific questions regarding your availability and eligibility—every week, in fact; every time before you receive a check. If you cannot meet the eligibility requirements, then you cannot qualify to continue receiving unemployment compensation.

Because eligibility to collect unemployment compensation benefits varies from person to person, situation to situation, and state to state, only your resident State Employment Security Agency can tell you for sure whether or not you will be eligible for unemployment compensation if you are RIFed, and, if you qualify, for how much compensation.

In California, the *weekly* and *maximum* benefit amounts of your claim will be based on earnings you have been paid during a certain period in the past. That period is known as your *base period*.

According to Okasaki, a base period is divided into four quarters. Whichever quarter has the highest amount of wages earned determines your weekly benefit amount.

As do most people, you can file a claim as soon as you become totally or partially unemployed. *The date on which you file your claim determines what your base period will be and thus the wages which will be used in computing your benefits.*

The base period is *not* necessarily the last 12

months before you filed your claim; thus, *the date you file your claim is very important.* Should the time arrive to file, you should discuss this issue with the experts in your state unemployment office. You want to be sure that you get the best benefits possible.

The range of compensation runs from a low of \$40 a week to a high of \$210 a week x 26—the maximum number of weeks that unemployment can be collected, or one-half the total base-period wages, whichever is less.

If your wages in the highest quarter, for example, were between \$900 and \$948.99, you will receive the low \$40 amount; if your wages were \$6,966.68 or higher per quarter, you will receive the highest \$210 amount.

The *Star Presidian* obtained from the State of California Employment Development Department, a current fact sheet and compensation table showing the graduated scale of weekly and maximum benefit amounts. If you want a copy of these, call the Editor, *Star Presidian*, at 561-5465.

For additional recorded information, you can call the unemployment office at 557-1011.

Remember, however, that all the information provided in fact sheets and on recordings is general in nature; to determine your actual eligibility or compensation benefits you should visit your state unemployment office upon receiving a RIF notice.

If, as the Presidio proceeds toward closure, you have other questions relative the closure and your benefits or rights, write or call the Editor, *Star Presidian*, and we will attempt to obtain, and then publish, the answers in the newspaper; other Presidians may have concerns similar to yours. Our mailing address is Building 38, Presidio of San Francisco, California. 94129-7000.



News

Bay Area Armed Forces Week parade moves to the Presidio

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Armed Forces Week 1991 will culminate with an Armed Forces Day parade, Saturday, May 18, beginning here at the Presidio, winding along Marina Blvd. and ending at Fillmore St. Following the parade, everyone is invited to return to the Presidio for entertainment that will include static displays of equipment used in Operation Desert Storm and other events to be announced later.

The parade will feature marching units from all services, including returning Desert Storm units, military and civilian bands, military color guards, veterans' groups and civilian-support organizations. It will also be broadcast live on KTVU-Channel 2.

Armed Forces Week activities this year are being sponsored jointly by the Armed Forces and the greater Bay Area Chambers of Commerce.

Other activities during the week include:

A luncheon honoring returning Desert Storm troops, sponsored by the San Francisco Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin St. Francis Hotel on Union Square Tuesday at noon. The Secretary of the Army will be the guest speaker.

There will be a Joint Service Concert at Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California St., between Taylor and Jones, in San Francisco, May 17 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature the Sixth U.S. Army Band as well as Navy and Air Force bands. The concert is free and open to the public.

Information updates on all activities are available by calling the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce at 392-4511. The *Star Presidian* will also publish more information as it becomes available.



I Corps CSM is next Sgt. Major of Army

by Army News Service

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Kidd has been selected as the next Sergeant Major of the Army.

Kidd, presently assigned as the command sergeant major of I Corps, Fort Lewis, Wash., will succeed SMA Julius W. Gates, July 1. Gates will retire June 30 after more than 33 years of service.

Kidd has been in the Army more than 29 years, including two tours in Vietnam, one tour in Korea and two tours in Germany. His previous assignments include service as the command sergeant major of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry and 9th Aviation Battalion at Fort Lewis; commandant, 1st Armored Division NCO Academy in Germany; and command sergeant major of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, command sergeant major of the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, and command sergeant major of the 9th Infantry Division all at Fort Lewis.

Kidd, 47, has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Army Commendation Medal (two awards), Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and Senior Parachute Badge.

Kidd was selected from nominees recommended by commanders throughout the Army. In his new position, he will serve as the senior enlisted advisor to the Army chief of staff on matters pertaining to enlisted soldiers.

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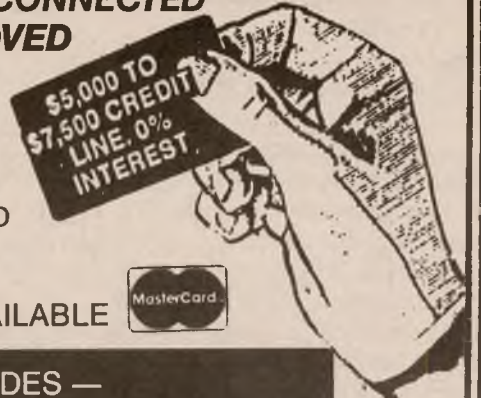
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Training



Pfc. Kevin Fairchild straps in before going on the high speed course with a CHP instructor.

Presidio MPs complete driver training in 16 hours

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Presidio Military Police impressed the California Highway Patrol members with their enthusiasm and professionalism during a driver training course, April 25 and 26.

The training session was held in Sacramento at the CHP headquarters.

Normally, this training is offered to police cadets only, but the MPs were an exception, according to Provost Marshal John M. Fowler. "CHP members were returning a favor. During demonstrations against the war when protesters were closing bridges, the Presidio provided CHPs use of facilities as a staging area," Fowler added.

Cadets go through a 40-hour course because the CHP members have to assume they have no experience, according to Staff Sgt. David W. Langdon, Traffic NCO. "We skipped most of the preliminary part of the course and focused mainly on the hands-on training."

The MPs completed a modified course in just 16 hours.

The course consisted of various training sessions. MPs completed the Vehicle Placement course that took them through various maneuverability tactics. The "Skid Pan" was a wet slippery surface. MPs had to maneuver their vehicles in sharp turns around the "Skid Pan." The MPs were also given a chance to work on their pursuit tactics. A 1199 or response to an incident was also part of the driver training. The final course was the "Pursuit of a Felon." MPs



Langdon slides through the "skid pan" during training at the CHP headquarters.

chased an instructor through a course that was set up with obstacles.

"The training was very comprehensive," Langdon said. "It reinforced a lot of things I already knew and taught me things I didn't know."

"All the soldiers enjoyed the course," Langdon added, "Some even said it was the best training they've had."

"The training was beneficial," Fowler said. "It gave the young MPs a chance to better understand the capability of the vehicle and themselves."

"Vehicle exposure is high [for the Presidio MPs]," Fowler says. "Anything we can do to provide driver awareness will benefit the Presidio and the MPs."

Fowler feels the course was conducted in a professional manner both by the MPs and the CHP members.

"Safety is the key issue," Fowler says. "The course helped the MPs increase their capabilities as drivers. This will prevent accidents."

Both the CHP members and MPs enjoyed the training. It gave CHP members a chance to train soldiers with experience.

"Instructors took us out on the course, showed us what to do, then we did it," Langdon said. "The operation went pretty smooth."

"I loved it," Fowler said. "It was conducted in a very professional manner and the training increased mutual respect between the two agencies. 'It greatly increased our MPs' confidence and safety awareness.'"

This was the second training session for the MPs. Twenty MPs have received the training and 10 more MPs will complete the training this month.



An MP hits the dust while going through the high speed course.

Family Life



'My most memorable experience as a military spouse'

(Editor's note: This is the conclusion of a two-part series of essays by military spouses about their most memorable experience.)

Small kindnesses

by Gloria Gritz

"I can hardly wait to graduate from high school and get out of this burg," said Kathy Thompson, one of my best friends at Ventura High School.

"Why would you want to leave here?" I asked incredulously. "I want to see the country," she said. "There's a whole world out there, and I want to be part of it."

I remember looking at her in awe. For me, there was no place like home. My parents had built a house before I was born, and we never moved. Talking to Kathy Thompson, I realized I didn't come with gypsy blood, that I was perfectly happy right where I was.

Kathy Thompson married an older man, all of 23 or 24, and made it to L.A., less than 100 miles away. I married my high school sweetheart and ended up in Germany and Korea, Hawaii and Herlong, Washington, D.C. and Washington State and plenty of places in-between: 20 houses and counting, I tell my friends.

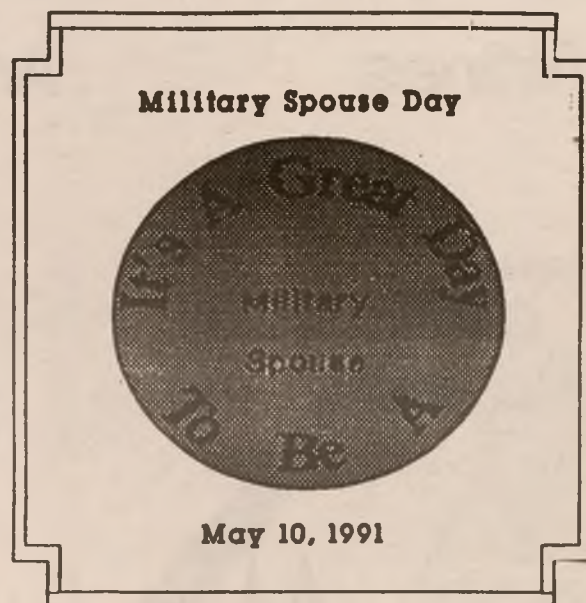
Lots of memorable moments to choose from, I think, starting with the personal ones: walking under the crossed swords outside the John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare Memorial Chapel at Fort Bragg, N.C. with my new husband; the look on his face when I handed him his two-month old son as he deplaned in Hawaii for R&R; that day in the Seoul Children's Hospital, long since burned down, when a little boy wrapped his legs around my waist, buried his head in my shoulder, and became my son.

Maybe, though, memorable should be something geographical, like sailing around Pearl Harbor in a Sunfish, the sun setting the sky ablaze behind Barber's Point; the early morning run down Switzerland's Eiger, with three feet of fresh powder and no one but us on the mountain; an afternoon bicycle ride across the Golden Gate, the wind furiously alive.

With the Gulf War on everyone's mind, perhaps memorable should be something patriotic, like waking four small children and bundling them off to Hickam Air Force Base to shake President Carter's hand, or driving them to Arlington to listen to President Reagan's Memorial Day address, or walking them through the Battlefields of Gettysburg and Bastogne. Battlefields remind me that memorable has, too often, been the sound of taps and the rustling of a folded flag, as those we love let us help them make it through the toughest hours and then the toughest days.

Memorable recalls so many faces: a postman who delights in delivering the letters from a husband at war; a neighbor who bakes cookies before the moving van is half unpacked; a priest who plays cards with the kids whose father is gone again; a stranger who smiles and carries an extra suitcase up the bahnhof stairs; a friend who helps scrub the floors when there's no money to pay a cleaning team.

Hundreds of faces populate my memorable moments. They're not all perfectly focused, but their spirits are as fresh as ever. And I think, ultimately, this is what's been most memorable about being an Army wife: the small kindnesses, day after day and year after year, that have made wherever the Army sends us feel just as good as home.



Trip to Alaska

by Ruth Hawkins

My most memorable experience as an Army spouse was the Hawkins trip to Alaska in January 1955. After celebrating Christmas early, in Missouri, we drove 2,000 miles over icy highways, through snow storms, to Seattle, where on January 8th, with a military band "playing us off," we sailed on the USNS Frederick Funston troopship for Alaska. Three days we tossed on the rough, wintry sea; all aboard were seasick; the family dogs howled all the way. On the 11th, we disembarked at Whittier, a military seaport with one Army building, mountains on three sides, and the sea on the fourth where playful porpoises were frolicking in the harbor waters. A few forlorn-looking GI's in fur-hooded parkas, were standing about, shivering in the cold. About 2:30 in the afternoon, darkness was already descending as we boarded the troop train for Anchorage.

Once through two mountain tunnels, for miles we saw nothing but snow, spindly trees, moose, and a few trucks on the highway. My spirits hit rock bottom as I thought "My God! Have we come to the very end of the earth?" Finally, the warm glow of neon lights (from the bars in Anchorage) appeared in the distance. We were back to civilization at last!

At the station, we were met by our sponsor, a sergeant from Fort Richardson. 'Tis said "All's well that ends well," and our three-year stay in Alaska was truly a great experience; but if I live to be a hundred, I'll never forget that trip and my initial shock upon our arrival that cold, bleak day in January of '55!

Military Spouse Day schedule of events

Compiled by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

The following special events and discounts will be part of the Presidio's celebration of Military Spouse Day Friday.

- Retreat Ceremony at Pershing Square at 3:30 p.m. to honor military spouses. Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander will speak and presentations will be made to representatives of the various military spouse groups.
- DPCA is sponsoring a free reception open to all ranks at the Officers's Club immediately following the retreat ceremony.
- A dinner dance will follow the reception. Tickets will be 50 percent off for spouses and free for returning Desert Storm soldiers and their spouses. Reservations can be made by calling Family Support Division at 561-6373 until 4:30 p.m. today.
- Free child care is available at the Child Development Center for the retreat ceremony, reception and dinner dance by calling 561-3588 before 4:30 today.
- "It's a Great Day to be a Military Spouse" commemorative buttons will be available through the various Presidio spouses' organizations and the Army Community Service, building 103B, and at the retreat ceremony.
- A "spouse's time out" free child care program for junior enlisted spouses, E-5 and below, will distribute coupons at ACS from 1 to 3 p.m. through Friday. Coupons will be good for three hours of care per child at either the Child Development Center or Family Child Care homes and will be good for a period of six months.

Many Presidio organizations are offering special discounts for military spouses. Here are some of them:

Post Exchange

- Car safety check. The PX Car Care Center will offer 50 percent off a vehicle safety check Friday through May 17.
- 10 percent discount on single item priced over \$100 at the Main Post Exchange Friday only. Also they will offer an additional 25 percent off previously marked down clothing and 20 percent off selected gift and housewares.

Community Recreation Division

- The Sports Branch is offering 50 percent off all sales merchandise and or services paid for on Friday excluding aerobics programs.
- Framing materials, 50 percent off for one frame of any size at the Arts and Crafts Center.
- Auto Skills Center is giving 50 percent discounts on normal sales/service price for all sales merchandise and or services paid for on Friday.
- Outdoor Recreation offers a 50 percent reduction on all rentals, equipment or facilities. Condominium reservations are limited to one per spouse.
- Information Tours and Travel will offer 50 percent reduction of normal sales/service prices for all tours and tickets on Friday.
- Presidio Yacht Club tacks in with 50 percent off boat rentals on Friday.
- Bowling Center strikes with \$1 per line bowling for military spouses Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on Military Spouse Day call Anna Rodriguez at 561-5155.

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Leisure

Sports Briefs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Windsurfing lessons

Windsurfing lessons are being offered through Outdoor Recreation June 15 and Aug. 10 at Black Point in Novato. Cost is \$60 per person, payable upon sign-up to include transportation, all equipment, including wet suit and certification.

Lessons are available to active duty members and their spouses, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees.

For sign-up and additional information, call the Information, Tour and Travel Office at 561-3992/3285.

Health and fitness day

The Presidio Employee Health and Fitness Day is Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This day is held to promote exercise and fitness on the job. Activities include free cholesterol and blood pressure checks, Nautilus exercise class, sports nutrition display, and handouts. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120/4131.

Croquet tournament

The 7th Annual San Francisco Croquet Tournament will be held today through Saturday at the Stern Grove and Golden Gate park. Free limited spectator seating is available. For more information, call 421-0310 during duty hours or 543-5641 in the evenings.

Run for your life

There is a Run for Your Life Program that can help you along the path to fitness. It is a basic running program open to Presidians. To sign up or for more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Presidential sports awards

The Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier America. Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15-years-old or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the military community.

Adult activities:

Aerobic class; call Beverly Carpenter, 681-6721. Run for your life program; call Bob Darling, 561-4120;

Exercise stretching class; Lynn Fitzwater 8:30 a.m. Gym No. 1. Nautilus weight training; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Volksmarch Club; Sgt. Maj. Mike Conrad, 561-5613. Post running team; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Golf lessons; John Murray, 751-4063. Swim lessons/lifesaving class; Allen Posey, 561-3673. Fencing Lessons; Dr. Bill O'Brien, 221-1749. Scuba classes; Staff Sgt. Bob Riecke, 666-0523 or Sgt. Maj. Mike Benjamin, 931-6322. Ladies tennis; Sandy Halsey, 381-0654 (evenings).

Youth activities:

Swim lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. Youth soccer, basketball and baseball; Allen Posey, 561-5051. Aquarius swim team; Maj. Mike Koplin, 561-4224. Taekwondo lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. youth ballet and jazz dance; Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205. Junior bowling; Penny LeCroy, 563-0981.

Cycling championship

The United States Military Sports Association and co-sponsor AT&T announce the date of the 3rd Annual national Military Cycling Championship. Race dates are Aug. 17 through 19 with a two-Aug. 15 and 16. This year's event will be held at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. There will be age-separated categories. For more information, call (702) 652-4891.

Gym closure

Gym No. 1 will be closed Saturday due to a power outage.



Many view old Mexican jewelry and clothing at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

THOUSANDS CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff



Children dance while dressed in traditional Mexican clothing.

Thousands gathered at an enclosed block party to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The party was held east of Civic Center plaza, Sunday.

Young girls dressed in traditional Mexican clothing danced while little boys carrying pinatas chased them around the stages. The children put on a great show for all those who huddled around the stage.

Men and women danced while they sang romantic tunes.

An all male band played instruments and sang.

Exhibits of old Mexican arts and crafts were set up throughout the block. Traditional clothing was sold at stands. Old Mexican hats and over garments looked as though people spent hours making them to get just the right look of the Mexican culture.

This Cinco de Mayo celebration certainly didn't lack variety.

Not only were there stands with traditional Mexican items, but there were also stands with modern products.

One stand was set up to show how people could save water.

There was even a place set aside for those who needed back rubs. Under one tent, doctors gave free spinal exams.

There were food stands that ranged from natural Mexican food to doughnuts with Chinese entrees in between.

Free SunChips, a new brand of potato chips, were passed out to everyone who was lucky enough to walk between stands.

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the victory of an outnumbered Mexican army over French colonial forces at Puebla, Mexico, on May 5, 1862.



Mexican musicians perform before a large crowd at the block party in San Francisco.

News

DoD consolidates non-appropriated fund pay

by Army News Service

A new pay system for non-appropriated fund employees is being tested at several Army bases.

Known as "pay banding," the pilot program combines aspects of a universal pay grade system with considerations for cost of living expenses in various localities, according to Bill McMullen, of the Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

There are six pay bands in all. Employees in the first two bands are drawn from Patron and Administrative Service grades one through six, which are equivalent to the traditional General Schedule grades from one to four. These workers receive a locality rate to assist in high cost areas. This rate is phased out in the third band.

In higher pay bands, several GS and Universal Annual pay grades are consolidated. The third band

is based on a locality rate up to \$34,000 and covers AS/PS-7 through UA-8 and GS-5-8. UA/GS 9-12 in the fourth band earn from \$24,000 to \$53,000. UA/GS 13-15 in the fifth band make from \$43,500 to \$66,549 while UA/GS 16-18 of the sixth band merit from \$71,500 to \$108,300. Pay raises in any of the bands are based on performance, not longevity, McMullen said.

"There will be no automatic step increases with pay bands," McMullen said. "However, workers are eligible for merit increases within the pay and salary range. Such an increase would be determined by a manager's budget."

Pay banding applies to NAF employees in the following positions: clerical, administrative, sales, technical, managerial, executive, professional and personal service. Only crafts, trades and child care NAF employees are excluded.

"Pay banding gives the supervisor more authority, responsibility and accountability for managing his resources," McMullen said.

Some of the major features of pay banding are its simplified classification process and its market sensitive pay aspects, which permit local competition and stress the importance of qualifications. In addition, McMullen said pay bands are more sensitive to local labor market conditions. They are also more efficient, he said, thereby involving less time and paperwork.

The test sites for the pilot program are Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Hood, Texas; U.S. Military Academy, N.Y.; Fort Sill, Ok.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and Fort Benning, Ga. The two control sites, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. and Fort Stewart, Ga., will not implement pay banding until after the final test data have been collected in early 1992.

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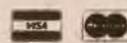
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Community Calendar



'Hang Loose'

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Sgt. 1st Class Rick Burila, Assistance Division, inspector General's Office, signals that everything's alright on the detail for spring cleanup.

Leave donation

Stephanie Franklin, an employee with the Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station, is experiencing a personal medical emergency. So is Elizabeth Barbosa, an employee with the Sixth Recruiting Brigade. They have exhausted all sick and annual leave and both have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please call Mary, Dukes at 561-3780.

Free art exhibit

The San Francisco State University Art Department will be exhibiting works by Bay Area artist Linda Fleming now through May 23 in the Art Department Gallery (Art and Industry bldg., room 201). Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Fleming is known for her large scale glass, steel and wood sculptures. The exhibit is free. For more information, call the Art Department at 338-2176.

Asian Pacific luncheon

The Asian Pacific Heritage Luncheon will be held at the Golden Gate Club May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Director of the San Francisco Asian Law Caucus, Bill Tamayo, will be the guest speaker.

Free vehicle inspections

Free car inspections are still available at the Auto Shop (building 662) for soldiers who were involved in Operation Desert Storm and their family members who have military IDs and deployment orders. Building 662 is located on McDowell Avenue. Call 561-5521 for an appointment.

Bay Area cruises

Heritage Architectural Bay Cruises will be given on Hornblower Yachts at Pier 33 beginning June 8. The focus of the cruises will be to help people rediscover the unique Bay Area architecture. The cost for Heritage members will be \$30 and for non-members the cost will be \$40. For more information and reservations, call 441-3004.

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and the Letterman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander, congratulates soldiers for a job well done on their physical fitness test before the Law Day run May 1.

photo by Drew Seaman

Mozart lecture/recital

Pianist William Corbett-Jones commemorates the bicentennial of W.A. Mozart's death Sunday at 3 p.m. in Knuth Hall on the San Francisco State University campus. After the concert, a lecture will be given on Mozart's life and works. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3.50 for students, seniors and SFSU faculty, staff and alumni. For tickets or more information, call the School of Creative Arts Box Office at 338-2467.

Choral auditions

The San Francisco Choral Society will be holding auditions for singers interested in participating in a massive performance of the Berlioz Requiem at Civic Auditorium this summer. Over 500 voices, four brass bands and a full symphony orchestra will combine for what is expected to be a truly napoleonic display of sonic pyrotechnics in the most significant musical event to take place in San Francisco for many years. For audition and ticket information, call the San Francisco Choral Society at 566-8425.

A Mickey Mouse offer

Every active member of the U.S. Military is eligible for free admission to Disneyland. Visit ITT at building 215 to pick one up. The tickets are valid through Nov. 11, 1991.

Sea World offer

Sea World in San Diego is admitting without charge all active duty and activated reservists and their dependents once between May 18 and Sept. 2, 1991. Military IDs must be presented at Sea World for this offer.

Jazz Festival

The Asian American Jazz Festival will be held May 17 and 18 at the Asian Art Museum (Trustees Auditorium) in Lincoln Park at 8 p.m. For more information, call 668-6404.

Universal Studios

Universal Studios is offering free admission to Active duty, retired and reserve soldiers who present an ID card at the Universal Studios ticket counter.

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Presidio Post Theater

Friday - Guilty by Suspicion (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday - The Godfather III (R) 7 p.m.

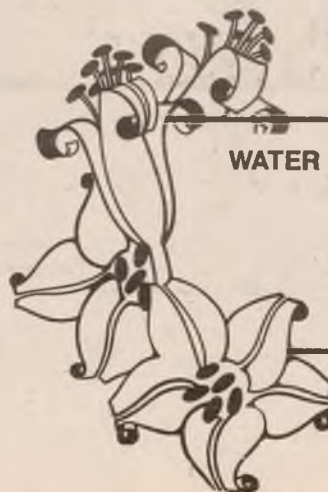
Sunday - Flight of the Intruder (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Monday - If Looks Could Kill (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Conservation Corner

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Joint service color guard leads last year's parade through financial district.

Armed Forces Day parade starts here

Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

Saturday's Armed Forces Day Parade route has been changed. The parade will start on the Presidio and end at Fort Mason.

Armed Forces Day festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with a parachute jump by the Special Forces Sport Parachute Team from Fort Bragg, North Carolina at 11 a.m., to signal the beginning of the parade.

The jump will coincide with a 21-gun salute.

The parade will begin on Mason Street across from Crissy Field, and will advance along Marina Boulevard to end at Buchanan Street.

Saturday's parade will feature returning Desert Storm units, as well as marching units from the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

Also, military and civilian bands, military color guards, veterans' groups and civilian support groups will participate in the parade.

Grand Marshals

Five Grand Marshals will lead the parade. All are servicemen and women who served in the Persian Gulf, and three are also Vietnam veterans.

The Grand Marshals represent all military men and women from the Bay Area who served in the Persian Gulf. The Grand marshals include:

Sgt. 1st Class Rick Howson, 343rd Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance), Army Reserve, Novato, Calif.;

Marine Sgt. Howard Haynes, 12th Marine Corps District, Naval Station Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.;

HMC Philip Kurtis Chapman, U.S. Navy, Oakland, Calif.;

Tech. Sgt. Ellen Marie Flowers, U.S. Air Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; and

U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. David R. Innis, Chief, Command and Operational Law Branch, Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific.

Festivities

There will be plenty of activities for families and spectators throughout the day.

KNBR Radio will provide musical entertainment in the afternoon on Crissy Field.

There will be 22 static displays of Desert Storm equipment and other military hardware open to public viewing on the Presidio from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The celebration will include aircraft fly-bys during the parade. An Air Force C-5 Galaxy will participate. The Galaxy is the military's largest aircraft, and transported both equipment and personnel to Saudi Arabia.

The Golden Gate Fleet will deliver a nautical salute while sailing in the Bay along the parade route. The Coast Guard Search and Rescue will put on a demonstration, and the Navy's U.S.S. Pyro and the Coast Guard Cutter Monroe will be anchored in the Bay.

The displays will include the M1A1 Abrams Tank, the M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and a mock-up of the Patriot Missile.

As a bonus, the Presidio Army Museum is scheduled to reopen in time for Armed Forces Day, after undergoing earthquake repairs for two months.

And, the annual Junior ROTC Drill Competition will be held on the Presidio's Main Parade Field from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Finally, Armed Forces Day activities will conclude with a retreat ceremony at the Main Post flagpole in Pershing Square. The ceremony will be conducted by the Bay Area Junior ROTC and the Sixth U.S. Army Band.

Armed Forces Day schedule of activities

11 a.m.: Golden Gate Fleet starts flotilla in the Bay.

11:05 a.m.: Four Navy A-6 jets flyby.

11:15 a.m.: USCG C-130 flyby.

11:25 a.m. Two Navy MH-53 helicopters flyby.

11:30 a.m.: San Francisco police close off Buchanan Street entrance to Fort Mason Center.

11:35 a.m.: USAF C-5 flyby.

11:45 a.m.: USAF C-141 flyby.

Noon: First marching unit reaches release point.

12:15 p.m.: Last unit passes reviewing stand.

12:15 p.m.: Shuttle bus service begins for parade participants to PSF.

12:45-1 p.m.: USCG search and rescue demonstration in the Bay.

1:15 p.m.: Last unit reaches release point.

2 p.m.: All barricades will be picked up and Marina Boulevard opened.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians—

It's a GREAT day—to be in, and a part of, our great U.S. Army—and to be at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place! Do you get tired of hearing that? Do you truly believe that? Do you share my sincere belief that if we live that message it will be true? Oh, I am well aware of all the frustrations and challenges that face our uniformed members, family members, civilian employees, retirees, and volunteers on a daily basis. But I also challenge you to stop a minute, smell the roses, gaze at the beautiful surroundings and then tell me you can't truthfully say—It's a GREAT day to be in the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. Try it—it works!

On Tuesday, 7 May, I attended the 1991 Federal Agencies of the Year Award Ceremony at Treasure Island. This affair is sponsored by the Federal Executive Board to honor Federal agencies throughout the Bay area for performance excellence. Ray Taliaferro from KGO was the Master of Ceremonies and you talk about a positive person. He could really utter a great HOO AH! if we taught him how, of course!! Anyway, the Red Cell Group/Letterman Army Institute of Research won a first place award for their category and the Sixth Army Band won a second place in their category. To both these organizations—HOO AH! for a job well done and congrats to all members of both organizations.

Another winning group closely identified with Presidio of San Francisco, but technically not, was the VA Employees Association/Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office. Remember, these are the folks who have adopted C/864th Engineers while they are deployed in Saudi Arabia and who are working with the spouses support group here. The VA Employees won second place in their category and when called forward to receive their recognition, every one had on their C/864th buttons. HOO AH! We extend our congrats to these folks and reiterate our thanks for all their support for C/864th.

On Wednesday, the 8th, I missed the Red Cross Volunteer recognition luncheon at the Officers' Club. Major General and Mrs. Brady, Brigadier General Lash and my wife were there and I am told it was a super affair with all our wonderful and giving Red Cross Volunteers being recognized by Brigadier General Burger, Commander Letterman Army Medical Center. To all these outstanding folks—thanks for your help and HOO AH! to each of you.

Wednesday was also the day for Readiness Group, Presidio of San Francisco to change command. Colonel Jim Elliott relinquished command as he departs for Korea and duty as Commanding Officer of the 2D Infantry Division Artillery. Jim has been an outstanding Readiness Group Commander and will all wish him well in Korea. Coming aboard from the Sixth U.S. Army staff is Colonel Ed Carlson and his wife Nancy.

Ed has been the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for the last 18 months so the move is a logical progression and we all wish the Carlsons the best in the new command—and to all our Readiness Group, Presidio of San Francisco personnel our congratulations and best wishes—along with a big HOO AH!

To end the 8th, I visited the C/864th Engineer Spouses Meeting. As of now, we are told these soldiers won't be home until mid-September and these spouses are naturally disappointed. But they are hanging in there! As they have been, they are drawing strength from one another and being good Army spouses. We are proud of each of them and continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Friday the 10th was Spouses Day. There were a number of events throughout the day to honor all spouses. The highlight was a ceremony at the flag pole at 1530 hours. We all stood at Retreat, then we recognized FAO Swartz Corporation, who donated a big teddy bear to the cause and David Foster and Linda Thompson who coordinated the celebrity singing and recording of "Voices That Care". Next we recognized some 11 spouses representing many groups. These representative spouses and their groups were:

Herma Conrad AAFES Spouse
LTC Becky Loomis ARNG Spouse
Kathy Cross Army Reserve Spouse
Florence Morris Commissary Spouse
Arlene Gause Desert Storm Spouse
Valeda Fairchild Junior Enlisted Spouse
Susan Jaworski Mayors Program Spouse
Florence Elgin NCO Spouse
Mary Lorber Officer Spouse
Jane O'Donovan Retiree Spouse
Patty Anderson Volunteers Spouse

To these spouses and all the ones they represent, our thanks for all you do every day of the year and 365 HOO AH's to you.

Saturday and Sunday it was off to Washington State to visit 104th Training Division and on to Utah to welcome home the 144th Combat Support Hospital, Utah National Guard and the United States Army Reserve 321st Medical Detachment. I also had the opportunity to make a very prestigious award to Major General John Matthews, Adjutant General of Utah.

And then it was Monday again! This will be a BIG week for Presidio of San Francisco and all military personnel. It is Armed Forces Week and much is going on nation wide. Locally, there will be a luncheon on Tuesday the 14th sponsored jointly by the Rotary Club of San Francisco and the Chamber of Commerce. The Secretary of the Army will be the featured speaker.

On Friday evening, the 17th, at 1900 in the Masonic Hall downtown there will be a combined Army/Navy/Air Force band concert. Admission is free and it will be a gala show. I hope many of you will come and join us and applaud our great tri-service band.

Then on Saturday this 18th is our Armed Forced Day Parade beginning at 1100 on Chrissy Field. It promises to be a really SUPER affair. Governor Wilson of California will kick it off followed by sky divers, lots of bands, and marchers, ships on review in the bay and plane fly-overs. There will be lots of static displays of DESERT STORM/DESERT SHIELD equipment, food concessions and on and on. At 1600 we will conclude the day with a Retreat Ceremony including all the high school ROTC units in the bay area. It promises to be a GREAT day honoring all military personnel. *There will be five Grand Marshals—one from each service—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard. So everyone come on out for a day of fun and excitement.*

I hope that every Presidian will fly a flag of some shape, size or description on Saturday to show our colors to all guests. Let's have every house flying Old Glory—proudly. Wouldn't that be HOO AH!

God bless you every one and during the Armed Forces Week—Be Proud, Stand Tall!!

William H. Harrison
Lientenant General, USA
Commanding

"A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principals, the truths, and the history which belong to the nation that sets it forth."

—Henry Ward Beeches

Secretary of Defense Armed Forces Day Message

As Secretary of Defense, I'm proud to extend a well deserved tribute to all of you who have been willing to put on our nation's uniform and go in harm's way for your fellow citizens. This day is set aside each year to recognize the dedication, professionalism, and the sacrifices of our military. During the Persian Gulf war, those qualities were displayed in a hundred different ways for all Americans to see.

Each of you can be proud of your accomplishments. You are part of a victorious armed force that saved freedom for the Kuwaiti people. Your courage and devotion to duty are second to none.

When I visit you stationed throughout our country and around the world, I am constantly struck by your professionalism and enthusiasm. The all-volunteer force is a success and the whole world now has enormous respect for your ability to get the job done. These past months have been difficult and have called upon your reserves of courage and determination. Your accomplishment in this struggle has brought renewed pride for our military and for our nation. Your standards of excellence and superior performance have become a model for all Americans.

Dale Cheney

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

"Your children, will their lives be better than yours? Why?"

Spec. Marla Wamble, personnel management clerk, strength management section, Military Personnel Office: "Technology wise yes. There'll be more advances in computers and lifestyle improvements. But if things keep going on like us getting into war and the economy getting worse, I just don't know about the future of our children."



Latonia Grice, secretary, Chief Pharmacy Service, Letterman Army Medical Center: "No. With the school budgets being cut back, the rising taxes and high cost of college education the future is grim. I think the most important thing to do is get an education. The government should think about spending money on it's on people instead of wasting it on useless things."

Scott Fratcher, operating room technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Ecology-wise they'll have more problems to deal with. But with technology improvements they'll be more advanced. Hopefully with the knowledge they get with technology improvements they may be able to overcome the pollution problems that will eventually occur."



Kristine Cooper, program director, Child Development Center: "I think the children of today will have a better future. Today a lot of emphasis is placed on children and their education. Our children will be better equipped to deal with social and economic problems they may encounter in the future."

Mayda Asis, secretary, Civilian Personnel Office: "I think it might be harder for them in the future. The government is cutting back on education and it'll be harder to find jobs. The economy isn't getting any better. It also seems the crime rates are going up. When I was growing up I could go out and party. Nowadays I don't think it's safe for kids to do that."



Richard Rocco, contract specialist, Directorate of Contracting: "I don't think the future is brighter. In my time the economy was better. I also liked the draft. I think it taught a lot of people a sense of responsibility. The environment was also better in the past. It's deteriorating greatly now. I don't hold a lot of hope for the future."

Faces

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Post Chapel

Alex R. Lehneis was promoted to the rank of Private First Class May 8. Lehneis is a chaplains assistant at the Post Chapel.



Annette Claypoole won first place in a poster contest for children in kindergarten through second grade. The poster contest was held in honor of Teacher's Week. Annette shows teachers stretch imaginations in her poster.

Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison

Capt. Wesley R. Oberling, Headquarters Co. USAG commander, has been assigned to Shafe, Belgium. Capt. Diane L. Helsing, formerly assigned to the Presidio Readiness Group will become the new commander after a Change of Command Ceremony held yesterday.

Congratulations to Sgt. Cheryl A. Lee who scored 300, the maximum, on her last four Army Physical Fitness Test. Lee works in the Orderly Room of the Headquarters Company.

Transition Point

Charles T. Paige was promoted to the rank of specialist May 1.

Col. Alexander R. Cunningham, the Sixth U.S. Army Military Support Office Liaison Officer to California National Guard passed away during emergency surgery May 7. Cunningham's military career started with enlistment in the California Army National Guard in November 1959. Cunningham was commissioned in July 1962 and served in position as the Sixth U.S. Army State Military Support Office liaison Officer to California. He completed more than 30 years of loyal and dedicated service

in both the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. Cunningham was employed by the state of California for more than 20 years, serving as a member of the public employment relations board at the time of his death. He was a member of many military and civic related organizations and societies, but was most proud of being president of the Army of the United States Association Sixth Region. A Rosary was held Friday and a funeral mass on Saturday, both at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Sacramento. Military funeral and burial was at Eastlawn Memorial Park. Cunningham is survived by his wife Lourettia and two children Deborah and Glenn. Contributions in lieu of flowers should be made to the Alex R. Cunningham College Scholarship Fund, Box 220940, Sacramento, Calif. 95822. For any information, call Mr. Graves at 561-3244.



Men and women of the 1113th Transportation Co. and the 870th Military Police Co. of the California National Guard were greeted by throngs of relatives and friends when they arrived at Travis Air Force Base shortly before 1 a.m. Wednesday. The 870th proceeded to PSF, where a reception was held at 5 a.m. before the soldiers started three days of demobilization.

Memories of an Army home

by Maj. D.M. Caughey
Finance and accounting officer and new home owner

Recently we moved off post, having just bought a little bungalow across the Golden Gate Bridge. This was our move, not the Army's. We were grateful to be out of government quarters and in our own place where the paint and the wallpaper would be of our own choosing.

When the hour for our final clearing appointment approached, I returned to the Army's quarters to rake the last grass trimmings and turn over the keys. My wife Helga came along quite anxiously although there was nothing for her to do there.

As I worked on the lawn I could see her through the windows of the now empty house.

She was walking from room to room as if searching for some missing item. I knew we had not forgotten anything. I knew she was really looking for memories. Memories of our son Patrick marching out the door to his first day of school. Memories of our friends and colleagues who visited for the beauty of San Francisco and discovered the beauty of the Presidio.

I too found memories as I worked on the lawn. I was raking the backyard where Patrick played catch with his very first ball glove, the backyard that produced a bucket of golf balls each month from the seventh fairway along the fence. I raked around the tall pine tree where the raccoon family lived, and past the oak, the first tree Patrick ever

climbed when he was four years old.

On the sidewalk around the house, that same little boy wore out his last tricycle and broke in his first two wheeler. I was now sweeping this sidewalk for the last time.

As I gathered the lawn tools Helga came to the front door, her eyes moist from tears. Buying a house of our own was a dream, but the price of living that dream was leaving so many fond memories behind.

We went into the basement one last time and followed an old tradition of carving our family data on a floor joist. Our name and dates on that wooden beam is a small footnote in the Presidio's long history, but it is also a sign for all to see that once a soldier and his family lived here, and called this house our home.

News

News Briefs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

ID card section

The ID card hours changed Wednesday. Appointments only for all cards, 8 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be held noon to 1 p.m. During lunch a reduced staff will be present for emergencies only. Walk-In for all cards will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sponsors must accompany family members or have the application notarized. The ID card section can not issue reserve ID cards for other services or their family members. To reduce film cost photos will be delayed.

Holiday closure

The Presidio commissary and the post exchange will be closed May 18 for observance of Armed Forces Day. The exchange mall food concessions will be open.

Welcome home parade

Novato is holding a welcome home parade for soldiers returning from the Persian Gulf June 1. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. A picnic and celebration will be held after the parade. For more information, call Carol Carkoff 382-1772 or 897-9328.



National Park photographers

As part of the long-range planning efforts for conversion of the Presidio, the National Park Service is conducting a preliminary condition survey of all Presidio buildings. A team of National Park Service architectural consultants will be looking closely at and photographing the exteriors of the housing areas. The team will be on site from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule of their visits are Friday and Sunday through May 24.

Federal employee awards

Now is the time to honor outstanding federal employees (including military members) in the San Francisco Bay Area. There are sixteen categories with awards in each. Candidates may be nominated in all categories but an individual may only be nominated once. Obtain a form for the Federal Employees of the Year Awards from your supervisor. Nominations are due no later than Wednesday. For more information, call Nancy Gunther at 561-3779.

Commissary news

In an effort to keep Commissary Shoppers informed and healthy, the Presidio Commissary will sponsor a complete Blood Pressure and Cholesterol screening provided by Letterman Army Medical Center personnel on the following dates: May 30 and June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To take advantage of this service stop by the commissary lobby.

Museum reopening

After extensive remodeling to repair damage caused by the 1989 earthquake, the Presidio Army Museum will reopen to the public May 18 at 10 a.m. Hours of operation will be Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed Mondays. Admission is free, although voluntary donations are accepted. Arrangements for group tours can be made by calling 921-8193. For more information, call Herb Garcia at 561-3319/4115.

DoD changes civilian hiring freeze policy

by the Star Presidian staff and
American Forces Information Service

A change to the Department of Defense civilian hiring freeze will allow agencies to hire two individuals from outside the department for every five vacant positions.

This hiring freeze does not effect DoD employees, according to Donna R. White, Chief of Recruitment and placement, Civilian Personnel Office.

"There have been some cuts because of budget restrictions," White said. "Those cuts aren't a result of a hiring freeze."

"The new policy is designed to give the proponents more flexibility than they had in the original hiring freeze," said Christopher Jehn, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel. Previously, outside hires were generally disallowed.

He explained that the original freeze was imposed to make sure the department didn't hire people who would face involuntary separation within a few years because of planned reductions. The change, he said, should not hamper the DoD's effort to reduce its civilian work force over the next few years.

According to Jehn, the hiring freeze has produced a higher turnover of lower-graded employees, such

as clerical and secretarial workers, which results in "senior civilian employees and colonels doing their own typing. That's obviously a little wasteful, and worse than that, they aren't very good at it," he said.

Additional hiring for vacant appropriated-fund positions is prohibited through Sept. 30, said Jehn, except in certain circumstances, most of which have been in effect since the freeze's early stages last year. These are:

- International placements within DoD;
- Hiring of civilian nationals of foreign countries authorized after Jan. 11, 1990, by the secretary or deputy Secretary of Defense;
- A hiring commitment made prior to March 29, 1991, by an authorized official based on applicable guidance;
- Positions needed to implement the July 1989 defense management review;
- Positions essential to health, safety or security;
- Positions related to internship, work-study, exchange or 1991 graduate hiring objectives;
- Positions essential for implementing the national Drug Control Strategy; and
- Positions directly supporting military operations or reconstruction assistance in or around the Arabian Peninsula.

Army starts new civilian payroll system

by Maj. D.M. Caughey
Finance and Accounting Officer

The Army is implementing a new payroll system for civilian employees. STARCIPS (Standard Army Civilian Payroll System) is being modernized and dramatically improved and will be known as STARCIPS-REDESIGN. Both old and new STARCIPS produce payments to the employee every fourteen days. Both account for leave and collections for retirement, health benefit, taxes and other deductions.

Both STARCIPS systems however, go about these tasks in very different ways. The old system has no computer memory for prior pay periods or leave balances. This causes delays in making even minor adjustments, frustrating employees and pay clerks alike.

STARCIPS-REDESIGN has true computer memory that eliminates the archaic pencil and adding machine calculations now required when pay clerks compute retroactive changes.

Paper time and attendance cards report employee attendance on the current system. This means supervisors often complete T&A cards in advance of work to meet delivery dates to finance. If employee work hours change, pay errors are unavoidable.

The new system reports time and attendance via personal computers, certifying and transmitting data electronically to finance. Supervisors can input data

or make changes to the last minute of the payroll period, eliminating precertification errors.

STARCIPS-REDESIGN also provides managers pay data at the work site, allowing quick answers to employee questions that required coordination from the payroll office under the previous STARCIPS.

The new STARCIPS has been in use at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. and Fort Irwin, Calif. with great success. The new system saves time and effort for civilian payroll clerks whose attention can now go to accuracy and speed of payment instead of toward old fashion manual tabulations.

With STARCIPS-REDESIGN a reality, Department of the Army is attempting consolidation of all civilian pay to only two location in CONUS. Plans call for Presidio to consolidate at Fort Sam Houston. Preliminary talks are underway to measure feasibility and plan procedures.

Results were quite positive at Fort Irwin where civilian payrolls were recently consolidated to Fort Sam Houston. Finance officials expect the consolidation and the implementation of STARCIPS-REDESIGN to provide a winning combination to improve timeliness and accuracy of pay for thousands of civilian employees throughout the Army.

PSF civilians get new payroll system

by Maj. D.M. Caughey
Finance and Accounting Officer

Presidio civilian employees are about to enter a new era in timekeeping. In the very near future, payroll functions will be handled by the Civilian Payroll Office at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Timekeeping, however, will only be a second away.

Presidio timekeepers and certifiers will utilize the new Standard Army Civilian Payroll System-Redesign (STARCIPS-R). This system eliminates the old system of manual time cards. Instead, timekeeping will be done via computer or utilizing a dial-in system with a direct connection to the Payroll Office at Fort Sam Houston.

The system, which also connects many other bases (Fort Irwin, Calif. being the most recent), has proven to be easy to use and extremely accurate. The user is coached by prompts throughout the reporting operation. The system is protected from tampering through the use of a vigorous security system.

Timekeepers will be urged to report time and attendance daily. Advance timecard mailing will be a thing of the past for remote or detached units. Corrections can be input immediately instead of waiting to submit a timecard for the next pay period

Having received two briefings to date, timekeepers and certifiers are genuinely excited about STARCIPS-R and will begin receiving classroom instruction on the system beginning in the latter part of June.



Ask the Lawyer

by Brett E. Bacon
Claims Judge Advocate

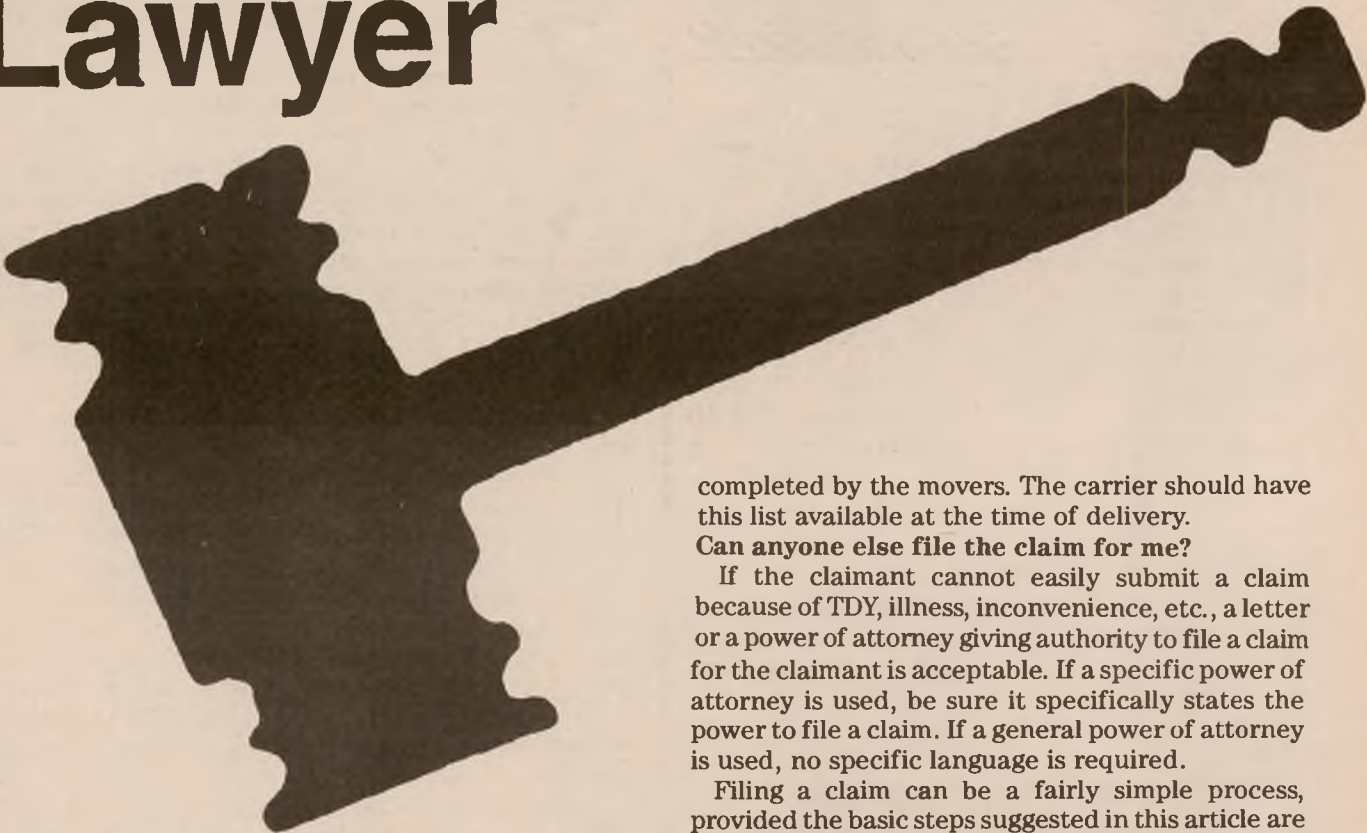
During my last PCS move, my household goods were damaged. What is the first thing I should do?

The first step is to be aware of certain deadlines that must be met. First, be sure to deliver the DD Form 1840/1840R to you local claims office within 70 days of the delivery date of your household goods. The carrier will provide this pink colored form at the time of delivery. Inspect the household goods and note all damaged or missing items on the DD Form 1840/1840R. Failure to provide this form to the claims office within 70 days of delivery could result in a significant reduction in the total amount paid on your claim.

The second critical date that must be met is the date of filing the claim, which requires the completion of DA Form 1842 and DA Form 1844. The claims section of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate can provide these forms and instructional samples. DA Form 1842 and 1844 must be completed and delivered to the claims office within two years of the date of delivery.

DA Form 1842 is the "Claim for Personal Property Against the United States." This form requires basic information on the claimant, delivery dates and carrier information. The form must be signed in ink and state the total dollar amount claimed.

DA Form 1844 is the "Schedule of Property and Claim Analysis Chart." This second form is used to itemize the specific items that are damaged or missing. Each item should be described and the nature of the damage should be noted. The original cost and purchase date of the item should be noted, together with an estimate of repair cost or replacement cost.



What kind of estimates will I need?

If a damaged household good will require \$100 or more to repair or replace, a written estimate will be necessary. The estimate should be prepared by a professional that deals on a regular basis with the type of item claimed. The estimate fee can be claimed provided the claimant submits proof that the estimate fee was paid and was not "credited" towards the repair of the item.

When submitting the DA Forms 1842 and 1844, be sure to include the original inventory list that was

completed by the movers. The carrier should have this list available at the time of delivery.

Can anyone else file the claim for me?

If the claimant cannot easily submit a claim because of TDY, illness, inconvenience, etc., a letter or a power of attorney giving authority to file a claim for the claimant is acceptable. If a specific power of attorney is used, be sure it specifically states the power to file a claim. If a general power of attorney is used, no specific language is required.

Filing a claim can be a fairly simple process, provided the basic steps suggested in this article are followed. Specific questions can be answered by the professional claims staff at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Claims, 223 Halleck Street, Presidio of San Francisco.

This is the first article in a continuing series of articles designed to address common legal questions encountered by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. This article is issued as a public service and does no constitute legal advice, which can only be given by your attorney.

The point of contact for this article is Capt. Brett Bacon, Claims Judge Advocate, 561-4814.

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Biking Idea



Sgt. Mark Howard and Cpl. Cord Bierman patrol a wooded area on the Presidio.

photos by Duvel White

MP proposes pedal power to patrol Presidio

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

In his first July 4th celebration on the Presidio, Military Police Sgt. Mark Howard looked down the road near Crissey Field and could see endless rows of cars, bumper-to-bumper, brake lights aglow.

Gridlock—the Presidio virtually a parking lot—a traffic cops nightmare.

His instructions were to find where the traffic jam started and help get it moving again. Knowing an MP cruiser would just be another parked car, Howard set off on foot. Huffing and puffing as he ran through the cloud of exhaust fumes, Howard realized the post was one huge traffic jam.

"There must be an easier way," he thought.

Three years later his frustration became a solid idea and he sent it in to the Ideas for Excellence Program.

"A bike patrol," Howard explained. "Bikes are the perfect bridge between a walking patrol and a vehicle mounted patrol.

"I bought a bicycle and enjoyed riding in wooded areas and trails on the Presidio. While I was riding I saw areas I had never seen on (car) patrol. There were beer bottles, cans, etc. and I knew these areas were not being patrolled because the cars couldn't get there and it is not effective to patrol on foot," he said.

Howard's idea of a bike patrol includes several advantages such as: increased mobility over a walking patrol; the fact that sedans can only patrol 60 percent of the Presidio because they only drive on paved roads; MPs still have close contact with the elements to see, hear and smell; bikes are less expensive than motorized vehicles; they offer good public relations and pedal power is better for the environment.

"We come down on people's level on a bike," Cpl. Cord Bierman, another MP bike patrolman explained. "We don't have the barrier of a vehicle. Kids come up and talk to you. It's better public relations."

The MP Bicycle Patrol Pilot Program currently involves four MPs who participate on a volunteer basis—using their own bikes and equipment to patrol. Their initial patrols are part of a feasibility study to see how the public responds and test the effectiveness of bicycle patrols on the Presidio and its sub-posts.

Currently, the MPs are only patrolling on bikes on holiday weekends and for special events, like the

July 4 celebration. But, Howard hopes to increase the use of pedal patrols if the idea becomes a fully-funded program.

"We buy our equipment out of our own pocket, Bierman, said. "The (bulletproof) vest, weapon and brassard are the Army's, everything else is ours."

The MP patrolmen have received discounts on personal equipment from Marina Cyclery and there is the possibility that a commissary vendor will donate mountain bikes for the patrol.

Presidio's bicycle patrolmen were advised on setting up the program by the San Francisco Police Department's Northern Station. "They have been a big help in just telling us what works and what doesn't," Howard also put together the unique bicycle MP uniform from lessons learned in a Seattle Police Department study on bicycle police patrols.

"The Seattle study showed that normal uniforms don't work," Howard said. "Riding is strenuous exercise and the normal uniforms don't allow for riding, so we adapted one for bicycle patrolling. We have to wear bulletproof vests, the yellow shirts are for visibility and comfortable athletic clothes were picked for riding comfort and to allow our bodies to breathe."

Bicycle patrols are also useful in enforcing bicycle laws.

"Bikes demand respect from other riders," Bierman said. "These are not toys, they are vehicles and must obey the laws. On the roadway the laws for bikes are the same as those for cars."

Howard interjected that in more than 65 percent of the accidents on the Presidio involving bikes the bicyclist was at fault. "We want to set the example, with safety equipment and in obeying the law, for other bicyclists," he added.

During a recent weekend patrol the Presidio Bike Patrol, consisting of two, two-man patrols, apprehended a person wanted by the San Francisco Police Department for outstanding warrants.

"We heard the call over the radio, for a warrant requiring backup," Howard explained. "The car responding and three bikes all arrived at the same time." He admits the bikes were going downhill but, on a bicycle he says he can do the speed limit almost anywhere on the post, except for going up steep hills. And even there he can keep up with a bicycle, go faster than someone on foot and if someone is running away in a motorized vehicle?

"I would probably catch them in traffic before they could get off post," Howard replied. "And, if not, that's why I have a radio."



Sgt. Mark Howard offers directions to a Presidio visitor.

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Parade Grand Marshals



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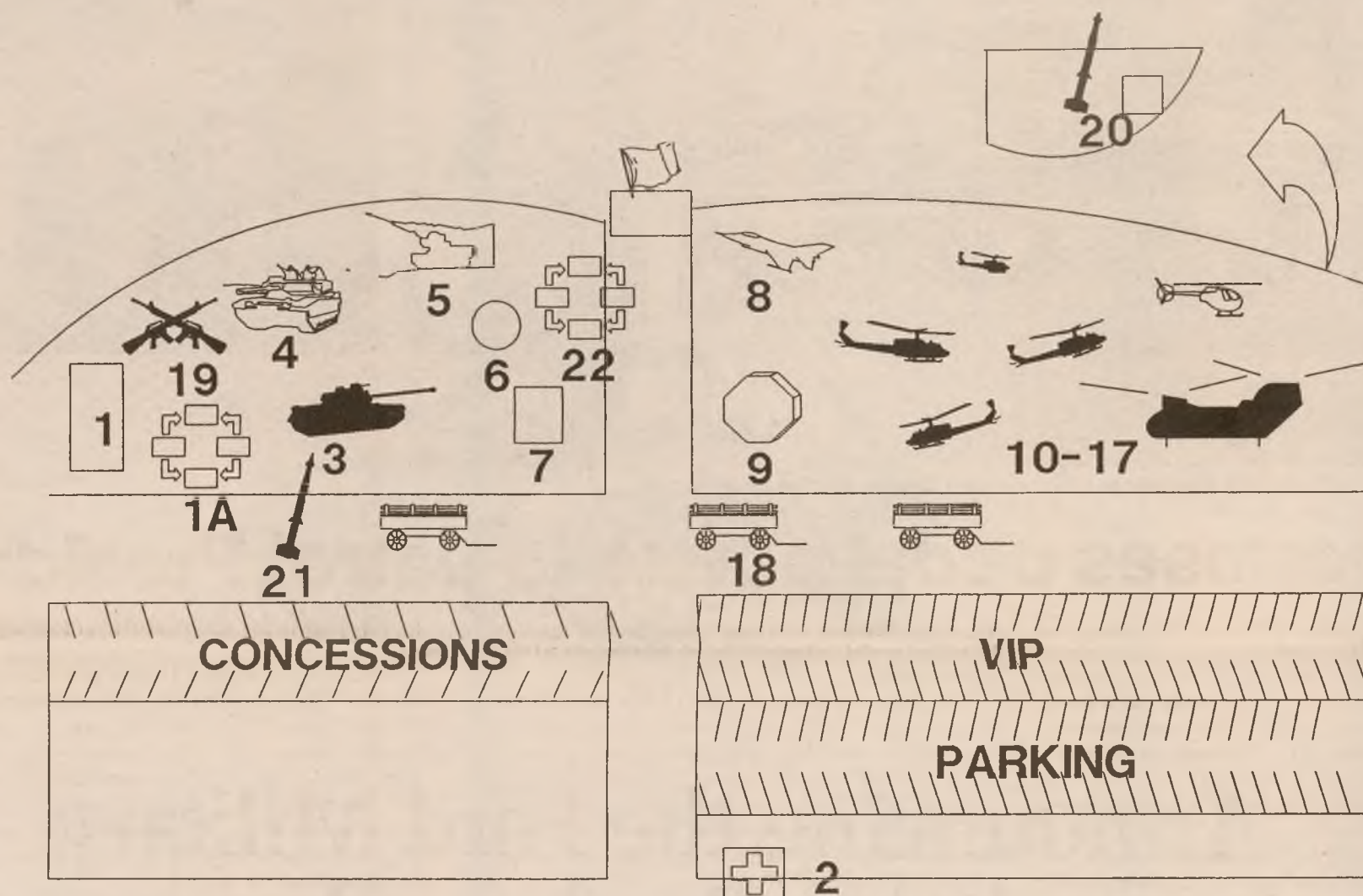
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Armed Forces Week concert open to public

by J01 Bill Miles,
Naval Base San Francisco Public Affairs

As a prelude to the "Welcome Home" parade in San Francisco on Saturday, the Bay Area's military commanders have invited the general public to attend the Armed Forces Week multi-service band concert tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Auditorium which is located at 111 California Street in San Francisco.

The Sixth U.S. Army Band will join bands from the Navy and Air Force to form a combined 70 piece orchestra in a salute to this year's Armed Forces

Week theme, "Eternal Vigilance... the Price of Liberty."

The theme has special meaning this year. "On this Armed Forces Day, America has added reason to be proud of our men and women in uniform," President George Bush recently told the members of the military. "The historic triumph of Operation Desert Storm has helped to renew our patriotism, and it has reminded us of something that you have never forgotten—that there are principles worth fighting for..." The concert is dedicated to this renewed

patriotism.

This is only the second time in recent history that all the Bay Area military bands have performed together. Last year's Armed Forces Week concert was the first, and because it was a grand success, it was decided that the bands would perform as one unit again. The event has become a new annual tradition of San Francisco with combined military band concerts planned for future Armed Forces weeks.

Admission is free with open seating. Parking is available at a special rate below the auditorium.



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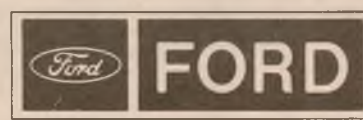
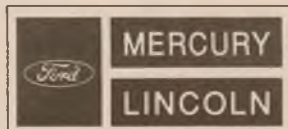
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Sports / Leisure

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

Windsurfing lessons

Windsurfing lessons are being offered through Outdoor Recreation June 15 and Aug. 10 at Black Point in Novato. Cost is \$60 per person, payable upon sign-up to include transportation, all equipment, including wet suit and certification.

Lessons are available to active duty members and their spouses, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees.

For sign-up and additional information, call the Information, Tour and Travel Office at 561-3992/3285.

Hole-in-one

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Tom Kaliher, Sixth U.S. Army Engineers, who shot a hole-in-one May 4 on the par 3 16th hole of the Presidio Golf Course. The 16th hole has sand traps in the front and a slight dorp-off behind it. Kaliher, who made the shot with No. 3 wood, said it was his first hole-in-one. He finished the day shooting 51 on the front nine and 37 on the back.

Run for your life

There is a Run For Your Life Program that can help you along the path to fitness. It is a basic running program open to Presidians. To sign up or for more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Presidential sports awards

The Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier America. Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15-years-old or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the military community.

Adult activities:

Aerobic class; call Beverly Carpenter, 681-6721. Run for your life program; call Bob Darling, 561-4120; Exercise stretching class; Lynn Fitzwater 8:30 a.m. Gym No. 1. Nautilus weight training; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Volksmarch Club; Sgt. Maj. Mike Conrad, 561-5613. Post running team; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Golf lessons; John Murray, 751-4063. Swim lessons/lifesaving class; Allen Posey, 561-3673. Fencing Lessons; Dr. Bill O'Brien, 221-1749. Scuba classes; Staff Sgt. Bob Riecke, 666-0523 or Sgt. Maj. Mike Benjamin, 931-6322. Ladies tennis; Sandy Halsey, 381-0654 (evenings).

Youth activities:

Swim lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. Youth soccer, basketball and baseball; Allen Posey, 561-5051. Aquarius swim team; Maj. Mike Koplin, 561-4224. Taekwondo lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. youth ballet and jazz dance; Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205. Junior bowling; Penny LeCroy, 563-0981.

Cycling championship

The United States Military Sports Association and co-sponsor AT&T announce the date of the 3rd Annual national Military Cycling Championship. Race dates are August 17 through 19 with a two-day U.S. Cycling Federation developmental clinic Aug. 15 and 16. this years event will be held at Nellis Air Force base, Los Vegas. There will be age separated categories. For more information, call (702) 652-4891.



photo by Drew Seaman

Darrell Hamlett, tournament chairman, Col. Alex Woods, Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, and Lt. Col. Steven Fredericks prepare to battle with clubs in hand, in the Desert Storm Invitational Golf Tournament held at the San Ramon Royal Vista Golf Course May 10.

Operation Sand Trap: Golf War storms San Leandro

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Beads of sweat formed on the colonel's brow. With a swipe of his arm, he rubbed it away. His concentration was hampered by the noonday heat as he wrapped his fingers around the hot iron.

He had accomplished his earlier mission; to bring troops out to this hot, flat land. The soldiers had come from Moffet Air Field, Alameda Naval Air Station and the Presidio.

Lt. Col. Steven C. Fredericks had worked hard to assemble these troops. They were now ready to begin the great war, the Desert Storm Invitational Golf War that is.

Over 112 golfers, soldiers and civilians, faced off the little white balls on the green May 10 in the San Ramon Royal Vista Golf Course.

Corporations sponsored soldiers to play this very special tournament. At a \$100 a head, America's service members played for free. "That's because various corporations paid over \$5,000 for service

members to be able to enjoy the golf game, cart, dinner and entertainment," said Darrel Hamlett, the tournament chairman.

Every golfer also received one or more gift items valued from \$25 to \$30 during the dinner. Over \$5,000 worth of gifts were given away. The major prize, a set of custom tailored Tony Lama golf clubs, was presented to Col. Alex Woods, a.k.a. "the Joketeller."

The Sixth U.S. Army Color Guard performed during the opening ceremonies while entertainment was provided by the Sixth U.S. Army band.

According to Hamlett, the proceeds that were made during the tournament will go to a Desert Storm military families support fund. He estimates a gross of \$16,000 was raised.

"I appreciate the value of freedom and how it shouldn't be taken for granted," said Hamlett. "We wanted to show our thanks to the military service members and give them a good time." According to one soldier, the golf war was a unanimous success.

DoDC wins volleyball championship

by Bobby Gascon
Presidio Sports Branch

Despite Company B LAMC's comeback from the loser's bracket, DoDC spiked LAMC 15-11, 5-15, 15-12 to win the Presidio Volleyball Championship Friday at Gym Number 1.

With seven minutes remaining in the tie-breaking set, DoDC put together three scoring plays for a 10-3 lead only to see LAMC B bounce back and rally to close within 4, but the sweat and intensity just weren't enough to keep the LAMC drive going.

DoDC played throughout the playoffs without a loss.

This was the second time in three games that DoDC and LAMC faced each other.

During the season DoDC and LAIR were tied with 9-1 records, but LAIR fell early during the playoffs.

In the first game of the championship, DoDC maintained control throughout. LAMC B didn't seem to get on track until the game was nearly won. But the second game was totally different.

LAMC B came back in the second game with accurate sets and driving spikes into DoDC's corners.

By the same token, DoDC blew their setups, missed their cues in the back court and couldn't

maintain control at the net. DoDC scored only five points, and had one chance left to bring home the trophy.

DoDC jumped into the lead early in the third game, and though LAMC B kept it close, there just wasn't enough time on the clock for LAMC to catch up.

Company B LAMC took second place in the tournament.

The following are the results from the other championship games, leading up to the final.

Game 1: DODC 15-15 vs. RGPSF 6-7

Game 2: USAG 1-13 vs. LEC 15-15

Game 3: RGPSF 11-2 vs. USAG 15-15

Game 4: Co B LAMC 15-10-15 vs. Sixth Army 1-15-15

Game 5: MEPCOM 15-2-12 vs. LAIR 12-15-15

Game 6: Sixth Army 10-15-13 vs. MEPCOM 15-5-15

Game 7: DODC 14-15-15 vs. LEC 16-8-12

Game 8: Co B LAMC 15-15 vs. LAIR 10-5

Game 9: MEPCOM 10-7 vs. LEC 15-15

Game 10: LAIR 16-6-8 vs. USAG 14-15-15

Game 11: USAG 15-11-7 vs. LEC 6-15-15

Game 12: DODC 15-15 vs. Co B LAMC 10-13

Game 13: Co B LAMC 15-15 vs. LEC 13-5

Game 14: DODC 15-5-15 vs. Co B LAMC 11-15-12

News

Presidians beware!
Vehicle code violations levy heavy fines

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Beware speeders! Your money may now leave your pockets faster than you can beat that yellow light at an intersection.

There have been some big changes made in vehicle code violation regulations last month. The new fine schedule for speeding is:

Miles per hour over limit	Total fine
1 to 5.....	\$20
6 to 10.....	\$40
11 to 15.....	\$50
16 to 20.....	\$60
21 to 25.....	\$100

(There is a mandatory court appearance for going 25 mph over the posted speed limit).

Other violations that used to levy a fine but now demand a mandatory court appearance are: providing a fraudulent application or false statement, false information to a peace officer, disobedience to traffic and police officers, improper showing of registration and displaying altered license plates.

Driving without an operators or chauffer license (expired or none) now costs a hefty \$80, up from \$15. A mutilated drivers license will cost you \$60, up from \$15.

Bicyclists riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs will required to make a court appearance. Bicyclists who hitch rides with other vehicles will be fined \$60, up from \$15. Riding on bicycle handlebars will cost you \$20 and riding with one hand free from the handlebars will cost you \$20 also.

For those artistically inclined, defacing an official sign will cost you \$120. It used to just require a court appearance.

Following too closely to another vehicle will get you an \$80 fine which is also the fine for following fire department vehicles. So what is there that you can do that Big Brother hasn't hunkered down upon? You can make complete stops at stop signs. It used to cost \$15 when you made an incomplete stop; now it'll cost you your cable bill, \$40 worth. Oh, by the

way fellow bicyclists that includes you.

For those individuals handicapped in the head, in other words lacking common sense, this doesn't qualify you to park in the spaces marked for the physically handicapped. Simon says pay that fine and give the nice judge \$100.

Throwing lighted items from your vehicle, whether it be a flaming fiery torch or a stub of a cigarette, will cost you \$200. That's a grand inflationary price jump up from \$50.

Telling a military policeman that you're Madonna, Kelly Bundy or Gumby (in other words use of a fictitious name) will net you a mandatory court appearance and not a spot on the Arsenio Hall Show.

These and and about a hundred other regulations guide the police toward cracking down on law breakers and making the roads safer for every living creature under the sun. It may seem overwhelming, but remember a safe driver is a live driver. Just think and drive!

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Community Calendar

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

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Families of Northern California military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf will be admitted free to Giants games throughout the upcoming season. Spouses, children under 18 and parents are included in the program. Active duty in the area are entitled to free Giants tickets for themselves and may either go to General Admission or may present their active duty I.D. card at Gate C on the day of the game, where they will be given Upper Reserve seats along with the Gulf families. The program will remain in effect throughout the 1991 regular season. Parents can obtain their passes through Operation Yellow Ribbon, at 737-9700. Waiting spouses and children under age 18 may call Anna M. Rodriguez at 1-800-722-0858 to obtain the Giants passes.

Free art exhibit

The San Francisco State University Art Department will be exhibiting works by Bay Area artist Linda Fleming Tuesday through May 23 in the Art Department Gallery (Art and Industry bldg., room 201). Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Fleming is known for her large scale glass, steel and wood sculptures. The exhibit is free. For more information, call the Art Department at 338-2176.

Fairmont extends dining program

For only \$99 per night, military personnel can take advantage of the Fairmont Hotel's incredible "military rate."

In addition, the Fairmont has also extended its special Armed Forces dining program through July 4 to continue honoring military personnel involved in Operation Desert Storm. The program is available in any one of the hotel's four restaurants - the Crown, Bella Voce, Squire and Tonga. Service men and women will receive a complimentary dinner entree when they purchase a second entree of equal or greater value. To "pop" off a wonderful dining experience, guests will receive a complimentary bottle of Fairmont champagne.

To take advantage of this special offer, military personnel need only present their active duty or reserve I.D. card to the restaurant maitre d'. For restaurant reservations, call 722-5144.

Jazz Festival

The Asian American Jazz Festival will be held tomorrow through Saturday at the Asian Art Museum (Trustees Auditorium) in Lincon Park at 8 p.m. For more information, call 668-6404.



photo by Robert Davis

Military Spouse Day

Herma Conrad is presented a Military Spouse Day proclamation by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander during the Military Spouse Day retreat ceremony Friday.

Meals Ready to Eat

MREs are available for purchase by authorized personnel through the Commissary store on special order. They are sold by the box at a cost of \$51.15 per box.

Singles play night

Sue Walden and Company presents an evening of theater games and interactive play May 31 - an easy way to meet other single people. It'll be in Building C at Fort Mason from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The fee is \$15 and preregistration is required. For more information, call 885-5678.

Free vehicle inspections

Free car inspections are still available at the Auto Shop (building 662) to soldiers who were involved in Operation Desert Storm and their family members who have military IDs and deployment orders. Building 662 is located on McDowell Avenue. Call 561-5521 for an appointment.

Asian Pacific Luncheon

The Asian Pacific Heritage Luncheon will be held at the Golden Gate Club today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Director of the San Francisco Asian Law Caucus, Bill Tamayo, will be the guest speaker.

Holy Ghost Festival

The 67th annual Portuguese celebration of the Holy Ghost will be in Fernalde Saturday and Sunday. It will include parades, dances, feasting and an auction. For more information, call (707) 786-9640.

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and the Letterman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

Choral event auditions

The San Francisco Choral Society will be holding auditions for singers interested in participating in a massive performance of the Berlioz Requiem at Civic Auditorium this summer. More than 500 voices, four brass bands and a full symphony orchestra will combine for what is expected to be a truly Napoleonic display of sonic pyrotechnics in the most significant musical event to take place in San Francisco for many years. For audition and ticket information, call the San Francisco Choral Society at 566-8425.



Mickey Mouse offer

Every active member of the U.S. Military is eligible for free admission to Disneyland. Visit ITT at building 215 to pick one up. The tickets are valid through Nov. 11, 1991.

Universal Studios offer

Universal Studios is offering free admission to active duty, retired and reserve soldiers who present an ID card at the Universal Studios ticket counter.

Great America Day

It's only \$19.75 for transportation and a full day at Great America July 20. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at the park. Sign up by July 12 at the ITT office in Building 215.

Sea World offer

Sea World is admitting without charge all active duty and activated reservists and their dependents once between Saturday and Sept. 2, 1991. Military IDs must be presented at Sea World for this offer.

Bay Area cruises

Heritage Architectural Bay Cruises will be given on Hornblower Yachts at Pier 33 beginning June 8. The focus of the cruises will be to help people rediscover the unique Bay Area architecture. The cost for Heritage members will be \$30 and for non-members the cost will be \$40. For more information and reservations, call 441-3004.



Presidio Post Theater

Friday - The Marrying Man (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II (PG) 7 p.m.

Sunday - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II (PG) 7 p.m.

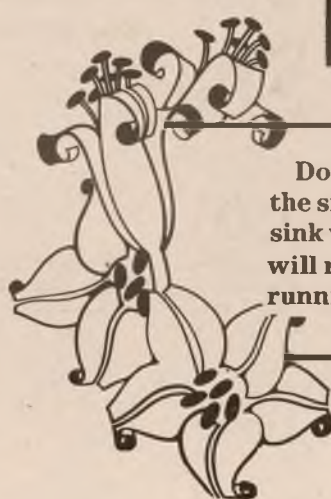
Monday - The Perfect Weapon (R) 7 p.m.



Conservation Corner

WATER TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't be a dirty bird! Rinse your razor in the sink. Before shaving, partially fill your sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your blade just as efficiently as running water, and with far less waste!





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Armed Forces Day Parade

photo by Duvel White

Soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen wave to the throng as their float "Wings of Peace," moved down Marina Boulevard in San Francisco during the Armed Forces Parade Saturday.

Boxer introduces new early-out bill

By K.M.Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

Congresswoman Barbara Boxer has introduced a new early-out bill, HR-1820. Called the Federal Employee Retirement Incentive Act, the bill, if passed, "would allow federal employees to add four years of credit to their age or years of federal service for the purpose of calculating [their] retirement benefits. Age and service credit can be combined so long as the total does not exceed four years."

HR-1820 differs from Boxer's earlier bill, 7R-4531, introduced last year, which proposed adding five years to an employee's age or time in service and applied only to Department of Defense agencies undergoing realignment and closure.

HR-1820 reduces the proposed added time to four years, and covers all government agencies and facilities experiencing RIFs, realignments, closures or transfers of function.

Boxer, in an April 17 news release, says HR-1820 is designed "to help employees and federal agencies facing a reduction in workloads" and "to encourage the early retirement of workers."

The extra four years could bring an employee's age to 50 or service years to a total of 20 (or a combination to reach these limits), or 25 years at any age, which are the minimum qualifications for early retirement consideration.

The four years could also be added to civilians who are already retirement eligible to tempt those who otherwise might not be considering normal retirement.

"We need to enhance the retirement options for our federal employees when their agencies are cut back or closed," Boxer said. "The problem is particularly critical in the Department of Defense which continues to reduce civilian personnel at military installations slated for downsizing, closure, and consolidation around the country."

"By encouraging older, higher paid employees to retire, jobs for younger federal employees with years

of productive service ahead of them will be preserved," Boxer said.

Boxer's new bill is endorsed by the American Federation of Government Employees, the National Federation of Government Employees, and the Federal Managers Association.

Boxer expanded her bill, says the *Federal Times*, "hoping to win a more positive reception from other members of Congress." Her earlier bill received little positive reception other than from DoD employees who would have been affected.

A provision of the new bill is that "both the agency and the Office of Personnel Management would have to agree that the agency should be a candidate for the enhanced retirement option, as they now do with regard to the current early out option."

"The criteria for triggering the enhanced retirement option parallels current OPM regulations for the current early retirement option," says a fact sheet accompanying the news release; "That is, if the agency plans (1) for a 5 percent reduction of its employees or (2) that the salaries of 20 percent of its employees will be reduced."

"As with current regulations, these requirements can be waived if the agency believes the RIF will have a severe impact on the local economy or if employment prospects for separated employees are poor."

With more senior people volunteering to take retirement, it could save layoffs of younger employees.

Currently, there is a 2 percent reduction in pay for each year under 55 for those who retire early. According to the *Times*, "The Boxer bill would give agencies a way to entice more early retirees by letting some avoid the 2 percent penalty by adding to their ages."

The *Times* states that "DoD estimates a reduction of more than 97,000 federal employees between 1990 and fiscal 1993. The work force will drop by 21,000 during 1991, 49,000 during 1992, and 27,000

during 1993. Those estimates do not reflect potential future base closures."

Additionally, says the *Times*, "The Pentagon has plans to eliminate tens of thousands of federal jobs as it downsizes, and just announced plans to close 31 bases and realign 28 others, cutting or moving 55,000 civil service slots. Some observers believe Boxer's bill, or something like it could find strong Defense backing."

There are mixed feelings among some employees. Many who were offered early retirement in recent years were reluctant to accept, feeling there was no advantage to doing so. Boxer's bill would offer an incentive.

Said Jim Cutshall of Scott Air Force Base in a letter to the editor of the *Times*, "People who qualify for retirement will not do so until they want to or until they are forced."

"The people who are really affected are those 45 to 55 with 20 to 25 years of service. I have heard the government has always been 'in the forefront on benefits.' Since when? Private industry has for years reduced its personnel, when possible, by making it possible to retire—up to 10 years early—without loss of income. It makes for good public relations and no bitter feelings."

"Most of the early outs have a lack of incentive. Your income is going to be reduced already, and if under 55 you've got to pay Uncle Sam for the privilege of doing him a favor. Is it really any wonder that people are less than willing to pay for the privilege of helping Uncle retain younger employees?"

"I'm for the Boxer Bill. It's fair and timely. There are a lot of people who'd take it and run, but the same people say 'nuts' to paying for the privilege."

The new bill "would expire three years after enactment to allow congress and the OPM an opportunity to evaluate its effectiveness. OPM would be required to submit an annual report to Congress on the enhanced early retirement option."

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians—

As I write this I am flying at 27,000 feet from San Francisco to Boise, Idaho. The sky above me is pure blue and below is a beautiful, sun covered sea of pure white whipped cream clouds. From up here, one can only see beauty and experience wonder and awe at our world. I think one needs to fly like this periodically to keep in proper perspective life and living and our wonderful universe and all the blessings we enjoy each and every day. Too often we get so wrapped up in our daily lives—

our jobs, our cares, our frustrations, our disappointments—that we lose sight of the fact that it is indeed a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place.

This past week was full of opportunities to reflect on how wonderful it is to be a part of our great Army. On Monday, Command Sergeant Major Whiteford and his noncommissioned officers ran their annual Army Emergency Relief (AER) sports day. How about these results:

Event	Dollars produced for AER
Bowling	\$171.60
Softball	\$120.00
Sergeant Major/Colonel Softball	\$133.00
Food	\$105.00
Total	\$529.60

Now that's HOO AH! In addition, Readiness Group Presidio of San Francisco turned in \$93.00 worth of fines from their dining in. Another HOO AH! Thanks to Sergeant Major Vales, Master Sergeant Cluff, Sergeant Major Tyquingco, Command Sergeant Major Dunn and Command Sergeant Major Whiteford—all deserve a really big HOO AH!!

On Tuesday the 14th, as part of Armed Forces Week, the San Francisco Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual Armed Forces Week luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel. It was a super affair. The All-Service color guard under the command of Sergeant Lopez was super great and as always—the Sixth Army Band performed outstandingly. Our own Secretary of the Army, Michael P. W. Stone, was the speaker. All in all—a HOO AH! day.

On Wednesday, Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison had a change of command and Captain Wes Oberling relinquished command to Captain Diana Helsing. A very impressive ceremony and the troops and band looked great. Lieutenant Colonel Vona gave an excellent talk. All the best to Captain Oberling and family and a hearty welcome to Captain Helsing and family.

Also On Wednesday I attended the Whale Boat Races sponsored by the Port of San Francisco. I was pleasantly surprised to learn the Army entered a team! Major Fowler, the Provost Marshal, and the Military Police Company carried the Army colors into the Navy event. Although we didn't win, we tried and walked away in honor—but sore!! It was a GREAT try. Wait until next year and HOO AH!! Our team members (very impressive upper body types!) were:

Staff Sergeant Steven Sias
Sergeant Doug Smith

Private First Class Tony Mastin
Sergeant Gregg Demo
Sergeant John Hirst
Private First Class Scott Autry
Specialist Gregg Clapham
Specialist Mike Carter
Major John Fowler

On Thursday I returned to Fort Irwin to visit the 1st Brigade, 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard. Great training going on and the desert was the prettiest I have ever seen it—green and covered with wild flowers. Another chance to be thankful for our many blessings.

On Friday we celebrated a delayed LAW DAY 91. The Judge Advocate of the Army, Major General John L. Fugh, was here and was our guest speaker. The Garrison and Sixth U.S. Army lawyers and legal clerks combined efforts and it was a super day. Some special people and organizations recognized were:

Tax Volunteers

Lt. Col. (Retired) Leland Ecklon, Tax Preparer
Colonel (Retired) Herb Mann, Tax Preparer
Mrs. Doris Ecklon, Receptionist
Mrs. Christine Richardson, Receptionist
Mrs. Gladys Siemens, Receptionist

Civilian attorneys representing law firms volunteering free legal advice to Operation Desert Storm soldiers and families:

Dan Motsinger, representing the law firm of Cooley, Godward, Castro, Huddleson and Tatum; Jim Hargarten, Jarrett Fugh, and Paul Berning, representing Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges

Representing the State Bar of California:
Robert Oliver, Member Board of Governors
Herb Rosenthal, Executive Director
Ilene Gusfield, Pro Bono Program Developer

On Friday evening, Armed Forces Day/Week went into high gear. The combined Army, Navy, and Air Force bands had a concert at Masonic Hall downtown. It was super great and all the bands were outstanding. I only wish more of you could have heard it. Truly it was a first rate performance—it rates a real loud HOO AH!

Saturday was the big Armed Forces Week parade here at Presidio of San Francisco. It was a great parade and there are so many folks to thank I could never mention everyone. At the risk of overlooking someone I must mention:

- Our Military Police Company
- The grounds section of Director of Engineering and Housing (DEH)
- The Sixth U.S. Army Band
- The U.S. Marines
- The All Service Color Guard
- The DCSOPS and Lieutenant Colonel Dale Litney

• The Public Affairs Office and Lieutenant Colonel Steve Fredericks

- LAMC/LAIR "put up/take down" detail
- The California National Guard
- 7th Infantry Division (LIGHT)
- All the parade participants
- The Coast Guard
- The DEH street marking crew
- The U.S. Navy
- Protocol and Captains Horvath and Furney
- The Provost Marshal Office shop and Major Fowler



- The U.S. Air Force
- The DPTM and Major Matlock
- The 91st Division
- Fort Irwin and the National Training Center
- Headquarters Command Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Vona.

- The Enlisted Spouses Club
- The Military Intelligence Battalion and Criminal Investigation Department Detachment

And I could go on and on. If I overlooked anyone, please forgive me. I was simply overwhelmed by the outpouring of support by all Presidians. One special civilian group was the volunteers under Ms. Maggie McCall who did so much. All of the above deserve a very special HOO AH! And of course I must not forget our wonderful sponsors from the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose and other Bay Area Chambers of Commerce. It all made for the best ever Armed Forces Week parade San Francisco has ever seen.

I am well aware that many of you are upset by the demonstrators who tried—but failed!—to disrupt our celebration. Just remember—our oath is "to preserve, protect and defend" the Constitution—and their right to express their opinion. I do not agree that it includes their trying to deny us our rights but we're bigger and better people—more mature, more understanding, more tolerant and more fair than they. They try to deny us our right to march. We defend their right to disagree. So, who's the better person? We are and don't ever forget it. To each of you who marched, worked, patrolled, put up, took down or helped in any way my very personal thanks. Truly you are each HOO AH!

And how about all those static displays? Weren't they great? And radio station KNBR and the show following the parade. There are just so many folks, organizations, and units. To each and every one of you—thanks, thanks, thanks!

Well, I'm almost to Boise and it's time to go to work! It was a great week—thanking our homecoming heroes! Celebrating being members of the U.S. Armed Forces! Being family members! Being a civilian employee! Being Army volunteers! Being an Army Retiree! Be proud, stand tall and continue to love your country. Although at times we may wonder about some of our fellow citizens, it is still the greatest country on earth. We are truly blessed to be Americans!

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Every American has to comprehend clearly that it is the survival of freedom—not the preservation of peace—which is our overriding purpose. Freedom is not free!"

—Anon

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Ask Presidians

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

"Doctors and dentists who test positive for the HIV (AIDS) virus, and their patients. Your thoughts?"

Anne Fashaver, industrial security representative, Defense Investigative Service: "I don't think they should be taken out of practice. They should notify their patients though and let the patient decide whether they want to be treated by this physician."



Tom Clark, illustrator, Presidio Training Support Center Graphics: "The patients have a right to know and judge for themselves. They should be able to make their own decisions. It's the right of the patient. As far as doctors being removed from their jobs; that would be a waste of a great mind in medicine."



Karen Brown, personnel actions clerk, Civilian Personnel Office: "If my doctor got tested positive I think he should be allowed to continue to practice medicine. It's his job to know health care. It's not like he's going to blow at you and you'll get AIDS."



Spec. Nina Evans, dental assistant, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I really feel sorry for those doctors. I hate the fact they would have to stop their work. It might be best for their patients though."



Lt. Col. Arthur Coradine, assistant DSLOG, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army: "It would have to be at the discretion of the patient. Doctors should let them know in advance and let the patient make their own decisions. I don't think it'd be fair to take away their legal right to practice."



Miriam Duran, management assistant, Headquarters U.S. Army Garrison: "I think it's okay for doctors to continue to practice if they have AIDS. It doesn't bother me because AIDS is transferred through sex, blood transfusions, etcetera. Doctors know what they're doing."



Faces

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Headquarters Command Battalion

A Hoo Ah! to Sgt. Lawrence Reed who completed his course at the Recruiting School in Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN. He attended the school from March 29 to May 3.

The highly-skilled Staff Sgt. Mary V. Francisco has been picked up for the sergeant first class promotion list. The Louisiana native has also been selected for the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers School list. Hoo Ah Hah Hoo!

Juvenile Review Board

A Juvenile review Board was convened May 9 to determine appropriate sanctions for three dependents involved in misconduct. An adult was also ordered to appear before the board for his involvement in a fight at his neighbor's quarters.

Shoplifting, a serious problem here, referred two of the children before the board. Shoplifting arrests mandate a suspension of privileges for six months. Additionally, a cumulative recommendation was made that the two youths also serve a period of community service, prepare lengthy written projects on the effects of a juvenile criminal record on an individual's future, and an extension of the mandated revocation of privileges. One of the youths also faces a magistrate court hearing for the misconduct.

One dependent juvenile also appeared before the board for reported continued fighting and bullying in his neighborhood. The panel elected to

direct that further investigation be conducted before making any recommendations.

A case involving an adult was also heard by the forum. A dependent husband was called to the proceedings as a result of a fight in which the victim required stitches to close a wound. The fight began after all present had been drinking for an extended period and was definitely prompted by the alcohol involvement. The panel's recommendation to the Garrison Commander included an extensive period of community service and alcohol counseling. If the family desires not to complete the instituted sanctions, they will be ordered to move out of quarters.

Incidents of misconduct are being closely scrutinized by the community. The Presidio is a small, close-knit group of many different backgrounds. It's imperative that we all do our best to obey the laws and live up to our responsibilities. In so doing, our community will continue to grow, and our goal of harmony and tranquility will be much closer.

(Compiled by Maj. John Fowler, Presidio Provost Marshall)

Presidio Commissary

Four \$50 checks were given to needy people on the Presidio May 14. Robert Varela, the commissary manager, presented two of the checks on behalf of the Overseas Service Corporation and the Sunshine Biscuit Company to the Presidio Chapel. The chapel will distribute the money to the economically disadvantaged. Varela presented the other two checks on behalf of the same companies to Hands Across the Presidio, a local food basket distribution program.

Letterman Army Medical Center

LAMC welcomes the following soldiers to its family: Col. A. Scavarda, who will work in the Department of Physical Medicine and 2nd Lt. K. Galloway who is working in Physical Therapy.

Farewell to the following soldiers: Maj. R. Culbert, Department of Nursing, who is going to Camarillo, Calif.; Capt. N. Brown, Physical Therapy, to Fort Eustis, Va.; Sgt. D. McGary, Coronary Care Unit, to Chicago, Ill.; Spec. T. Britton, Pharmacy, to Fort Bragg, N.C.; Spec. M. Daulo, Cardiology, to Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash.; Spec. E. Luckett, Bravo Company, to 1st AG Repl., San Francisco, Calif.; Pvt. J. Adams, Ophthalmology, to 1st AG Repl., San Francisco, Calif.; Ms. S. Burke, Medical Clinic, to Naval Hospital Oakland, Calif.; Ms. L. Hill, 9-East, to Naval Hospital Oakland, Calif.; Ms. P. Shufelt, Logistics Division, to Champaign, Ill.; Mr. J. Troth, Patient Administration Division, to Naval Hospital Oakland, Calif.; Ms. A. Turpin, Letterman Library, to Presidio Library, San Francisco, Calif.

Promotions

Congratulations to Linda Whitfield on her promotion to sergeant first class. Sgt. 1st Class Whitfield is from the Deputy Chief of Staff/Personnel Division.

Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison

Best wishes to Capt. Wesley Oberling, former company commander, who has been assigned to Belgium. Capt. Diane L. Helsing assumed command of the company May 15.



Capt. Wesley Oberling turns over the Headquarters Company guidon to Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona, Headquarters Command Battalion Commander.

News

News Briefs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

ID card section

The ID card hours changed Wednesday. Appointments only for all cards, 8 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be held noon to 1 p.m. During lunch a reduced staff will be present for emergencies only. Walk-In for all cards will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sponsors must accompany family members or have the application notarized. The ID card section can not issue reserve ID cards for other services or their family members. To reduce film cost photos will be delayed.

Holiday closure

The Presidio Commissary will be closed on May 28 for the Memorial Day observance. Also, the Bowling Center will be closed on May 27.

Welcome home parade

Novato is holding a welcome home parade for soldiers returning from the Persian Gulf June 1. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. A picnic and celebration will be held after the parade. For more information, call Carol Carkoff 382-1772 or 897-9328.



National Park photographers

As part of the long-range planning efforts for conversion of the Presidio, the National Park Service is conducting a preliminary condition survey of all Presidio buildings. A team of National Park Service architectural consultants will be looking closely at and photographing the exteriors of the housing areas. The team will be on site from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule of their visits are Friday and Sunday through May 24.

Federal employee awards

Now is the time to honor outstanding federal employees (including military members) in the San Francisco Bay Area. There are sixteen categories with awards in each. Candidates may be nominated in all categories but an individual may only be nominated once. Obtain a form for the Federal Employees of the Year Awards from your supervisor. Nominations are due no later than Wednesday. For more information, call Nancy Gunther at 561-3779.

Commissary news

In an effort to keep Commissary Shoppers informed and healthy, the Presidio Commissary will sponsor a complete Blood Pressure and Cholesterol screening provided by Letterman Army Medical Center personnel on the following dates: May 30 and June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To take advantage of this service stop by the commissary lobby.

Museum reopens

The Presidio Army Museum reopened to the public Saturday. The museum was closed for remodeling to repair damage caused by the 1989 earthquake.

Admission is free, though voluntary donations are accepted. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays.

Arrangements for group tours can be made by calling 921-8195.

Base closure issues

Reader responds to editor's letter

By Thomas P. Galvin, Senior Analyst
Base Realignment and Closure Office

Managing Editor's comment: The Star Presidian has informed readers, many times, that, if you have questions, you should write to us and we will seek to obtain and publish the answers. The Star Presidian received the following letter from Staff Sergeant Phillip L. Arnold (USAF Retired):

"Dear Sir: I see in the Star Presidian that you are asking for questions from the public. I have a few questions I would like to ask and get a true answer." [Signed] SSG Arnold.

Following are Sergeant Arnold's questions followed by the answers provided by Mr. Galvin of BRACO.]

Q: "When they close down the Presidio, are they going to close the Base Exchange [sic], Commissary, and everything else, or just the Army military part?"

A: The Post Exchange, Commissary Child Development Center, Reserve Centers and Family Housing were named in the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee's Conference Report in November 1989 as activities that the respective Secretaries of the Army and the Interior were to consider for possible continued operations and maintenance. An economic feasibility study is now in progress to determine if it is financially beneficial to the Department of Defense to continue operating those facilities.

Q: "When they close Letterman Hospital, where are the retirees' dependents going to get their medical benefits or what are they going to do about them all? What are they intending to do with the Letterman Hospital building? It's only been built for a very short time."

A: The Defense Appropriations Subcommittees Conference Report of November 1989 also named Letterman Army Medical Center (LAMC) as an activity to be studied for future use. However, Public Law 100-526 (Oct 24, 1988) and the Base Closure Commission report of December 1988 requires that the Secretary of Defense terminate operations of LAMC. Therefore, the military will not operate a medical or health care facility at the Presidio of San Francisco. Furthermore, in compliance with PL 100-526, military medical personnel and medical equipment will be redistributed throughout the Army medical community for utilization at other installations across the country. This does not preclude a third party from entering into an agreement with the National Park Service to lease and operate a medical facility in the building vacated by LAMC, nor does it preclude that same third party from entering into an agreement with the Department of Defense to provide medical services to Department of Defense CHAMPUS and MEDICARE eligible beneficiaries. An economic feasibility study addressing these issues is now in progress.

Q: "When they close the Presidio, what are they going to do with all those brick homes - going to let them go to waste or what?"

A: Again, the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee

tees Conference Report of November 1989 also named military housing as an activity to be considered for continued use through an interagency agreement or lease-back arrangement. Over 200 residences on the Presidio are designated as "historic" and are required by law to be maintained. The need for housing is fairly well established. The National Park Service will have a requirement to house a number of their Park personnel. The Department of Defense may, or may not, choose to enter into an agreement to utilize a number of residences for bay area military personnel. In either event, the Department of the Interior will hold title to the land and will determine its future use. Any residences not utilized by the Department of Defense through an agreement/lease with the Department of the Interior will be utilized, leased, or disposed of by the National Park Service.

Q: "If they close the Presidio, then what will they do if another war breaks out? The city won't have any protection and then what?"

A: "They" will close the Presidio, no "if" about it. The Department of Defense will terminate active military operations at the Presidio of San Francisco not later than 30 September 1995, in compliance with Public Law 100-526. The Presidio of San Francisco has not "protected" the City of San Francisco for many, many years. The gun emplacements and missile silos that ring the Golden Gate have long been silent and vacant. The Presidio of San Francisco is an administrative installation. The organizations located here provided command and control to subordinate units located throughout the western United States and provide support services to other organizations in the area. Those missions can be accomplished from any number of other locations.

NOTE: The writer refers to the faceless "they." There really are names and faces to go with "they."

The Department of the Army is "closing" the Presidio, in a manner of speaking. All full time Department of Defense organizations will relocate from the Presidio or will be deactivated. The U.S. Army Reserve units now located on the Presidio will remain on the Presidio. Feasibility studies are in progress to determine if it is in the best interests of the Department of Defense to enter into an agreement with the Department of the Interior to continue operating certain support activities (medical for other than active duty personnel, military housing, retail facilities, and the child development center).

What is done with the Presidio when it is no longer a Department of Defense installation is a decision of the Department of the Interior and is covered in part by Public Law 92-589 which established the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The Presidio of San Francisco will be part of the National Park system. For that reason, the use of the word "closing" is perhaps misleading. The Presidio is being transferred from one department of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government (Defense) to another (Interior) for continued operation in the public interest.

Motorcycle safety regulation reminder

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Soldiers and civilians working on Army installations have no choice to make about motorcycle or moped safety. Army Regulation 385-55 requires the following:

- Drivers will complete an Army motorcycle safety course.
- Headlights must be on at all times.
- Two rear-view mirrors are required, one on each side.
- Riders will not use headphones or earphones while driving.
- Riders will wear an approved and properly fastened helmet. The helmet will meet Department of Transportation, DOT, construction standards.
- Riders will wear proper protective equipment. This includes eye protection such as clear goggles or face shield attached to the helmet, a windshield or

fairing is not eye protection. Riders will also wear full-fingered gloves, long trousers, long-sleeved shirts or jackets, high-visibility garments (bright colored for day, reflective for night), and leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes.

Soldiers must comply with these requirements at all times, on or off duty, on or off post; civilians will comply with the regulation while on post or while on government business on or off the installation. The regulation covers government-owned motorcycles and mopeds as well as privately owned ones.

The motorcycle safety course is an all day course offered the third Wednesday of each month by the Directorate of Safety. For more information concerning the course or general motorcycle safety concerns call 561-4424.

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A member of the Special Forces Parachute Team from Fort Bragg, N.C., lands in front of the reviewing on Crissey Field as Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison and California Governor Pete Wilson look on.



photo by Chuck Blancet

Presidians lined the parade route to show patriotic support for our men and women in uniform.



"Hoo Ah!" Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison calls to soldiers from 7th Infantry Division's Armed Forces Day Parade.

Armed Forces Day celebration

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

Saturday's Armed Forces Day Parade took a new route. The parade started on the Presidio and ended at Fort Mason.

Armed Forces Day festivities began at 11 a.m. with a parachute jump by the Special Forces Sport Parachute Team from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The jump coincided with a 21-gun salute to signal the start of the parade.

The parade began on Mason Street across from Crissy Field, and advanced along Marina Boulevard to end at Buchanan Street. In the past, the parade has been held in the City's financial district.

Saturday's parade featured returning Desert Storm units, as well as marching units from the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

Also, military and civilian bands, military color guards, veterans' groups and civilian support groups

participated in the parade.

Five Grand Marshals, including men and women veterans and three were also veterans.

The Grand Marshals included men and women from the Persian Gulf.

There were plenty of photographers throughout the parade. KNBR Radio provided live coverage of the afternoon on Crissy Field.

There were static displays of military equipment and other military vehicles on the Presidio.

The displays included an M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and a Patriot Missile.

The celebration included



"Let the parade begin!" California Governor Pete Wilson addresses the crowd at the Armed Forces Day Parade on the Presidio Saturday as Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Presidio and on.

Parade



photo by Duvel White

ion as they marched past the reviewing stand during Satur-



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This High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) was one of many static displays on Crissey Field.

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ehicle and a mock-up of the
uded aircraft fly-bys during

the parade, including a pass by an Air Force C-5 Galaxy. The Galaxy is the military's largest aircraft, and transported both equipment and personnel to Saudi Arabia.

The Golden Gate Fleet delivered a nautical salute while sailing in the Bay along the parade route. The Coast Guard Search and Rescue team put on a demonstration, and the Navy's U.S.S. Pyro and the Coast Guard Cutter Monroe were anchored in the Bay.

Also, the annual Junior ROTC Drill Competition was held at the Presidio's Main Parade Field from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Armed Forces Day activities concluded with a retreat ceremony at the Main Post flagpole in Pershing Square, conducted by the Bay Area Junior ROTC and the Sixth U.S. Army Band.



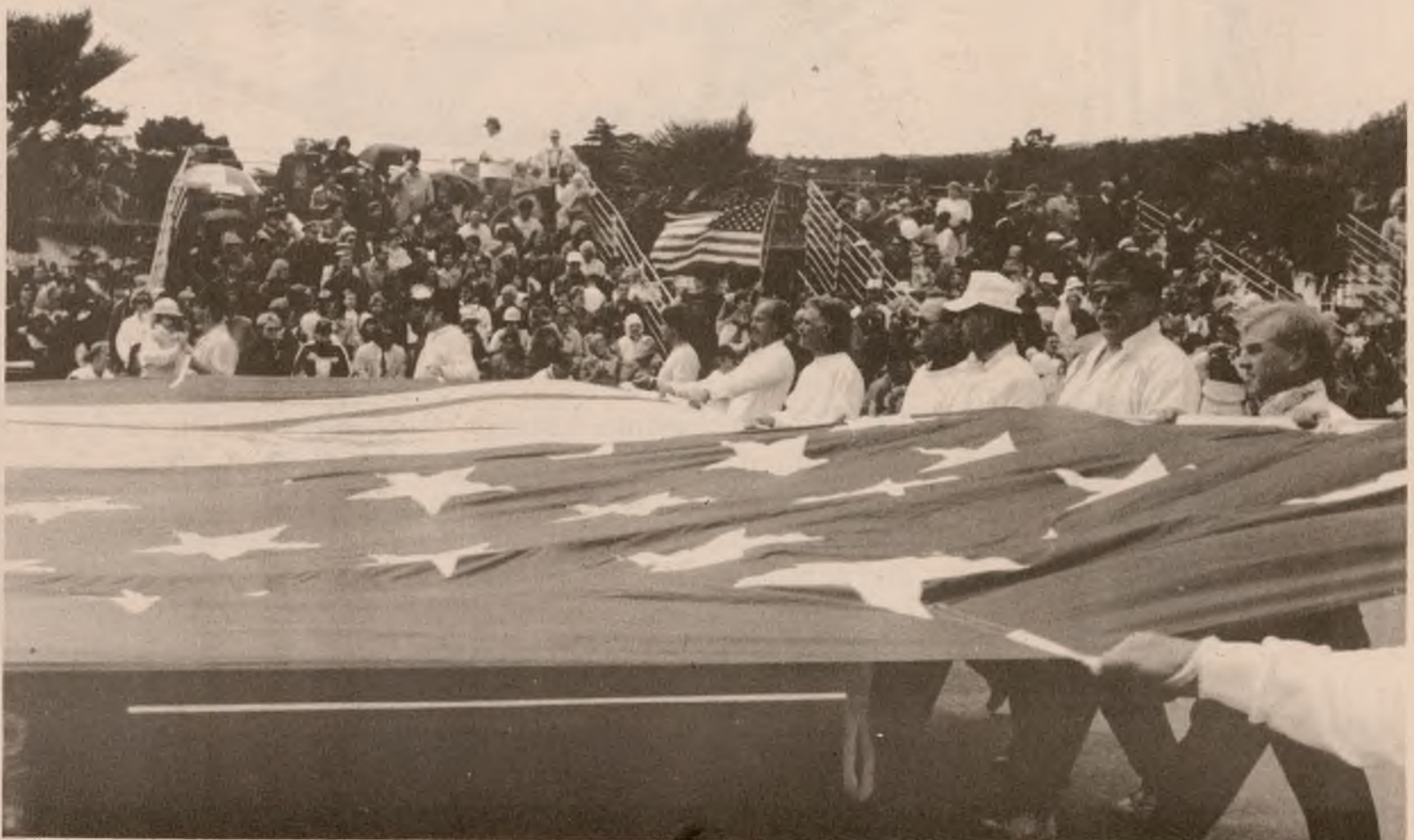
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The Sixth U.S. Army Band, combined with Air Force and Navy Bands, gave an Armed Forces Week concert Friday night at the Masonic Auditorium.



photo by Duvel White

vd to begin the Armed Forces Day
Sixth U.S. Army commander, looks



News

U.S. military operates large airline corporation

by Helen Lindsay, Army Flyer
and Drew Seaman, Star Presidian staff

Once upon a time, two travel-hungry Presidians were searching for separate flights to meet in Germany. The woman was impatient and she didn't want to wait around for a deal. She ended up paying mega-bucks on a commercial airline. The man had patience and time to spare; for 10 dollars he got an overseas flight with the military.

The U.S. military operates a large airline corporation when you think of all the military flights in and out of Air Force, Navy, and Army installations on a daily basis. One of the privileges and benefits that members of the Armed Forces have is the opportunity to get on one of these suitable-for-passenger flights, if seats are unoccupied and not required for the mission.

One of the best books on space available travel is Ann and Roy Crawford's "Military Space-A Opportunities Around the World." Although active duty military, retirees, and family members are eligible for Space-A flights, there are some restrictions as to who can fly where. Space-A travel means having seats that will be unoccupied during a flight, thus they are made available on a first come, first serve basis.

If a military flight is going from one point to another in the continental United States, only active duty soldiers in most cases (depending on the mission of the flight) and retired servicemembers can fly when space is available. Family members may travel space-available, but only when accompanied by a military sponsor on flights going outside the continental United States. As long as the final destination is an overseas location, the family member accompanied by the sponsor can fly Space-A even if the flight makes stops in the United States before its final destination. In this case your final destination must also be the overseas location.

Change in policy

There is a new change in Space-A policy. Until recently, family members with their sponsors could only board a flight which flew directly from the

United States to an overseas destination. Now, for example, a family can begin in St. Louis with the flight stopping in Philadelphia and continuing on to Germany.

One of the biggest rules in flying Space-A is to have plenty of time and patience. The second rule is to have enough money to pay for your return in case you lose out on space-available travel on the way back. Even though many bases can project what their schedules will be, for the most part, the final schedules are not posted until 24 hours before, especially bases whose missions are not primarily passenger traffic.

Frequent flights

Active duty on-leave status military fall into the second category of eligibility for space available seats. The folks who are in category I, and can bump active duty on leave are those on emergency leave status.

In order to sign up Space-A travel, the active duty soldier must be on leave status at the time he signs up for the flight. The number of Space-A passengers the terminal handles per year determines if there is a charge for your flight; thus the flight may be free or there may be a minimal fee.

You can carry one small bag and check one piece of luggage not exceeding 30 pounds. On Military AirLift Command (MAC) missions, the maximum allowed is two pieces of luggage not to exceed a combined weight of 66 pounds.

Traveling tips

Space-A is for leave/vacation travel only. You cannot use space-available travel to take your family members with you to your unaccompanied duty station overseas or back to the CONUS after your tour is completed. Family members may not fly Space-A in conjunction with an official trip (such as a TDY trip to Germany) by their sponsor.

The travel office gets many questions about traveling space available during the holiday periods. Remember, you are not the only person who has the same idea about flying Space-A during holiday times.

Three-day weekend holiday periods are really risky for flying Space-A. You can't plan on reaching your destination at a certain time in case the passenger manifest is long and the flights are infrequent. The biggie is that if you are lucky and make it to your destination, there is no guarantee that there will be a flight bringing you back when your leave is up. The cost of a one-way commercial airline ticket often times can be more expensive than a round-trip super saver.

Military personnel are required to travel in duty uniform, usually class A or B, unless they are retired. Retirees are expected to travel in appropriate civilian attire.

Active duty personnel generally are allowed to travel for 72 hours on their ID card only (liberty/pass status); otherwise they must have a leave request/approval and be signed out on leave. Active-duty personnel should have a valid ID card (DD Form 2) with them. Reservists must have a valid DD Form 1853 issued by their unit. The 1853 is valid for a period of six months from the date of issue.

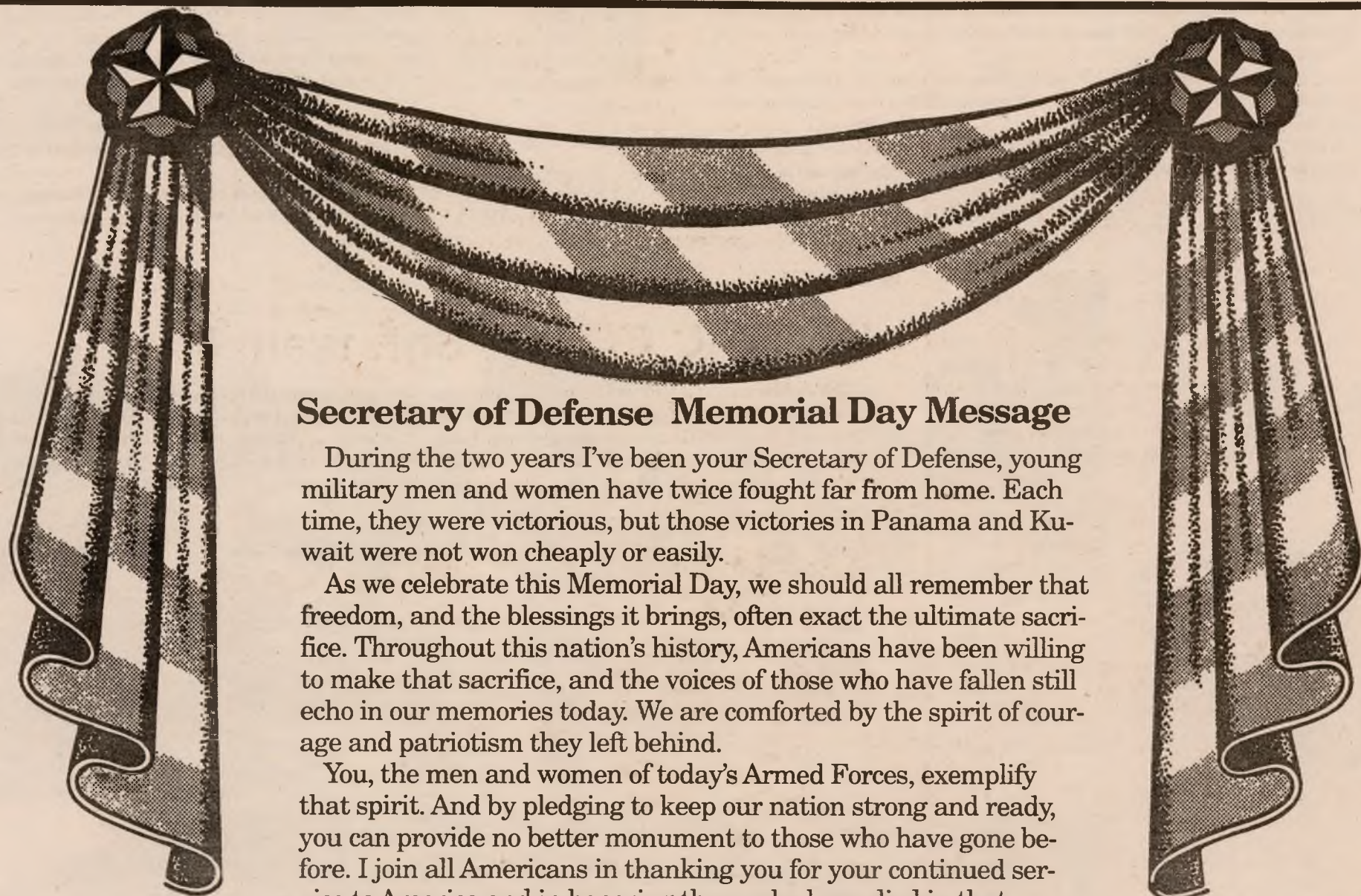
Following are telephone numbers for military air terminals in the West Coast area:

Alameda Naval Air Station (Alameda), (415) 263-3347 or (415) 263-3346. The terminal is secured from 11 p.m. to 6:15 a.m. There are many north/south flights to San Diego and Washington. Alameda can often make excellent connections through Naval Air Station North Island (San Diego) to the east coast and Hawaii.

Moffett Field Naval Air Station (Mountain View), (415) 966-5231. Located 33 miles south of San Francisco on U.S. 101, it normally offers no dependant travel.

Travis Air Force Base (Fairfield), (707) 424-4018 or (707) 424-2311. Travis is a major duty travel base; backlogs may vary.

Space-A is great if you approach it with a good attitude—it's inexpensive, it's sometimes risky, and it always requires time and patience.



Secretary of Defense Memorial Day Message

During the two years I've been your Secretary of Defense, young military men and women have twice fought far from home. Each time, they were victorious, but those victories in Panama and Kuwait were not won cheaply or easily.

As we celebrate this Memorial Day, we should all remember that freedom, and the blessings it brings, often exact the ultimate sacrifice. Throughout this nation's history, Americans have been willing to make that sacrifice, and the voices of those who have fallen still echo in our memories today. We are comforted by the spirit of courage and patriotism they left behind.

You, the men and women of today's Armed Forces, exemplify that spirit. And by pledging to keep our nation strong and ready, you can provide no better monument to those who have gone before. I join all Americans in thanking you for your continued service to America and in honoring those who have died in that service.

Dale Cheney

Sports / Leisure

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

Windsurfing lessons

Windsurfing lessons are being offered through Outdoor Recreation June 15 and Aug. 10 at Black Point in Novato. Cost is \$60 per person, payable upon sign-up to include transportation, all equipment, including wet suit and certification.

Lessons are available to active duty members and their spouses, retired military, reservists and Presidio Department of Defense civilian employees.

For sign-up and additional information, call the Information, Tour and Travel Office at 561-3992/3285.



Run for your life

There is a Run For Your Life Program that can help you along the path to fitness. It is a basic running program open to Presidians. To sign up or for more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Presidential sports awards

The Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier America. Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15-years-old or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the military community.

Adult activities:

Aerobic class; call Beverly Carpenter, 681-6721. Run for your life program; call Bob Darling, 561-4120;

Exercise stretching class; Lynn Fitzwater 8:30 a.m. Gym No. 1. Nautilus weight training; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Volksmarch Club; Sgt. Maj. Mike Conrad, 561-5613. Post running team; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Golf lessons; John Murray, 751-4063. Swim lessons/lifesaving class; Allen Posey, 561-3673. Fencing Lessons; Dr. Bill O'Brien, 221-1749. Scuba classes; Staff Sgt. Bob Riecke, 666-0523 or Sgt. Maj. Mike Benjamin, 931-6322. Ladies tennis; Sandy Halsey, 381-0654 (evenings).

Youth activities:

Swim lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. Youth soccer, basketball and baseball; Allen Posey, 561-5051. Aquarius swim team; Maj. Mike Koplin, 561-4224. Taekwondo lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. youth ballet and jazz dance; Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205. Junior bowling; Penny LeCroy, 563-0981.

Cycling championship

The United States Military Sports Association and co-sponsor AT&T announce the date of the 3rd Annual national Military Cycling Championship. Race dates are August 17 through 19 with a two-day U.S. Cycling Federation developmental clinic Aug. 15 and 16. this years event will be held at Nellis Air Force base, Los Vegas. There will be age separated categories. For more information, call (702) 652-4891.



photo by Duvel White
Umpire Preston Cluff prepares to call a runner 'safe' at the plate during the 1991 AER Softball Tournament May 13 at Fort Scott. An AER Bowling Tournament at the Presidio Bowling Center May 8 and 9 also raised money for AER. Soldier and civilian participation in the tournaments combined to earn a whopping \$529 for the AER fund.

Bay to Breakers volunteers thanked

by Ted Disney,
sergeant major,
Sixth U.S. Army Reserve Adviser

It was 2 a.m. Sunday morning when the 16 University of San Francisco ROTC cadets arrived at the intersection of Spear and Howard. By 5:30 a.m. the intersection would be transformed into the Start Line for the 80th Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers Run and the first half mile of the course will be lined with barricades.

At 4:20 a.m. three Army buses pulled to a stop in front of the gym 1, a half dozen car doors opened and their dome lights filled the darkness of the all but deserted parking lot. More cars began arriving and by 4:40 two of the busses were full and headed for Spear and Howard. More than 175 Presidio soldiers, their dependents, and DA civilians had volunteered to fill positions on the "Human Wall" and "Draw Bridge" or to act as "Team Captains".

More than 60,000 participants had arrived at the start line by 7:30 a.m. and the members of the Human Wall, positioned between these fun runners and the nearly 200 seeded runners, began to feel the

pressure and importance of their job.

Other volunteers filled the intersections and alley ways along Howard from Spear out to 3rd Street in an effort to protect the seeded runners from imposters who might want to join the race during the first half mile. This was the Draw Bridge.

By 8:03 a.m., after nearly 3 hours of standing, the Human Wall, Draw bridge, and Team Captains had successfully completed their assignments and joined the run.

Thanks to the efforts of more than 1,200 volunteers, including those from the Presidio, the start came off without a hitch. In the words of one of the volunteers "you have to be there to believe it."

On behalf of the Examiner Race Coordinator, the Start Line Staff, and Volunteer Coordinators I want to thank our volunteers for all of your help because we can't put on a run of this magnitude without your help. Thank you all.

And, a special thanks to our volunteer bus drivers who transported more than 400 Presidians to and from the run.

DENTAC CO, 1st Sgt. team in golf

Richard Brown and Michael Groves placed 19th in a field of 60 golfers in the 1991 U.S. Amateur Two Man Best Ball Championships held at Lake Merced Golf and Country Club from May 13 to 17. The best amateur golfers from the U.S. and over-

seas participate in this tournament, which is held once a year and is by invitation only.

Brown, a colonel, is the commander of the Presidio Dental Activity. Sgt. 1st Class Groves is his first sergeant.



DENTAC photo
Richard Brown and Michael Groves take a breather during their tournament. They placed in the

News

Welcome home! Celebrations mark Gulf vets' return

Dixie L. Porter
Public Affairs Office

Hometown America! Barbeque and apple pies—200 of them to be exact. Tri-tip steaks, garlic bread, beans, salad, a band, assorted vehicles, and marching soldiers. These were the ingredients for a most successful welcome home party conducted by the Healdsburg R and R (rest and recreation) committee on May 13, 1991.

A tree-shaded plaza in Healdsburg, Calif., was the site of the celebration which started with a parade featuring the Sixth U. S. Army Band, about 60 returning Desert Storm troops, local veterans organizations and scout troops as well as a display of flag bedecked vehicles carrying "Mothers of Desert Storm Troops."

R and R Healdsburg was the first of five celebrations being held by the Sonoma County R & R program. The next welcome home is at Santa Rosa on June 10, 1991 at the Luther Burbank Center, East Lawn at 5:30 p.m. For information call Colleen Donahue, 573-8774 or 575-1191.

Future celebrations will be held in June and July at Sonoma, Petaluma, and a West County location. In addition to the welcome party which will be held

in each town, Desert Storm troops are able to participate in a two-day "get-away" sponsored by local businesses. The package consists of two nights lodging, plus meals for returned Southwest Asia personnel and their spouses. There have been over 1000 rooms and 1000 meals donated to help thank the returned troops.

Approximately 1500 people lined the Healdsburg streets to cheer and clap as the parade made its way down Center Street, around the block and into the Plaza where a welcoming ceremony was held. The Sixth U.S. Army Band held a short concert before the start of the barbeque.

Steve Summers, master of ceremonies, and originator of the idea for welcome home celebrations from Sonoma County, introduced the program, and gave a welcome to the participants and audience. Leanne Luffubarrow sang the Star Spangled Banner to start the festivities. The Rev. Marvin Bowers gave the benediction.

The Mayor of Healdsburg, Pete Foppiano, thanked all the veterans in attendance with special emphasis on Desert Storm troops for their contribution and

thanked all the townspeople for making the event a success.

The committee planning the party figured that around 70 apple pies would be needed for the dinner. When word went out, they received 200 pies, including one mailed from Sacramento, said Summers.

Lt. Col. Jeff Brown, from the Sixth U.S. Army Medical Adviser's Office, expressed his gratitude and thanks to the Healdsburg community on behalf of the Association of the United States Army.

Jack Trotter, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 223, who co-sponsored the program, gave a short thank you and invited everyone to enjoy themselves. Many people brought picnic baskets to the plaza and others took part in the steak barbeque. During the barbeque, the Healdsburg Community Choir entertained with a selection of songs.

During Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the people of Sonoma County mailed over 40,000 pounds of packages to Southwest Asia, at a cost of over \$14,000, and mailed 25,000 Christmas cards according to Sgt. 1st Class Mike Farrell, Retention NCO for the 579th Engineer Bn, California National Guard.

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WELCOME HOME!

Community Calendar

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Free baseball tickets

Families of Northern California military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf will be admitted free to Giants games throughout the upcoming season. Spouses, children under 18 and parents are included in the program. Active duty in the area are entitled to free Giants tickets for themselves and may either go to General Admission or may present their active duty I.D. card at Gate C on the day of the game, where they will be given Upper Reserve seats along with the Gulf families. The program will remain in effect throughout the 1991 regular season. Parents can obtain their passes through Operation Yellow Ribbon, at 737-9700. Waiting spouses and children under age 18 may call Anna M. Rodriguez at 1-800-722-0858 to obtain the Giants passes.

Free art exhibit

The San Francisco State University Art Department will be exhibiting works by Bay Area artist Linda Fleming Tuesday through May 23 in the Art Department Gallery (Art and Industry bldg., room 201). Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Fleming is known for her large scale glass, steel and wood sculptures. The exhibit is free. For more information, call the Art Department at 338-2176.

Scholarship

The Presidio Enlisted Spouses Club is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship. The \$500 scholarship is open to all dependants of enlisted personnel assigned or attached to the Presidio and its sub-installations and to dependents of members of the Enlisted Spouses Club.

The deadline for applying is June 15. To receive applications and further information, contact Valeria Dunn at 561-4332.

Sex, love and intimacy

A workshop focusing on the personal relationships in your life will be given at Fort Mason Saturday in Building A. The 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. workshop is sponsored by the Human Awareness Institute and costs \$80 to \$90. For more information, call 571-5524.

Ox roast

The Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an old fashioned picnic and barbeque June 2 on the Sonoma Plaza. Music and entertainment will also be provided from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (707) 996-1033.



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'One Good Cop'

Michael Keaton and Stevie Diroma star in "One Good Cop," now playing at local theaters.

Sixth Army Deputy Commander featured on television

by Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian staff

Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, deputy commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Medal of Honor recipient, will be featured on the Public Broadcasting Service's "Heroes" on the Memorial Day weekend.

On January 6, 1968, then Major Brady showed extraordinary heroism under fire during a series of missions which began before sunrise and ended after dark.

Repeatedly he was warned by competent advisors that the missions were impossible due to weather, the enemy situation or mines. On three different

missions. Brady extracted patients from areas where other aircraft failed

On two different occasions his aircraft was hit by automatic weapons fire. On a third occasion his aircraft was severely damaged by a mine. Brady's aircraft were so severely damaged that three of them were required to complete the missions and at day's end the aircraft he flew were riddled collectively with over four hundred holes.

During this time Brady evacuated a total of 51 severely injured patients. Undoubtedly many of those men would have died without expeditious medical evacuation.

Meals Ready to Eat

MREs are available for purchase by authorized personnel through the Commissary store on special order. They are sold by the box at a cost of \$51.15 per box.

Singles play night

Sue Walden and Company presents an evening of theater games and interactive play May 31 - an easy way to meet other single people. It'll be in Building C at Fort Mason from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The fee is \$15 and preregistration is required. For more information, call 885-5678.

Free vehicle inspections

Free car inspections are still available at the Auto Shop (building 662) to soldiers who were involved in Operation Desert Storm and their family members who have military IDs and deployment orders. Building 662 is located on McDowell Avenue. Call 561-5521 for an appointment.

Universal Studios offer

Universal Studios is offering free admission to active duty, retired and reserve soldiers who present an ID card at the Universal Studios ticket counter.

Special education tests available

To accommodate the Math and Science teacher recruitment program involving military personnel in the Bay Area and San Francisco State University, the Fort Scott and the Lettman Army Education Centers will be administering the Math and General Science specialty exams July 22. The National Teachers Education tests are standardized, secure examinations that measure academic achievement for college students in teacher education programs, and for those wishing to qualify to teach in specific fields.

There is no fee, but the test must be ordered by June 17 through a counselor at LAMC's education center at 561-3692 or the Fort Scott education center at 561-2974.

Choral event auditions

The San Francisco Choral Society will be holding auditions for singers interested in participating in a massive performance of the Berlioz Requiem at Civic Auditorium this summer. More than 500 voices, four brass bands and a full symphony orchestra will combine for what is expected to be a truly Napoleonic display of sonic pyrotechnics in the most significant musical event to take place in San Francisco for many years. For audition and ticket information, call the San Francisco Choral Society at 566-8425.

Woman needed

Needed - a wonderful woman with a sense of humor who can do EVERYTHING at the Presidio Thrift Shop. Great hours, low pay and super companionship. Call 922-3384.

Mickey Mouse offer

Every active member of the U.S. Military is eligible for free admission to Disneyland. Visit ITT at building 215 to pick one up. The tickets are valid through Nov. 11, 1991.

Messages to soldiers

Families and friends of soldiers overseas and working to support Operation Desert Storm may send a telegram by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The length of the message is limited to no more than 35 words.

Time card article

Maj. Dan Caughey, Finance Officer, informed the *Star Presidian* that the article submitted by FA&O on new time and attendance reporting, which appeared in the May 16 issue, was written not by him, but by John Anderson, project officer for implementing the new system. Maj. Caughey asked that we inform our readers so Mr. Anderson may receive credit for his work.

Sea World offer

Sea World is admitting without charge all active duty and activated reservists and their dependents once between Saturday and Sept. 2, 1991. Military IDs must be presented at Sea World for this offer

Bay Area cruises

Heritage Architectural Bay Cruises will be given on Hornblower Yachts at Pier 33 beginning June 8. The focus of the cruises will be to help people rediscover the unique Bay Area architecture. The cost for Heritage members will be \$30 and for non-members the cost will be \$40. For more information and reservations, call 441-3004.

Presidio Post Theater

Friday: Career Opportunities (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday: Sleeping with the Enemy

"A young woman trapped in an abusive marriage does the only logical thing to do to get out... she fakes her own death." (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Bridge:

"A well-to-do Americana couple of the 40's has their world rocked when the wife stumbles onto the concept of equality." (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Monday - Edward Scissorhands:

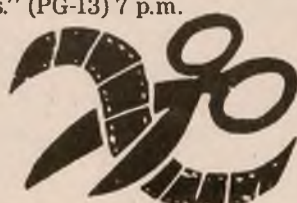
"A young boy turns a cutting handicap into a 'shear' pleasurable experience by trimming hedges into the shapes of animal crackers." (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

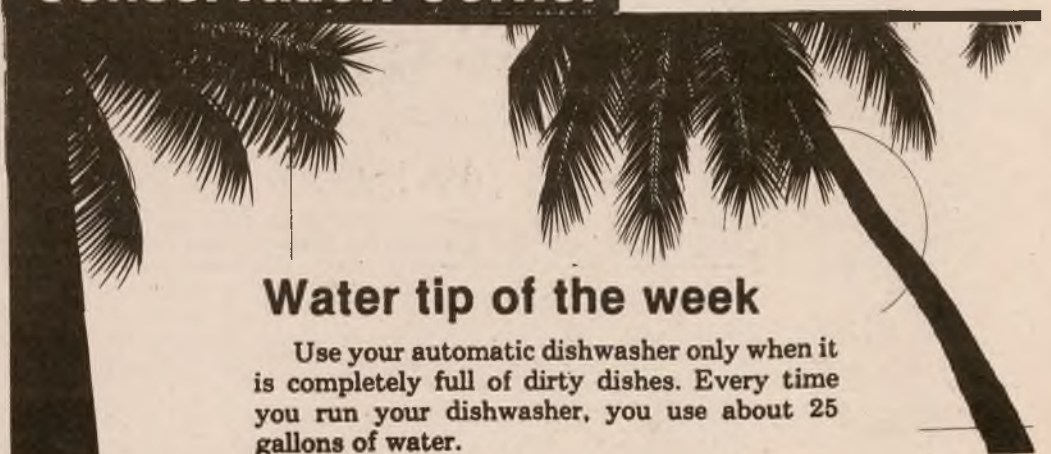
Friday: The Hard Way (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday: Class Action (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday: The Hard Way (R) 4 p.m.



Conservation Corner



Water tip of the week

Use your automatic dishwasher only when it is completely full of dirty dishes. Every time you run your dishwasher, you use about 25 gallons of water.



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Victory!

Sgt. Lavonne Settlemyre, NCOIC of Claims in SJA, gives a victory sign on an Iraqi tank. She was in Saudi Arabia seven months. She returned to the United States April 20. The Iraqi tank was one of the vehicles captured by the 312th MI BN, 1st Cavalry Division, the unit she was assigned to in Saudi Arabia.

Sixth Army's top enlisted soldier retires

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

The final piece in the 30-year puzzle will fall into place Friday at 3 p.m. on the Main Parade Field as Sixth U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Robert A. Whiteford retires after 30 years of Army service.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Nov. 20, 1942, Whiteford lived there until he graduated from high school in 1960. A year later, July, 1961, he volunteered for the draft.

"I was was a kid looking for what I was going to do," Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio's top enlisted soldier explained. "I only signed up for two years. Just 'til I figured out what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

His career in the Army has taken him through many assignments in the continental United States, two tours in Europe, two tours in Korea, and a tour in Vietnam. Some of his assignments include: 7th Infantry Division and I Corps Artillery in Korea; V Corps and VII Corps in Europe; Adviser to the 7th ARVN Division in Vietnam; Drill Sergeant in basic

and advanced individual training companies; Instructor for Drill Sergeant School, Instructor at the U.S. Military Academy, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell Ky.; Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, West Point, N.Y. and as the Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Command Sgt. Maj. Whiteford has completed three years of college and is a graduate of Class 10 of the Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. Other military schools include, Advanced Non Commissioned Officer Course, Drill Sergeant School, 7th Army Non Commissioned Officer Academy, and Air Assault School.

His awards and decorations include; the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with numeral two and the Army Commendation Medal with six oak leaf clusters. He also earned the Drill Sergeant Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

As his career winds down, the command sergeant major wanted to thank his wife and daughters for all

they'd done on the home front.

"Over the years my wife and daughters have put up with a lot," he said. "All the moving, the drapes that never fit . . . Through all that the family has always been supportive of me. The Army is not just soldiers and units, it is a total package with families. I couldn't have been all that I have been without the support and love of my family."

The former Marilyn Speirs is Command Sgt. Maj. Whiteford's wife and the mother of their three daughters; Terry, 27, Elizabeth, 25 and Ruth, 22.

"My wife and I have really enjoyed our time at the Presidio," he said. "It is going to be a traumatic experience driving out the gate June 1st."

As for the future the Whitefords are going to freelance it for awhile. They plan to go to Arizona to start their life after the Army.

"I have no job lined up, nor do I have a house," he explained. "But that's fine, I've been on a training schedule for 30 years. I can deal with a month or so on a non-training schedule."

CSM shares candid thoughts on soldiering, Army

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Most memorable moment as a soldier?

"Going to Vietnam. For a soldier going to combat is a memorable experience. To land in Vietnam, process in, get equipment, and keep moving further and further out into the country. I remember landing in a dusty air field and realizing I was half-way around the world from the ones I loved. At the time I had all three of my daughters. The ties that support a soldier along the way are stretched pretty tight in times like those."

What advice do you offer young soldiers?

"No one, or very few people, come in the Army thinking about staying for 20 or 30 years. My advice would be to come into it as hard and as fast as

you can. Put as much into the Army as you can. You only get out of it what you put into it. I've always preached to soldiers about getting an education. I'm not only talking about NCOES, I'm talking about anything you can do. I don't care if it's going to school to learn to run a projector, or air assault school, or civilian education. Keep trying to improve yourself. A lot of soldiers worry that they're not at the right place at the right time — A soldier makes the right place and the right time. Keep pushing yourself, keep improving whether you're going to stay in the Army two years, four years, or the rest of your life. In doing that you make yourself a better soldier and a better person. And you learn things that people can't take away from you, that you have forever. From day one keep trying and stretching yourself a little further."

How has the Army changed since you joined?

"I could never say the Army of today is better than the Army in 1961. Because our Army has always done what it was called on to do. But the soldier in today's Army can do much more than a soldier in 1961. Soldiers are called on to do more today than we were when I was a young specialist. Then, a young soldier's tasks were repetitious. Today we put more education into a soldier and we expect more out of them, and we get it. Operation Just Cause and recently Desert Storm are examples of the quality of soldier we have in the Army today."

NCOs and the Army of the future

"As we build down the Army over the next two to five years, NCOs will be critical. With limited
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Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians-

Another great day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place. This despite the fact that I really messed up last week in thanking folks for their work on the parade. As I said then, you always run that risk, but I must say that I should not have overlooked one group that I did. The personnel from Deputy Chief of Staff, Training (DCST) organized the parade, to include the flybys, static displays, ship review, etc.

This was a mammoth undertaking and accomplished outstandingly. So, DCST, please accept my belated HOO AHs! for a job well done. Speaking of the parade, I continue to get letters, phone calls and personal comments about it.

Ninety nine percent of them are complimentary.

Everyone who witnessed it had only great things to say. So, again, to all participants—thanks and HOO AH! This past week I spent time in Idaho with the Boise Inter-Agency Fire Center. These are the folks who train and employ all our U.S. Sixth Army troops who are deployed to fight forest fires. Despite rain and snowpack, we are expecting major forest fires this summer so we must be prepared and ready. It was then on to Camp Guernsey, Wyoming to see the Colorado National Guard Training. Super work being done by the 1/157 Field Artillery and the 5046 USARF School. On Wednesday the 22nd I briefed yet another group on our Base Closure plans. I don't mind giving all these briefings because I feel the more people who the know the facts, the better off we are. This group was the Public Affairs Committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The latter part of the week I "went home" to Fort Benning. This is home to every Infantryman and always brings out lots of nostalgia, great memories and pride in our branch.

This was a special event—the 50th Anniversary of Officer Candidate School (OCS).

OCS is the primary means for a young enlisted man or woman to obtain an Army Commission.

It was an impressive ceremony—inducting the largest number ever—into the OCS Infantry Hall of Fame. Among the inductees were Colonel John Gritz, the Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco Inspector General and Colonel Larry McAfee, Senior Adviser to 40th Division, California Guard. I was very honored to be a part of it all as I am currently the ranking active duty officer who graduated from OCS!

Boy, does that make me feel old—but also very honored. This, of course, was Memorial Day weekend and our band, color guards, honor guards, salute battery, and speakers were all very busy.

Our band, the Letterman Army Medical Center color guard, a firing squad, and salute battery from Headquarters Command Battalion and numerous personnel from Presidio of San Francisco-Director of Plans, Training and Mobilization participated with me at the ceremony at the San Francisco National

Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco.

It was a glorious day, good turn out and very impressive ceremony. My compliments and thanks to all. Also, Colonel Swift and bugler participated at the cemetery in San Bruno. I want to thank all the housing occupants along Presidio Avenue and Washington Boulevard for cutting the awful old blackberry bushes. The lawns sure do look nicer. I hope all those who had to work so hard will keep them cut back. The appearance adds so much to the areas and has elicited many HOO AH's. Let me add my own. As someone who has an over abundance of blackberry bushes and who has cut them back, I know the difficulty of cutting these bushes and keeping them cut back.

It is no fun but sure improves overall appearance of the post. To all—thanks and HOO AH! As you read this column, we will be in the midst of telling Command Sergeant Major and Mrs. Whiteford farewell from Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco and from active military service. In my long years of military service I have never known a better Command Sergeant Major (CSM). CSM Whiteford not only performs his many official duties outstandingly—with great efficiency, professionalism, care and concern—but he and Mrs. Whiteford are very active community leaders. They serve many organizations as participants or volunteer workers. Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco are truly better organizations because this couple served here. I know you all join me in thanking Command Sergeant Major and Mrs.

Whiteford and wishing them good luck, good health and God's speed. They will be missed.

(Speaking of leaving footprints in the sands of time. The Whitefords leave very delicious marks—a sandwich named in their honor at the Chestnut Street Bar and Grill! Check out page 11 of the menu if you doubt me! Now that's HOO AH!)

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

This weeks quote is dedicated to CSM Bob Whiteford—the epitome of a GOOD SOLDIER...

"To be a good soldier a man must have discipline, self-respect, pride in his unit and his country, a high sense of duty and obligation to his comrades and to his superiors, and self-confidence born of demonstrated ability."

—General George S. Patton Jr.



Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison hands over the key to the Coast Guard building Tuesday. This was the first step in transferring the Presidio into a park.

photo by Adrienne Sims

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

"Socialized medicine. Should the government owe every American medical care?"

Victoria Tucker, secretary, Environmental Services, Letterman Army Medical Center: "No, I think that it should be easier to get medical care. Prices now are too much. But if they did it free, it'd be too overwhelming. People would take advantage of the system."



Lizelle E. Pe Masa, student nurse, San Francisco State University: "Yeah. Because we all pay taxes. The responsibility of health care should be an emphasis of the government. I'm sure the government has money to pay for all health care."



Lisa Tobin, psychology intern, psychiatry service, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I don't think it's far off in the future. They've got socialized medical care in Canada but I hear they wait a long time until they're treated. I don't know if we could afford that though."



Sgt. Arnel Bona, military policeman, Law Enforcement Company: "I've really got no opinion about it. It'll probably drive private practices down but I bet it'll be a healthier nation."



Shirley Lai, student nurse, San Francisco State: "Yeah, a lot of people don't have insurance and can't afford medical care. Right now they don't have any support that would help them out just a little."



by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Faces on the Presidio



photo by Donna Shepard
Gerald L. Moore and his wife Mary Edith, both Scientists at LAIR accept the 1991 San Francisco Bay Area Federal Agencies of the Year award.

Letterman Army Institute of Research

Letterman Army Institute of Research was one of seven local agencies named San Francisco Bay Area 1991 Federal Agency of the Year.

Dr. Gerald L. Moore and his wife Mary Edith Moore of the institute's Red Blood Cell Group accepted the award in the Medical/Scientific Achievement category at a Treasure Island luncheon sponsored by the Federal Executive Board.

The Moores received the award for their research efforts to extend the shelf life of thawed blood. Currently blood can be frozen indefinitely but is usable for only one day after thawing.

The Moores have worked in the area of blood preservation research at the institute since the facility opened in 1974. During that time their research has had an international impact in the area of blood preservation. Previous research conducted by the Red Cell Group has enabled blood banks worldwide to extend the shelf life of whole blood from 21 days to 35 days and most recently to 42 days.

This is a great resource on the battlefield and has resulted in a savings of millions of dollars a year in the civilian medical community, as well.

The Red Cell Group of the Letterman Army Institute of Research was one of 63 nominees for this year's awards.

Post Chapel

The Post Chapel sponsored a trip to Great America for soldiers and their families Wednesday. The retreat was free for soldiers' children and cost \$5 for soldiers and their spouses. The Post Chapel will sponsor a retreat once a quarter.



Education Center

Thirteen soldiers from the Presidio and other Bay Area locations will receive degrees from Columbia College at graduation ceremonies June 2 at the Basilone Theatre on Treasure Island at 1 p.m. They are as follows:

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Jerry A. Garnett (retired), Master Sgt. Larry B. Harvey (221st MP BN), Capt. Jeffrey K. Keefe (221st MP BDE), Staff Sgt. Brett J. Laidler (Headquarters Co. 49th MP BDE).

Associate of Arts Degree

Sgt. John E. Cunningham, Jr. (San Francisco CID), Sgt. 1st Class Thomas W. Miller (MEPCOM), Sgt. 1st Class No C. Pak (B Co. LAMC), Chief Warrant Officer William S. Parker (Readiness Group), Staff Sgt. Donald W. Pierce (A Co. LAMC), Sgt. Barbara A. Rucker (B Co. LAMC), Sgt. Bobby A. Sconyers (Army Dental Lab, Alameda), Sgt. Ray Trevino, Sixth U.S. Army Band), Staff Sgt. Jorge P. Valdivieso, Jr. (B Co. LAMC).



Other graduates unable to attend the ceremony

Sgt. Carolyn Sumuel (Headquarters Co. USAG), Staff Sgt. Tracy Kerry (Oakland MEPS), Spec. Daren Waters (USAISC), Staff Sgt. David White (Co. A LAMC) all received Associate of Arts Degrees.

News

News Briefs

Red Cross class

There will be an introduction to American Red Cross class June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. This orientation is for all new potential volunteers interested in working at Letterman Army Medical Center and throughout the Presidio. Volunteers are needed in disaster services, health and safety, and case work and publicity. For more information, call 561-2187/2141 by June 17.

Pediatric Clinic

There will be no change in services provided by the Letterman Army Medical Center's Pediatric Clinic during the downsizing this summer. The Pediatricians will continue to provide full range outpatient medical care to all children. This includes same day appointments, routine appointments, well baby visits, immunizations and developmental pediatrician evaluations. In addition, Pediatric Endocrinology, Psychiatric and Cardiology appointments will continue to be available. In the unlikely event that hospitalization is required, transfer to a local hospital will be carefully arranged. To make an appointment, call 563-5324 or 561-5324. To cancel appointments, call 561-5945.

Power Outage

A Power Outage is scheduled for Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The power outage will affect the electrical substation in building 568. Buildings 1027 through 1030 will be without power. Other buildings will experience brief shutdowns in the morning and afternoon in order to alternate circuits are: Housing areas 500, 700, 900, 1000, 1200, 1300, 1400 and 1700. Buildings 211, 63, 68, 367, 680-683, 1040, 1047, 1050, 1060, 1062-1064, 1151, 1152, 1449, 1470-1473, 1788, 1789 and 1794. For more information, call the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, Inspection Branch at 561-6000.

Presidio news

As part of the long-range planning efforts for conversion of the Presidio from post to park, the National Park Service is continuing its preliminary condition survey of the Presidio housing areas. A two to three person team of national park Service Architectural Consultants will be looking closely at and photographing the exteriors of the housing in your neighborhood. The team will be on site between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be identified by National park Service assigned badges. The tentative schedule for their visits is as follows: May 24-31; buildings 1300, 1700, 1800, 400, 800 and May 31-June 7; buildings 1100, 1400 and 1500. For more information, call Carey Feierabend at 556-8600.

Job assistance program

If you are leaving the Army, you and your family members are eligible to attend a free job assistance orientation. The seminar dates are June 18, 25, July 9, 23, August 6 and August 20. Reserve a space by calling the Presidio Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

CONUSA downsizing

A CONUSA downsizing meeting will be held June 7 in the Post Theater at 10:30 a.m. The meeting is mandatory for all Sixth U.S. Army civilian employees and military members only.

Armed Forces Week at the Zoo

The Oakland Zoo would like to show its appreciation for the splendid efforts of the men and women of America's Armed Forces. During the week of June 10 through June 16, all service members, their family members and Department of Defense civilian employees will be admitted free of charge when they present their military identification card. Parking fees will also be waived. For more information, call Toni Stone at 632-9525. The Oakland Zoo is located in Knowland Park, off highway 580, at the Golf Links exit.



Staff Sgt. Robert Whiteford receives a plaque for being named the I Corps NCO of the Quarter in 1968 in Korea.

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resources there won't be the money for training we are used to. NCOs will have to make it happen. We have top quality NCOs. They must understand there will be limited resources and go on and still do the job. There is always a way to train and get the job done. Its going to be a smaller Army but it can be just as capable of an Army."

NCO's role?

"I've always said the NCO runs the Army. I don't mean commands the Army, but non commissioned officers get the Army from day to day. This allows the officers to think ahead and plan. I've always said officers will never have to do my job. I want to free them to have more time to do their jobs. The non commissioned officer is the key focal point in how we train soldiers. With the limited resources we have we don't have time and money to retrain soldiers on things they already know. Non commissioned officers who know the strengths and weaknesses of their soldiers help their officers focus on effectively training for units."

Officer's role?

"A very important role. When a NCO does what they're supposed to do, and an officer does what they're supposed to do, it sort of fits like a hand in glove. I see the officer as the person who commands and does the long range planning. The most important part is the officer provides the NCO the environment to work in. Not to say the NCOs should work in a vacuum and do his sergeant thing completely separate from the officer. Officers are always responsible for their units and need to be involved. But that involvement need not be as the principle trainer and principle focus of what's going on. The officer needs to best know when to let loose and let the sergeant do his job. And obviously if the sergeant is beginning to get off course, it is the officer's responsibility to get that sergeant back on track."

From the perspective of 30 years of experience, what advice for officers?

"Most important is the young lieutenant. As a sergeant major at West Point I used to talk to all the young officers as they graduated. My advise was that the day they got to their next unit they would begin their graduate studies in the Army. They did not get hit by some magic wand to suddenly know everything there was to know about the Army. Therefore it was important that they look at the platoon that they are now in charge of, to learn about the people, to learn about the non commissioned officers, especially the platoon sergeant, and to learn from them. It is the responsibility of a platoon sergeant to take that new lieutenant and develop that lieutenant. The relationships that are established between a platoon sergeant and a platoon leader are critical. This is were the hand in glove — that teamwork approach — begins. You can see officers who got off track in the beginning and 15 or 20 years later they still don't understand the role of the non commissioned officer. Sometimes you'll see an officer trying to do an NCO's

job — that doesn't work well. Everybody has a piece of the pie and each needs understand the whole pie and to work with their piece."

Promotion advice for NCOs

"It is a lot more competitive to get promoted today than it ever was when I was coming up. NCOs should, number one — Do their job. All the promotions and everything falls into place when you do your job. Also know your job. I believe in the KISS method. Keep It Simple. Try to keep your job simple. A lot of times we get so many irons in the fire that some get shoved aside. Just focus on leading your soldiers, training them and looking out for their welfare. A squad leader should only think about his squad, and a platoon sergeant only his platoon and up the chain."

Army Memories

"Last 30 years have been a tremendous experience for me. If I could go back and change the last 30 years or anything in it, I wouldn't change a thing. Not just because of the good places or the bad places I've been, but because of the people. No matter where you are there are always good soldiers. That makes it worthwhile. The Army has been great for this little guy from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania."

Sixth Army goodbyes

"I came to this job almost four years ago and I couldn't spell Reserve Component. Didn't know what National Guard was. Really didn't have a good feel for it. Came to this job kind of scratching my head. But people jumped in and taught me and I'm still learning. But, I've seen Sixth Army soldiers, both active and especially the guard and reserve, tremendous, tremendous soldiers. Our country should be awfully proud of the quality of the people we have in the total force. I'm especially proud of those U.S. Army Reserves and Army National Guard soldiers. I'm not just sure that people, especially in Washington D.C., realize what they get out of reserve component soldiers. For 39 days a year pay, we've got a soldier we can call up, stick on freedom's frontier, send to draw a line in the desert, what a hell of a bargain that is. They are tremendous soldiers, tremendous citizen/soldiers whose traditions go back to the very foundation of our country. They're the farmers, accountants, bankers, used car dealers that we have taken and said they can do the job. With Desert Storm they stood the test. I leave the Army and I couldn't have asked for a better last assignment because it's taught me. Just when you think you know everything you see how much there is to learn."

Biggest thing you gave the Army?

"I set the example for soldiers under me. I tried to give them goals, something to set their sights on. That's the way it was before me and it looks like it is continuing. Some of my soldiers are approaching Sergeant Major. It must have worked well because now they're ready to take my place."

RIFed?

Take charge of your future: It's in your hands

By K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

Over the past several months, I have talked to many civilian employees about realignment and closure, RIFs, and transfers of function, asking what are they doing to find future employment. Are they seeking counsel with CPD? Have they begun actual job searches to ease the transition ahead? Do they have a job plan they're following consciously—whether it entails staying here until the Presidio closes, or looking to move to a new job as soon as possible?

Many former Presidians have already left, having independently found new jobs elsewhere. Some have recently applied for new positions and are well on the way to new careers. Some are actively scouting and interviewing. Some are consciously continuing with their duties, simply waiting to retire.

Others with whole careers ahead of them have, surprisingly, done little or nothing, approaching the future in a "business as usual" manner. One CPD staffer commented that only a very few civilians have formally sought early job assistance from CPD.

Where do *you* stand? Unless you are eligible for normal retirement or for discontinued service retirement when your job disappears (and if you are not placed), you should be planning for FY 1995 (or as early as FY 1994) when Sixth Army will be gone and Letterman and the Presidio will be closed.

What you do NOW may save you the uncertainty that may otherwise await you only a few short months away.

Employees must seriously consider transfer offers.

You say you're waiting for an "early retirement" offer? That may or may not be an option. As of the writing of this commentary, and according to Severin Johnson, Director, CPD, an early retirement option "has been requested for LAMC, and one is being prepared for the U.S. Army Garrison." However, an early retirement option will not be requested for Sixth Army, says Johnson, until just before Sixth Army transfers to Colorado, e.g., in about 18 months.

If this option does not materialize, CPD will generally make you, and other employees, *one reasonable offer* under the Priority Placement Program (which could be a job up to 2 grades lower than your current job). Johnson says that, although under PPP you may only get one offer, "you could also receive offers under the Displaced Employee Program, the Inter-agency Assistance Program, or the Reemployment Priority List."

If you refuse to accept, you might NOT get discontinued service retirement. You might also NOT get severance pay and you will be unemployed. According to Johnson, "it depends on whether the offered job is in the commuting area."

Additionally, and what many employees don't know is that, if you are not eligible for discontinued service retirement (age 50 with 20 years of service

or 25 years of service at any age which would allow you to decline a transfer and retire with an immediate annuity), and if you are offered a position with a function that is transferring, such as with Sixth Army to Colorado, you must "seriously consider" that offer of transfer. According to Johnson, "the individual need not accept the transfer, but the alternatives open after declination are limited."

An employee separated who declines transfer of function to another commuting area, however, is *usually* eligible for severance pay, says Johnson.

The only two *absolute* opportunities for "early" retirement, therefore, will be (1) for employees who

Take matters into your own hands.

qualify by age or time in service as a result of discontinued service upon RIF, closure or transfer of function, and without having received a job offer, and after declining a transfer, or (2) based on an action mandated by congress, such as by passage of Congressman Roth's or Congresswoman Boxer's early-out Bills—though the latter would still require the installation commander's and OPM's approvals, and could be selective and could apply only to certain grades or positions, and not to everyone.

The best guidance is to accept reality and start acting in your own best interests. In addition to what CPD may be required to do for you by its charter, you should also take matters into your own hands. No one will look out for your best interests except YOU.

Thirty months have passed since December 1988 when the Presidio's closure was announced. On April 1, 1991, Sixth U.S. Army reached its 18-month-out deadline prior to the planned reduction of personnel at its headquarters; permanent promotions and appointments are no longer authorized. Current hiring is limited to details, temporary promotions, and temporary appointments.

If you think your job is secure until 1995, that also may not be so. The Garrison will experience a gradual downsizing over the next three wind-down years. "CPD always has employees rank ordered for RIF," says Johnson. "It is part of the personnel system and a printout is 'ordered' whenever we need one to run a RIF." Though Johnson says that "a RIF in LAMC could [not] bump and retreat into Sixth U.S. Army or Garrison," if you are at the bottom of the bumping progression in your competitive area—e.g., at LAMC, Sixth Army or Garrison—you may be affected earlier than 1995. Also, closure may occur as soon as FY 1994.

Although CPD has temporarily delayed issuing RIF notices to LAMC civilian employees, RIFs throughout the installation may ultimately be inevitable. Once the RIFs start, there will be the commotion and the bumping and retreating that normally accompany RIFs.

With the future rounds of base closures, jobs throughout the Department of Defense will get

scarcer, with the possibility of tens of thousands of jobs being eliminated. Additional cutbacks are projected throughout DoD; the *Federal Times* says that "DoD estimates a reduction of more than 97,000 federal employees" by as early as FY 1993.

Between now and closure, the Presidio still has a mission to perform and you may wish to continue to be part of that mission. In this case, your three to four year period will help the installation ease toward closure while you continue working with some security and the benefit of time to do serious planning for yourself.

Additionally, if you continue to work at the Presidio in its wind-down years, there are probably going to be some good chances for you to get permanent job promotions at Garrison and LAMC (not Sixth U.S. Army) when positions are vacated and "outsiders" opt not to take jobs at the closing installation. You might use the situation to your advantage to get salary increases, temporary promotions, and new experiences and training that you otherwise might never have received. All this may help you command better and higher paying government jobs later when CPD assists you in getting placed elsewhere.

"Take charge of your career."

You should, however, not be idle. Start making real decisions; don't get caught up in that old dilemma of "decision by indecision." If you take control, you won't get caught up in the closure vortex.

Keep in mind, too, that the situation is NOT all grim, and your future is NOT fraught with peril. Many a brilliant new career has had as its foundation the dilemma and chaotic upheaval of a lost job. What is really happening is that you are being forced to enter a challenging, exciting time.

The next few years, therefore, could be some of the most rewarding years in your life. Your personal "blessing in disguise." Years you will look back upon with great thanks and good memories.

Many of you love it here on this beautiful military installation and love your jobs, but don't let that love blind you by the reality that the Presidio is in its waning hours. Planning ahead will assure that your transition will be as well-executed, smooth, and effortless as will be the Army's when it turns the key over to GGNRA and marches out of the Presidio.

The bottom line is: think about yourself, think of *all* your options, and get a grip on your own interests. No one but YOU will see to your needs and your future with the same love, concern, aspirations, dedication and perseverance.

Robert G. Smith in the *Federal Times* sums it up nicely when he says "Take charge of your career. Don't sit there waiting for things to happen. Don't drift. Decide where you are going and arrange a flexible plan to get there."

So, like everything else in life, it's in your hands.

Job tips

By K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

If you are not planning to retire when, or remain at the installation until, the Presidio closes, and you want to begin considering your job future now, here are some tips.

In the March 28 and May 2 issues of the *Star Presidian*, we discussed some of CPD's placement programs. Call your representative in CPD (or call the Director's office at 561-2383 or 561-2871 to determine your point of contact). Visit CPD and read the regulations pertaining to job placement.

Talk to the placement experts (561-5759) to see how the priority placement options apply to you. Ask ques-

tions until you understand the issues and are satisfied with the answers. Then persist until you achieve your goals (persistence, by the way, is often the answer to success; if you give up, you lose. No one—except for maybe a rare one or two people in your whole life—will really fight for you but you.)

Look into self help programs. Talk with your supervisor. Talk with friends in other government agencies or in the private sector. Network.

Many Army jobs have counterparts in other government agencies. Visit the Federal Employment Office at 211 Main Street and check out job listings (be prepared for what could be a tedious and frustrating experience); or call

744-5627, for the weekly-updated Federal job listings recorded message, and 744-7205 for copies of Federal job announcements of interest to you.

Consult the *Federal Times* which contains weekly job listings of vacancies throughout the government.

Call the CPOs of government agencies in which you might like to work to see if there are openings. Better yet, call or visit the actual offices in those agencies to see if there are current or projected openings; the offices are a better source of information than is their CPO.

If you're a junior employee wishing to stay with the government, consider "Administrative Careers with

America" as discussed in the April 25 issue of the *Star Presidian*, or look into intern or other entry-level programs available in most agencies.

Many government jobs also translate directly into private sector jobs and, with the estimated difference of San Francisco private sector salaries being 39.1 percent higher (per a General Accounting Office study) than government salaries for the same work, you may find yourself in a similar or more challenging job for considerably higher pay!

If you want to work in San Francisco's private sector, visit employment

Adventure

A bungee experience

If it's like falling into bed, don't tuck me in

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

The worst part of bungee jumping is letting go. "Just lie back. It's like falling into your bed," the man standing INSIDE the hot air balloon calmly explained as he adjusted the burner to get us up to elevation.

"Right, just like lying on my bed," I thought, "Don't tuck me in. I'll just sleep on top of the covers—500 feet above the covers! Covers, there are no covers. Just the rolling California countryside. Well, from up here the orchards kind of looked like a patchwork blanket. . . . Get a grip on yourself — and keep a grip on the bar."

Standing on an aluminum jumping platform outside of the hot air balloon basket my fingers were a pasty white from clutching a bar on the side of the basket. My heart was pounding, my knees were weak, and the muscles in my gluteus maximus suddenly broke into a nervous twitch. All my office machismo was where it worked best, back in the office.

Up here it was just open sky, me, a balloon, a huge rubber band linking us, and an incredibly devious man inside the balloon. At that moment he began radioing to the crowd below that we were ready for

the countdown. "Countdown. Well, of all the dirty tricks," I thought. "Now I know how the Christians must have felt at the Roman games when the crowds cheered for the lions."

"You ready?" he asked.

"Ready?" I croaked, throwing it out as either a question or a statement. He took it as the latter. The 10, 9, 8, 7 came from him as he sent the signal over the radio to cue the crowd. "Six, five, four," echoed back from the ground, "three, two, one. . . GO!"

The next few seconds seemed to last forever. I breathed deeply and let go.

What followed was like the special effects in "Star Trek," the part where Scottie floors the Enterprise and it goes from standing still to Warp nine while taking time OFF the clock.

First his face and the balloon were clear. Then, everything turned into a flash of blurred colors. The balloon grows smaller and smaller as my body accelerates to 60 mph. My heart feels like it's jumped inside my head and is doing a bongo number on my eardrums. Suddenly I burst through the terror and I'm flying.

It's quiet. The sky is a brilliant blue, the sun is bright, the wind is rushing past me. . . . I'm not

afraid any more. My fear is replaced by an adrenaline rush. For that moment I float free of everything and my mind floats with me.

But, alas, the cord grows taunt and suddenly 3Gs rush through my body as my decent is slowed, stopped and the rebound factor kicks in. Air rushes out of my lungs as the Gs turn and burn. My body rockets skyward and the balloon looms larger.

"Oh, -8&! I'm going to hit the basket!" Fear re-enters my mind. But, before I can dwell on the fear, I feel I'm reaching the top and soon I'll fall back earthward as if part of a giant Yo-Yo.

As the bounces become predictable, about the third bounce, my voice returns. I release a giant "YEEAAAAH!" and it goes echoing up the valley. Floating above the ground with the bungee cords securing me, I feel a rush like I've never felt before.

By letting go, I tempted fate, thumbed my nose at logic, stood at the edge of sanity and looked down at my fears. Felt a wall of adrenaline rush through me like a flash flood through a desert canyon.

After being lowered to the ground and having the cord unsnapped, I walked away feeling — bulletproof.

Bungee jumping spreads as adventure sport

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Bungee jumping has its roots in a centuries old ritual performed by the young men of the Pentacost Islands, a group of islands located within the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu. During this ritual, the youthful tribesmen tested their courage by climbing a specially constructed tower and tying one end of a vine to the platform and the other end to their ankles. They then leaped to the ground, hoping the vines would prevent them from their imminent peril.

The ritual was modernized during the early 1980's by a group of Oxford University students who formed an association known as the Dangerous Sports Club of Great Britain. Using elastic ropes instead of vines, the students leapt from places like the Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol, England, and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Nowadays, people leap not only from bridges, but also from cranes, stadium roofs, and of course hot air balloons.

"Bungee jumping is the biggest adrenaline rush you can experience in adventure sports," Andrew Salisbury, a partner in Total Rebound, a local bungee jumping company. "I've done a lot of skydiving and this blows it away," he said.

Total Rebound has been operating in Northern California for just under one year and is the closest bungee jumping operation to the Bay Area, according to their news release. Bungee enthusiasts can jump with either 140 or 240 foot bungee cords. A jump package includes safety first bungee jumping instructions, professional supervision, and all necessary equipment. In addition, you will receive a video of your jump, including a pre and post jump interview.

Total rebound offers bungee jumping from hot air balloons and recently the company bought a 320-foot tower crane for stationary jumping when the weather doesn't permit flying the hot air balloon. The balloon and tower are located in a valley off I-80, 5 minutes east of Vallejo. For more information on Total Rebound call 1-800-4-REBOUND.



Duvel White bounces back from his first (and probably last) bungee jump.

Great America: Chills, thrills and spills

by Drew Seaman
Star Presidian staff

Your body is strapped, standing up, into a harness along with dozens of other people. In mere seconds you're hurtling at speeds up to 45 miles per hour and soaring through a 360-degree loop. It feels like you're caught in a whirlwind but actually you're caught in the VORTEX.

VORTEX, the only stand-up roller coaster west of the Mississippi, is one of the many attractions available at Great America. The amusement park in Santa Clara is the most popular attraction in Northern California.

There's something for every member of the family - whether your tastes for excitement are wild or mild. For the thrill seekers there is the fast adrenalin rushes of rides like the Whitewater Falls, Rip Roaring Rapids, the Revolution and the Tidal Wave. For more milder rides you could check out the double-decker carousel Columbia and the Barney Oldfield Motor Speedway.

Great America offers more than rides, it also offers unique entertainment shows. You can experience the ultimate visual excitement with the new IMAX film, Blue Planet, coproduced by the National Air and Space Museum and the Lockheed Corporation. It's shown on a screen seven stories tall and 96 feet wide.

For musical tastes, there is the Dancing in the City show, a musical tour of New York, Chicago and Rio featuring some of the hottest young talent around.

For those individuals keen on nature be sure to check out the frisky acrobatic antics of Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphins appearing in the show Salt-water Circus. Also be sure not to miss out on Ice Adventure, an awesome ice skating show.

For those of you with children, or if you're just young at heart, check out Smurf Woods and Fort Fun. These two kingdoms offer kids rides, games and shows. They'll also have the chance to meet Papa Smurf, Yogi Bear and other cartoon characters.

After all this excitement you might get a little hungry. Don't despair though because there are 30 restaurants to choose from and quick-stop snack shops throughout the park. There's everything from jumbo hot dogs to down-home family dining.

Great America lives up to its name. Are you ready for the marvelous magic available just right through the entrance gates?

For more information call the Information, Tour and Travel office at 561-3992.



Splishing and splashing down a water ride at Great America may get you all washed up.



The rollercoaster seems to last all eternity until you come to a screeching halt. Then you might end up wondering why it was so short.

photo by Drew Seaman

News

Good Shepherd provides CARE to many Desert Storm soldiers

by Drew Seaman Star Presidian staff

Not one service member of 350 on the prayer board was injured or killed.

The Good Shepherd School students in Pacifica had said a daily prayer to the military men and women serving in the gulf. They had also kept a vigilant writing campaign of keeping their penpals in Saudi Arabia up to date on the latest fads, television shows and grossest toys on the market.

For the last seven months the students had sent their love to the military and now it was time to have that love returned from some proud and dedicated individuals.

The school invited military members from all four branches of the service to a Welcome Home Pen-Pal Day May 17 honoring all their pen-pals who served in the gulf.

"We wrote to various bases and asked for representatives to come out and celebrate this day with us," said Robert R. Reisig, coordinator of the Pen-Pal Day.

The Coast Guard provided a spectacular fly-over of a military plane after which a joint service color guard marched as the children sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Over 30 military personnel from the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marines came out to tell war stories and humorous vignettes.

The students had written more than 4,000 letters

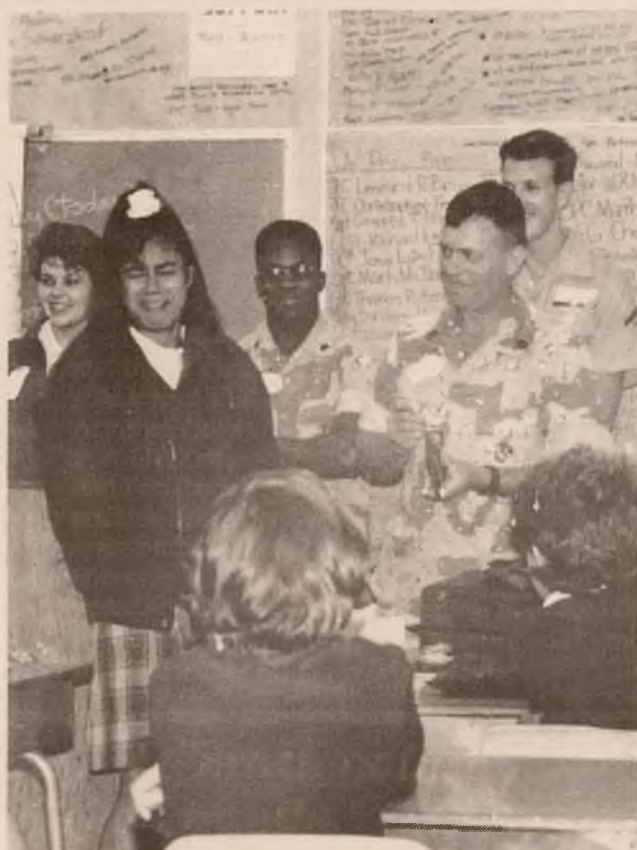
to their pen-pals and received more than 1,000 responses. Two students, Jillian Sheehe and Caren Maske, had sent out 500 letters each. Sheehe had gathered 72 pen-pals and Maske had 68 pen-pals. Every letter from a service member was answered including five letters from Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and one from Gen. Colin Powell.

The White House took notice of all the activity in September and President George Bush asked to meet with the students. Thirty Good Shepherd students met with the President Sept. 19 at the San Francisco Airport.

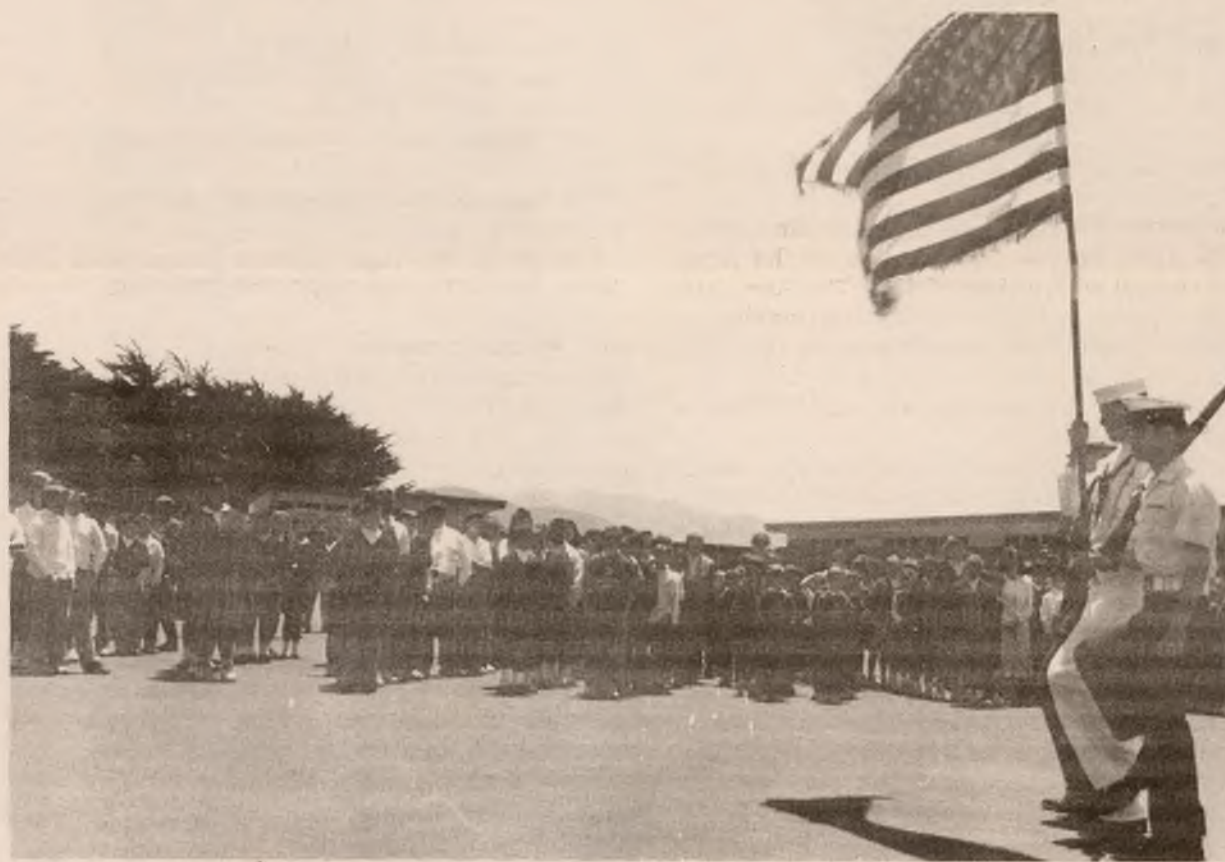
Filled with enthusiasm, the school had started the letter-writing campaign, Operation Care (Children's Armed Forces Response Effort), back in November. The students wrote to more than 2,000 schools nationwide to join in the pen-pal program. One hundred and 88 schools wrote back accepting to begin their own program of writing to soldiers, sailors, airmen or marines in Saudi Arabia.

The students had also asked for special permission to have 300 letters to be distributed among Iraqi prisoners of war.

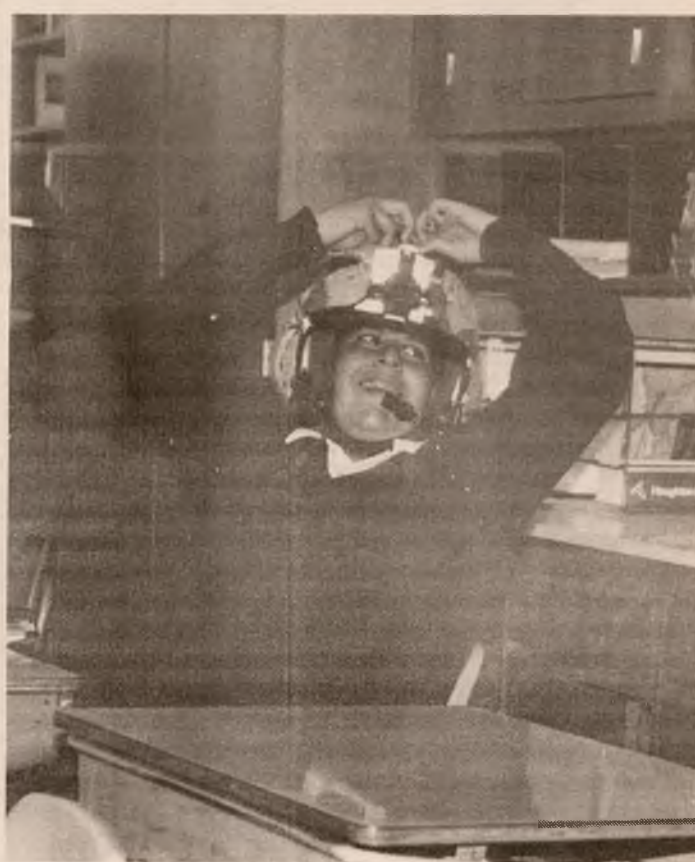
Eight-year-old David Cajal was excited to meet some of the military personnel after having written numerous letters. He said, "They're a lot more real to me now but I wouldn't want to be a soldier when I grow up."



A student gets a taste of Meal-Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and doesn't look too enthused.



A Joint Forces Color Guard marches past students during Pen-Pal Day.



A Good Shepherd student tries on a flight helmet.

JOB TIPS continued from page 5

agencies downtown (listed in the yellow pages under "Employment") to see what local jobs may be available in your field of training or interest, leaving a copy of your resume. Follow up. Most of the professional agencies will not charge you a fee for their services (ask them up front), but will get their commissions from the employer who hires you.

(By the way, unless you know someone who can personally "open doors" for you and can get your resume in to a recruiter or placement officer, or unless you are applying for a specific, advertised position, don't waste your money or time by sending blind resumes to private firms, personnel officers, or recruiters; this rarely leads to interviews or jobs.)

When visiting employment agencies,

also discuss "temporary jobs" in companies or fields in which you are interested; many firms hire "temps" before they hire permanent staff. A "temp" job will allow you time to scout around as you familiarize yourself with the private sector. And, being a good "temp" could lead to permanent employment with that firm. Again, there should be no charge to you to be placed as a "temp" as the hiring firm picks up the placement fee.

When talking with employment agencies, ask them, also, which companies are currently hiring, and for which types of jobs; if you have even the remotest experience in those areas, rewrite your resume "creatively" to meet those requirements. (Incidentally, many employment agencies will help you

write or rewrite your resume, without charge, and will give you interviewing tips to assure your success. Remember, if you're hired, it's money in their pockets, too.)

With your resume working through employment agencies or friends in the private sector, your blanketing the public sector, and your name on CPD's priority placement and other lists, your chances of finding a job quickly are doubled, tripled, or quadrupled.

Of course, you could use this rare opportunity to take a chance, convert a hobby, or use your talents (and your severance pay, if any, or savings), and start your own business. Many displaced employees have successfully done this, to their later great delight. Become your own boss and do what you've always dreamed of doing. This

will take a lot of dedication, and a tremendous amount of work, but you will be doing something you love, and for yourself, not for someone else. You may never again be in a position to seriously consider the possibility of self employment as you are right at this moment—from this approaching plateau of uncertainty.

No matter what you are doing, however, you should *at the minimum* be updating your Standard Form 171 and your civilian resume, and mentioning your job search and availability to friends and associates.

Also—as an "aside," but very important if you are not moving immediately into another job—know and understand what benefits you will be able to convert or temporarily retain, such as health insurance, until you are once again fully employed and covered.

Sports / Leisure

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

San Francisco Marathon

The Third Annual City of San Francisco Marathon will be held at 8 a.m. June 23. Volunteer Course Monitors are being sought to help marathon safely through the Presidio. Volunteer will receive a commemorative T-shirt and experience being part of an international sporting event. Many other volunteer positions are available throughout the marathon course. The marathon will start at the Golden Gate Bridge, followed by a scenic route on the streets of San Francisco. For more information or to volunteer, call Chief Warrant Officer Raymond Brown at 752-5212 after 6 p.m.

Bowling league

Improve your league average by being a member of the Presidio Summer Scratch Bowling League that will begin the Summer League June 17 at 7 p.m. Sign ups are now being accepted at the Presidio Bowling Center. Summer League will run for 12 weeks consisting of 12 position rounds. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Run for your life

There is a Run For Your Life Program that can help you along the path to fitness. It is a basic running program open to Presidians. To sign up or for more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Presidential sports awards

The Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier America. Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15-years-old or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.



Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the military community.

Adult activities:

Aerobic class; call Beverly Carpenter, 681-6721. Run for your life program; call Bob Darling, 561-4120; Exercise stretching class; Lynn Fitzwater 8:30 a.m. Gym No. 1. Nautilus weight training; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Volksmarch Club; Sgt. Maj. Mike Conrad, 561-5613. Post running team; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Golf lessons; John Murray, 751-4063. Swim lessons/lifesaving class; Allen Posey, 561-3673. Fencing Lessons; Dr. Bill O'Brien, 221-1749. Scuba classes; Staff Sgt. Bob Riecke, 666-0523 or Sgt. Maj. Mike Benjamin, 931-6322. Ladies tennis; Sandy Halsey, 381-0654 (evenings).

Youth activities:

Swim lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. Youth soccer, basketball and baseball; Allen Posey, 561-5051. Aquarius swim team; Maj. Mike Koplin, 561-4224. Taekwondo lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. youth ballet and jazz dance; Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205. Junior bowling; Penny LeCroy, 563-0981.

Cycling championship

The United States Military Sports Association and co-sponsor AT&T announce the date of the 3rd Annual national Military Cycling Championship. Race dates are August 17 through 19 with a two-day U.S. Cycling Federation developmental clinic Aug. 15 and 16. this years event will be held at Nellis Air Force base, Los Vegas. There will be age separated categories. For more information, call (702) 652-4891.



Sports Branch photo

The All-Army track and field team takes time out for a photo at the Palace of Fine Arts.

All Army track team results

Final men's results

Javelin: 1. Todd Riech (FSU) 231-0 P; 2. Tom Silva (NorCal Seniors) 204-9; 3. Tommie Boozer (Army) 164-8.

5mShot put: Chris Parks (Army) placed third with 55-9.

400 meter: Joe Barb (Army) placed first with a time of 47.6. Derwin Graham also of the Army placed second with a time of 48.4. The Army also took third place with Craig Washington making the time of 49. Viram Wade Bey of the Army took fifth with a time of 50.2.

Dino Napier of the Army had a time of 10.55 in the 100 meter race.

Daryll Davis placed third in the long jump with a distance 24-8 1/2. John Register came in sixth at 23-10 1/4. Boozer jumped 22-1 1/2 to give him the eighth place.

Graham came in second in the 800 meter race with a time of 1:51.3. The Army also took sixth place with Waddi Freeman running a time of 1:53.1.

Tyno Carter placed fifth in the 1500 meter race with a time of 4:05.76.

Napier took first in the 200 meter race with a time of 20.97. Craig Washington came in seventh at a time of 22.99. In section two of the 200, Harvey Pigum

placed second with a time of 22.41.

Discus: The Army took sixth and seventh. Michael Eggleston and Chris Parks.

High jump: Russell Clark took second with a jump of 7-1 1/2.

Triple jump: Mark Mitchell of the Army took fifth with a 47-1.

Pole Vault II: Angel Calcorzi placed first. The Army also took second with John Straight.

Final Women's results

Julia Turing took third in the 400 meter race with a time of 57.24.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Stenhuniu Thomas placed second with a 14.60 time.

100 meter race: The Army took fourth in the first section.

Katherine Burns ran a time of 12.31. In section two Cynthia Swift took third with a time of 12.71.

Turing took first in the 200 meter race, 24.54. In section two the Army took first with Burns, 25.67 and Swift, 25.69.

800 meter race: Ryslyn Rucker took first place with a time of 2:21.97.

Javelin: Dawn Lovely took fourth with a 129-8 throw.



An All-Army team members practices his high jump.

Sports Branch photo

News

CHAMPUS outpatient deductible increased

from CHAMPUS Public Affairs

The annual CHAMPUS deductible for outpatient care increased for many CHAMPUS-eligible families on April 1. The outpatient deductible for each fiscal year increased to \$150 for an individual, and a total of \$300 for the entire family. The previous amounts were \$50 and \$100, respectively.

The original law that increased the annual deductibles provided that the amounts for the family members of active-duty E-4s and below would not increase, but would remain at \$50 and \$100. Recent congressional action directed that the deductible increase be delayed until Oct. 1 for family members of active-duty sponsors who served in the Persian Gulf war. Therefore, the lower deductible rates will continue to apply to care received by these beneficiaries through Sept. 30. Implementing this change, which could take several weeks, will require identifying dependents of active-duty members who served or are serving in the Persian Gulf.

If CHAMPUS claims processors should happen to

apply the new deductible (\$150 and \$300) incorrectly to claims for beneficiaries who qualify for a delay in the increase until Oct. 1, a copy of the explanation of benefits should be marked "Desert Storm" and returned with a copy of the sponsor's leave and earnings statement (LES) showing "Danger," "Imminent Danger," or "Hostile Fire" pay, or with evidence that the military sponsor is entitled to a *combat zone tax exclusion*, to the claims processor.

If a copy of the LES is not available, the beneficiary or sponsor should contact the sponsor's military pay office for a copy.

After Sept. 30, only care for families of active-duty members in grades E-4 and below will be exempt from the higher deductible regardless of service in the Persian Gulf.

The increase in the deductible for care received on or after April 1 will apply to all persons who are eligible for CHAMPUS benefits except the family members of E-4s and below or family members of those who served in the Persian Gulf.

Here's how the increased deductible will be

applied:

Since the federal government's fiscal year begins anew each Oct. 1, all CHAMPUS-eligible persons have had to meet to the old deductible amounts (\$50 or \$100) for outpatient care received between Oct. 1, 1990, and March 31, 1991. Once a patient has met the required deductible, CHAMPUS begins normal cost-sharing of outpatient care for the rest of the fiscal year.

But the deductible increased on April 1. So, for any outpatient care received on or after that date, patient will have to pay the additional amount to reach the total of the new deductible (\$150 or \$300) before CHAMPUS will continue its normal cost-sharing of outpatient care. The amount paid toward the outpatient deductible before April 1 will be counted toward satisfaction of the increased deductible that is now in effect for most service families.

CHAMPUS claims processors will make the adjustment for the new deductible amounts on claims which indicate that the outpatient services were received on or after April 1, 1991.

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Community Calendar

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Bay Area Discovery Museum

The Bay Area Discovery Museum, 557 East Fort Baker, is offering educational activities for young and old throughout the summer. Among their upcoming activities are:

June Blues, featuring blues legends Mike Henderson, Sunday; harmonica player Big Bones on June 16; and singer Lady Biancha, June 30.

Children's Summer Photo Camp, June 8 through 29. Enrollment is limited and there is a charge for the four classes and materials.

Songs of the Sea, June 9. Children and adults may participate in a project geared to education them about the ocean's endangered species. This is a one time class.

For more information about the museum's activities call 332-9646.

Leave donation

Peter Hodes, Logistics Control Activity, has exhausted all sick and annual leave and has been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should call Mary Dukes, Civilian Personnel Directorate, Management-Employee Relations Division at 561-378.

Thank you for your continuing support to this worthwhile program.

CHAMPUS Prime signup

CHAMPUS representatives will be at Hamilton Army Air Field's Recreation Center June 13 between 7:30 and 9 p.m. to help you fill out your CHAMPUS Prime application.

Receive a free CHAMPUS Prime sweatshirt for signing up on June 13.

Universal Studios offer

Universal Studios is offering free admission to active duty and reserve soldiers who present an ID card at the Universal Studios ticket counter.

The Universal Studios offer no longer includes retired military.

Sea World offer

Sea World is admitting without charge all active duty and activated reservists and their dependents once between Saturday and Sept. 2, 1991. Military IDs must be presented at Sea World for this offer



photo by David Allen

'The Marriage of Figaro'

(Left to right) Cherubino (Garon Michael) is told by Figaro (Harold Surratt) of the glories and horrors of war in A.C.T.'s production of Beaumarchais' "The Marriage of Figaro." The play runs through June 9 at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater, 3301 Bay Street, San Francisco. For information, call 749-2ACT.

Lotus Graphs and . . . Gift certificates

Fort Scott Education Center is giving a workshop on Lotus Graphs Mondays and Wednesdays from June 17 through 26 for those who already know and use Lotus 1-2-3, but want to learn the Graph option to create visual displays of numerical worksheet data.

The class will meet from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Education Center. It is free to active duty soldiers, \$50 for others. To enroll, see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, Building 1216 or the LAMC Education Center, Building 1014.

Combat boot resumes

The USO is holding special resume Workshops for soldiers who are separating, retiring or being RIFed from the service. Classes are held Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Gift certificates

The USO, Building 223, has free McDonald's gift certificates for active duty soldiers in pay grades E8 and below. McDonald's donated more than 5,000 of them. Pick them up Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Limit two booklets per soldier. Customers must sign in to get them.

Job assistance seminar

Three-hour Job Assistance Orientation Seminars for active duty soldiers, civilians and their adult family members leaving the Army will be held on the Presidio June 18 and 25, July 9 and 23 and Aug. 6 and 20. The June 18 and August 6 seminars are for military personnel only. Individuals within six months of leaving the Army who wish to attend a seminar must reserve a space by calling the Presidio Education Center at 561-2974 or 561-4445.

Sesame Street tickets

Sesame Street Live tickets are now available at ITT, Building 215, for Saturday's 2 p.m. performance at the Cow Palace. The tickets are \$8.50 each (regular \$9.50), and children under 2 years are admitted free. Call 561-3992.

Free A's tickets

The Oakland A's are offering free tickets to two ball games this season. You must present your active duty military ID at the ticket office to claim your free ticket. Limit four per person. The games are on June 10 and August 5. For more information call the A's at 638-0500.

Advanced Wordperfect

The Education Center is offering a workshop for those who already know the basics of Wordperfect. The Advanced Wordperfect course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays June 4 through 25, and offers instruction on mail merge, macros, columns, graphics and fonts.

This class is free to active duty soldiers, \$125 for others.

Free symphony concert

The San Francisco Recreation Symphony, will offer a free concert of music selected for its appeal to children on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Academy of Sciences, Hall of Man in Golden Gate Park.

The symphony concert will be a part of a special Children's Festival. Entry to the Museum exhibits as well as the concert will be free for children and adults.

Randall Museum

Join with families from all around San Francisco to create two special story murals for display at Randall Museum Saturday at 1 p.m. with admission. Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights and is part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. Call 554-9600 for more information.

Graphics presentation

On June 18 Ashton-Tate representatives will give a presentation on how to do graphics on PCs using Applause II from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Building 603. R.S.V.P. Seating is limited.

Call Sue Baker at 561-3287 for more information.

Environmental tips

by Elayne Werner,
Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office

Pesticides down the drain

Each day in the U.S. we pour more than 32 million pounds of household cleaning products down the drain.

Most of these products are made from non-renewable petrochemicals and contain toxic substances.

CAUTION: Housewives are twice as likely to die of cancer, according to an Oregon study, because of chronic exposure to carcinogenic cleaning materials such as petroleum distillates, chlorinated hydrocarbons, benzene, and ammonia. Activities such as driving, wearing dry-cleaned clothes, showering in chlorinated water, smoking or living with a smoker, using air fresheners and aerosol sprays, and storing paints and solvents are potentially carcinogenic.

—Compiled from EcoSource catalog.

Water tip of the week

All right you dirty rat! Mugruff, says keep an eye on the color code on the newly installed sign near the Presidio Fire Station. The sign is at the corner of Lincoln and West Halleck.

If the sign is green, and if you know what's good for you, you'll water your lawns once a week on scheduled outdoor

watering days. Avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when it's relatively hot. Don't water your posies if the sign is red."

Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables. Put a stopper in the sink and partially fill it with water; then wash the vegetables.



ALOHA R & R IN HAWAII



Now Military Families Can Enjoy Waikiki And Oahu At PX Prices.

For exciting savings on anything from air fares to hotel and condominium accommodations to visitor attractions, Waikiki and Oahu is the place to be. Better still, with all the money you can save on special offers from the companies listed below, military families can turn a short vacation into extended rest and relaxation.

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Colony Hotels & Resorts
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Waikiki
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Hawaiian Regent Hotel
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Ilikai Hotel
1-800-367-8434
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1-800-325-3535
Kahala Hilton
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Waikiki Parc Hotel
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Waikiki Parkside Hotel
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1-808-548-6600
Ko Olina Golf Course
1-800-626-4447

Polynesian Cultural Center
1-800-367-7060
Royal Hawaiian Cruises
1-800-852-4183
Sea Life Park
1-800-767-8046
Waimea Falls Park
1-800-767-8046

TRANSPORTATION & TOURS

Budget Rent-A-Car Hawaii
1-800-922-3600
Dollar Rent A Car
1-800-367-7006
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Military ID required.
Some restrictions apply.

Call the companies of your choice today to reserve your place in the sun. Then get ready for some great R&R, Hawaiian style.



WAIKIKI & OAHU
The beach is just the beginning.



photo by Duvel White

A fond farewell

CSM Robert A. Whiteford says goodbye to Sixth U.S. Army at this retirement Friday. See page 3 for more on the ceremony.

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Presidio activity aids Desert Storm

by Pleasant Lindsey III

One of the Presidio's unsung activities is still actively supporting Operation Desert Storm by providing units visibility of the supply and transportation pipeline and controlling the movement of replenishment cargo.

The Logistic Control Activity, located near Crissy Field, is the single Army activity which instantaneously provides to the Total Army critical logistical tracking data.

"The Army's LCA can tell anyone where anything is in the shipment pipeline," says Colonel Robert J. Walden, Commander U.S. Army Logistic Control Activity. That mission includes determining the most cost effective method of moving supplies to Army and other DoD units located outside of the United States.

It also means that LCA must ensure commanders get the critical items they need as quickly as possible. As the Army's Airlift Clearance Authority, LCA controlled the movement of everything from food to tanks for the troops in Saudi Arabia. "During Operation Desert Storm we worked with Army Central Command Rear to determine which items were critical to the commanders in the field," Walden said.

"Some things are more critical than others," said Capt. Jim Black. "Our main thrust is making sure the right equipment goes to the right people at the right time."

"We avoided having the government spend millions of dollars in shipping costs by determining which items were critical and the proper method of shipping them," Black explained.

Annually, LCA realizes approximately \$30,000,000 in cost avoidance for Army shippers. During ODS, LCA saved 84 million dollars and approximately 103 C-141 aircraft sorties.

After LCA determines that air freight is the best method of shipping an item, the Army Airlift Clearance Authority or AACA then coordinates with the Military Airlift Command (MAC) for shipment.

The LCA maintains a daily, working file with MAC

that shows what supplies and materiel are cleared to move by air.

LCA tracks movement of equipment, supplies to critical areas in desert; avoids huge costs to government

Cargo not cleared for air freight, is then diverted to sea ports for movement by the Military Traffic Management Command and Military Sealift Command to Southwest Asia.

"LCA's Transportation Division handles day-to-day cargo requirements," said Lt. Col. Bill Bevers, Chief, Transportation Division, LCA.

"All of our files are real time, daily files," Bevers said. All of their shipping information is sent to Scott Air Force Base for verification, then from there to the necessary ports.

Bevers said the Transportation Division's workload increased 3,680 percent because of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

"We started with 13 technicians and two supervisors in August. In January we received five volunteers from the Presidio. We took 13 from other LCA divisions and brought in four IMAs. That gave us a total of 38 people," Bevers said.

"In February we received 20 more IMAs for the AACA and 10 GS-4 temporary employees to raise our total to 68 people."

"We maintained 15 workers per shift, three shifts per day, seven days per week."

Bevers clarified the need for increased manpower. "All cargo from CONUS (the U.S.) to overseas must be cleared by AACA, and we have to continue supplying units in Germany, Korea and other places," he said.

Bevers said the people manning the computer room and the AACA worked 24 hours per day, and

the computer room received information about shipments at every point in the shipment pipeline.

Onsite reps

The LCA's support was not confined to its buildings on the Presidio, however.

Two LCA representatives actually deployed to Saudi Arabia to solve cargo problems.

Dennis Blenman, logistics management specialist, and Maj. Gary Longman, Chief of LCA's Operations Branch, went to the ports of Dhahran/Damman in Saudi Arabia to help identify contents of approximately 3,000 35- to 60-foot containers that were clogging the port. Blenman and Longman using laptop computers recorded selected data from the containers and sent the information by the Defense Data Network to LCA for processing and identification of items and ship-to addresses.

After processing, the LCA would send the information back to Blenman or Longman so they could provide MTMC and the 321st Theater Materiel Management Center in Saudi Arabia information necessary to make disposition and management decisions. The entire process usually took less than 20 hours and greatly reduced the need to crawl through each container.

While they were there, the two men also supported the main logistics base at King Khalid Military City and other logistics bases between there and Dhahran/Damman.

Longman said the major part of LCA's on-site support to Saudi Arabia was actually done at the LCA here at the Presidio.

He said many employees came in at night, weekend, and holidays to process the data and get the information back as soon as possible. "Our workforce, which is mostly Department of the Army civilians, responded magnificently to the challenge and made our job much easier," Longman said.

"The ground war started the day before we got there," Longman said.

"A tragic Scud hit on a U.S. military barracks 700 yards from our living compound left no doubt in our minds that we were in a war zone."

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Dear Presidians—

Last week was a short week due to Memorial Day on Monday and it was kind of cold for a couple of days, but didn't it end in a glorious manner? Record warm days, clear and just the type to remind us that it is a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army here at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

Tuesday got off to a busy start. First off I had the honor of making an award to our departing Chief of Internal Review, Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Bryant. The Bryant family is departing for Fort Sheridan, Illinois and we all wish them well and thank them for their service at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Next it was on to the old Coast Guard Station, Fort Point. As many of you know, our Coast Guard friends moved across the bay some months ago and opened Coast Guard Station, Golden Gate. So, it was our pleasure to turn over to our friends at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area the old station. This is but the first of many such turn overs that will take place in the next few years. The media was out in force and the Public Affairs Office shop did a super job of arranging it all. And special thanks to our Directorate of Engineering and Housing shop and the Base Realignment and Closure Office for figuring it all out!!

Finally on Tuesday, I had the honor to promote from major to Lieutenant Colonel Ted Konfederak, our Chief, Counter-Drug Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. Ted had all his beautiful family present—wife Diane, daughters Amy and Jennifer and sons Brian and Kevin—and it was a joy to participate with this family in this great event in the life of the Konfederaks. A big loud HOO AH! for them all.

On Wednesday I traveled out to Dublin, California and met the mayor, Mr. Pete Snyder and Mr. Richard Ambrose, the City Manager. Some of you may not realize it but our Presidio of San Francisco sub-post, Camp Parks, is near Dublin. So it was good to meet with these local government leaders and discuss mutual problems.

Late on Wednesday we had a very special Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco event—our last run presided over by Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Whiteford. The CSM was always the sparkplug of the runs and we will all miss him. It was a great day for running, we had a good sized formation and great cadence. The runs will of course continue even though CSM Whiteford is gone but we will miss him. He was always HOO AH! and we all caught it from him.

On Thursday, 30 May I had a real pleasure—I was able to invite to Presidio of San Francisco the three gentlemen who recently organized and produced a DESERT STORM golf day in San Ramon. These gentlemen—Mr. Darrell Hamlett, Mr. Bob Bishop and Mr. Harry Lema—presented to our Enlisted Spouses Club and our Officer Wives Club checks for \$5,500.00 and \$3,500.00 respectively. These were the proceeds from the tournament and will be used for the benefit of

Hoo Ah!

soldiers and families at Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco. Now that's HOO AH! And gentle readers, this was in addition to all the service members who got to play golf at San Ramon. So, it was our real pleasure to have these folks over to play golf at the Presidio of San Francisco. And thanks to the Enlisted Spouses Club for making this possible.

Early on the 31st—and I mean early—like 0100 early! We were able to welcome the remainder of the 870th Military Police home from Desert Shield/Desert Storm duty in Germany. These folks are primarily from Vacaville and Pittsburg, California and have performed outstandingly. Welcome home to all of them. And a big HOO AH! to our Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities, Military Police, the Garrison Staff, the Band and the Noncommissioned Officers' Club for again putting on a great show! A great welcome home! For some great troops!

Friday was a truly memorable day at Presidio of San Francisco. Weather-wise it was beautiful. At noon I had lunch with a large contingent of Command Sergeants Major from throughout Sixth U.S. Army. They were here for a command seminar and the retirement of CSM Whiteford. Also here were CSM Smith from FORSCOM, CSM Murray from the Office of the Chief of Army Reserves and CSM Kidd from I Corps at Fort Lewis (and soon to be Sergeant Major of the Army! HOO AH!). That's quite a turn out but certainly well deserved. At 1500 hours we held the official retirement ceremony. By then the wind was really blowing and a special HOO AH to our color guard and the flag bearers. They really did a super job. But so did the band, CSM Ward and his staff, Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison and the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization who arranged it all. It was a sad day but also a proud day as we bid farewell and wished God speed to CSM and Mrs. Whiteford. To all of you who helped make this such a special affair—my sincere thanks. It was a great tribute to a great soldier.

Finally, on Friday night was the farewell party for the Whitefords. It, too, was a great affair—a fun filled one with everyone having a good time remembering, spoofing the Whitefords and just enjoying good military togetherness. It was truly a HOO AH! evening—all the way!

On Sunday it was back to business as Mrs. Harrison and I travelled north to Hamilton Army Air Field to attend the change of command of the 2D Hospital Center—a U.S. Army Reserve major medical command of the 124th ARCOM. Another beautiful day and the 2D Hospital Center personnel did a fine job. Thanks to Brigadier General Butz and welcome to Colonel Shivley.

I must again ask all Presidians to follow our watering rules. The drought continues and we must conserve. Please check the Star Presidian or your area mayor to determine your watering day. We need your help and cooperation. God Bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

“Anyone wanting to be the greatest must be the least—the servant of all!”

—Mark 9:35

Do You Know

The number of chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff since its formation in 1949?
12

The number of chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who have been Air Force generals?
three
(Nathan Twining, George Brown, David Jones)

The name of the only chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with both enlisted and commissioned service?
John Vessey Jr.
(Army)

The year the pledge of allegiance to the flag was first published?
1892

The day a star is added to the U.S. flag following admission of a new state?
July 4

The name of the first U.S. government building to have a cornerstone laid?
U.S. Mint
(July 31, 1792)

The name of the first chief justice of the United States?
John Jay
(1789-1795)

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"If you had an unlimited amount of money how would you change your life?"

Pfc. Richard D. Rendon, Protocol driver, Sixth U.S. Army: "The First thing I would do, no question, I would get front row season tickets to the Lakers games. I'd hook up with Magic Johnson and sit by Jack Nicholson."



Staff Sgt. Joe E. Ashford, NCOIC, Mailing and Distribution: "I'd give a third to charity, mainly for people with cancer and a third to the Girl Scouts. The rest I'd use to make sure my home had all the needs and then I'd buy a farm, and on that farm I'd have some goats and some cows..."



Bernie M. Cousart, Standardized Installation Personnel analyst, MILPO: "Well, I'd retire then play golf three times a week to lower my handicap and take out my wife for breakfast, lunch and dinner."



Stanley L. Smith, Military Personnel specialist, MILPO: "Since I'm already retired from the Army and I'm working, I'd really retire."



Spec. Maria C. Garcia, regulations clerk, Mailing and Distribution: "I probably would have gone straight to college instead of joining the Army first. I'd put some money into research for diabetes since my mother had diabetes. I'd donate to a children's fund that fought against abuse and starvation."



CSM receives grand good-bye

by Sgt. Maj. Ted Disney
Reserve Component Advisors Office
photos by Duvel White

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison and Mrs. Jo Harrison hosted a farewell dinner for Command Sgt. Major and Mrs. Robert A. Whiteford III in the Moraga Room at the Presidio Officers' Club Friday night. The evenings festivities were attended by more than 150 well wishers from the Presidio Army family and 12 states and seven Major United States Army Reserve Commands (MUSARC) that comprise Sixth U.S. Army to say good-bye to Whiteford and his wife.

The remarks made by representatives from the

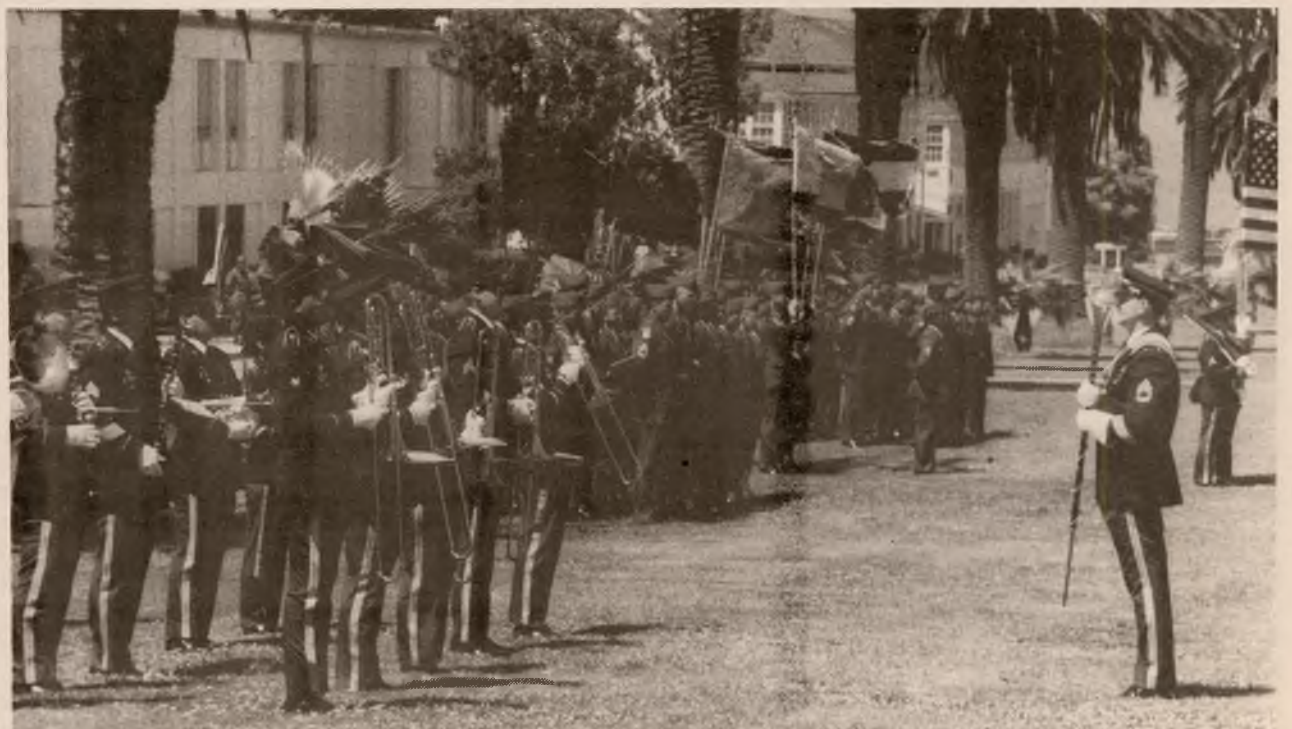
National Guard Bureau, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, visiting Command Sergeants Major, and those of Harrison truly expressed the high regard that is held for the Whitefords throughout the Total Army.

A fun filled walk through Whiteford's career was provided the attendees by a slide show produced from pictures taken from the Whiteford family album. Maj. Dennis Drake, Sixth U.S. Army PAO, and Sgt. Maj. Alvin Vales, Sixth U.S. Army DCSPER, were co-conspirators in the lighthearted "walk down memory lane."

All in all, the Whitefords were sent off in grand style.



CSM Robert A. Whiteford III and his wife, Marilyn, say goodbye to well wishers after his retirement ceremony.



The Sixth U.S. Army Band heads the line of troops for the retirement ceremony.

Faces on the Presidio

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Headquarters Command Battalion

Congratulations to Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III, who was named the Battalion Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

Education Center

Sgt. 1st Class No C. Pak (LAMC Co. B) and Chief Warrant Officer William S. Parker (Readiness Group) received Bachelor of Arts degrees. In last week's issue of the Star Presidian they were listed as having Associate of Arts Degrees.

Readiness Group

Maj. Vennis T. Manson received a Masters in Systems Management from the University of Denver at Sunnyvale, Calif. in April.

News

News Briefs

Sixth Army downsizing briefing change

The Sixth U.S. Army downsizing briefing, for all Sixth U.S. Army military and civilian employees that was scheduled for Friday has been changed. The meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Post Theatre. The briefing is mandatory and is for Sixth U.S. Army personnel only.

Armed Forces Week at the Oakland Zoo

The Oakland Zoo would like to show its appreciation for the splendid efforts of the men and women of America's Armed Forces. During the week of June 10 through June 16, all service members, their family members and Department of Defense civilian employees will be admitted free of charge when they present their military identification card. Parking fees will also be waived. For more information, call Toni Stone at 632-9525. The Oakland Zoo is located in Knowland Park, off highway 580, at the Golf Links exit.

Red Cross class

There will be an introduction to American Red Cross class June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. This orientation is for all new potential volunteers interested in working at Letterman Army Medical Center and throughout the Presidio. Volunteers are needed in disaster services, health and safety, and case work and publicity. For more information, call 561-2187/2141 by June 17.

For Bragg dentist tests HIV positive

A Fort Bragg DENTAC direct care provider has recently tested positive for the HIV virus. Anyone assigned to Fort Bragg between July 1, 1988, and April 30, 1991, who had children treated at Clinic No. 5 on Gruber Road (Smoke Bomb Hill Clinic), should call 1-800-9901 for more information.

Presidio news

As part of the long-range planning efforts for conversion of the Presidio from post to park, the National Park Service is continuing its preliminary condition survey of the Presidio housing areas. A two to three person team of national park Service Architectural Consultants will be looking closely at and photographing the exteriors of the housing in your neighborhood. The team will be on site between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be identified by National park Service assigned badges. The tentative schedule for their visits is as follows: May 24-31; buildings 1300, 1700, 1800, 400, 800 and May 31-June 7; buildings 1100, 1400 and 1500. For more information, call Carey Feierabend at 556-8600.

Job assistance program

If you are leaving the Army, you and your family members are eligible to attend a free job assistance orientation. The seminar dates are June 18, 25, July 9, 23, August 6 and August 20. Reserve a space by calling the Presidio Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

Pediatric Clinic

There will be no change in services provided by the Letterman Army Medical Center's Pediatric Clinic during the downsizing this summer. The Pediatricians will continue to provide full range outpatient medical care to all children. This includes same day appointments, routine appointments, well baby visits, immunizations and developmental pediatrician evaluations. In addition, Pediatric Endocrinology, Psychiatric and Cardiology appointments will continue to be available. In the unlikely event that hospitalization is required, transfer to a local hospital will be carefully arranged. To make an appointment, call 563-5324 or 561-5324. To cancel appointments, call 561-5945.

207th MP Co. returns from Saudi Arabia

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Laughter and cries were heard as the 270th Military Police Company arrived at the NCO/Enlisted Club Tuesday.

Family and friends gathered to welcome home their loved ones who served their country during Desert Storm.

The 270th MP Co. is part of the California National Guard in Sacramento.

After the soldiers arrived they fell out of the buses into formation.

Col. William D. Swift welcomed the 102 soldiers back from the desert. Swift then introduced Brig. Gen. P.W. Lash, Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff. Lash congratulated the MP company on a job well done.

Its mission in Saudi Arabia was to provide security for airports and ocean ports close to Dharhan.

The soldiers were activated Dec. 6, 1990, and mobilized at the Presidio. They said their good-byes to family and friends when they deployed Jan. 9.

The MP Co. arrived at Travis Airport Tuesday at

3:50 a.m. From Travis they arrived here at 7 a.m.

After the Sixth U.S. Army Band played, Lash said, "Go get 'em!"

Family members and friends ran towards the formation to find their soldiers. It was not an easy task for many to pick out their loved ones from the desert uniform clad soldiers.

When the family members reunited with their loved ones many tears were shed through the happiness of their return. Soldiers embraced their loved ones.

After the formation let out and the soldiers exchanged hugs with their loved ones, they entered the NCO/Enlisted Club for breakfast. Soldiers and their families ate and talked, while children sat on their daddies' laps and helped eat the food.

The 270th MP Company received a warm welcome home from the Presidio community.

These soldiers will stay at the Presidio for two days while they out process and then return to their lives at home.

Public forum on Presidio changeover

by Howard Levitt,
National Park Service

The "Presidio Forum," a public involvement event to help plan the future of the Presidio of San Francisco, will be held June 14 and 15 at Fort Mason Center, according to Brian O'Neill, Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The event is free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

"This is a chance for citizens of the Bay Area to become 'Presidio Planners for the Day,'" said Roger Brown, captain of the Presidio Planning Team.

The Presidio Forum will be an opportunity to get an up-to-the-minute report on the conversion of the Presidio from an Army Post to a National Park. The public will also be able to give feedback to the planning team on the planning process so far. "The Presidio Forum is a way for the public to talk directly to the planning team, and it is also a great opportunity to celebrate the Presidio as a treasured resource for future generations," said Brown.

There will be opportunities to hear reports from consultants about Presidio history, landscapes, and other features and to participate in exhibits and planning activities. At one exhibit, Forum participants will be able to pin-point their own favorite Presidio area or feature. Other exhibits will reflect

the ideas and conclusions from the public workshops held during the past year.

Special interactive exhibits for children will be provided on Saturday by the Bay Area Discovery Museum. Refreshments will be available on both days of the Presidio Forum.

A "History Tunnel" will depict 200 years of human activity at the Presidio, and docents, dressed in authentic uniforms of the past, will bring history to life. There will also be opportunities for individuals who have personal knowledge about the Presidio to tape record their stories for posterity at an oral history booth.

"We want the Presidio Forum to be another chance for people to get involved with planning for the Presidio, and we want it to be an educational experience that is participatory and fun," O'Neill added.

The forum will be located at the Herbst Pavilion of Pier 2, Fort Mason Center (enter at Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street). Public transportation is available. The hours will be 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday; noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Arrangements have been made to help physically challenged individuals participate. For more information on the Presidio Forum, call 556-7385.

Recruiting underway to fill USARC positions

by Severin Johnson,
Director, Civilian Personnel Directorate,
and K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

Recruiting is underway to begin staffing the new U.S. Army Reserve Command, currently headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. The Directorate of Civilian Personnel at Fort McPherson has been designated as the servicing personnel office for the USARC.

Job opportunities will become available as the new USARC headquarters becomes fully operational. With the elimination of Fourth U.S. Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, the restructuring and downsizing of the other Continental U.S. Army Commands (CONUSA), and the transferring of some CONUSA missions to USARC, the staffing of USARC may provide some job transitions for employees facing reductions in force at their CONUSA headquarters.

To provide opportunities for employees in the CONUSAs, Fort McPherson will provide the Presidio CPD, and other affected CONUSAs with merit promotion announcements for USARC positions. Locally, copies will be distributed within Sixth Army through the Sixth Army DCSPER. The announcements will also be kept in a separate binder in the job information center, CPD, for anyone else who is interested in applying.

You may apply for reassignment or a change to lower grade through the Fort McPherson candidate supply file. If you are eligible to register in any career programs, you should be sure, also, to register in the programs that apply directly to positions in the USARC.

For information, or to register in a career program, contact the Training and Development Office, CPD, at 561-2554.

To apply for any announced positions, you should submit a separate Standard Form-171 (Application for Federal Employment) to the Fort McPherson CPD for each announcement for which you wish to be considered. The SF-171 must have an original signature and date, and, in addition to any other information requested—e.g., a recent performance appraisal—the SF-171 should have attached to it a copy of a recent SF-50 (Notification of Personnel Action) showing your current status.

If you want to be considered for reassignment or for a change to lower grade, you should submit a separate SF-171 for each series for which you wish consideration.

With the downsizing in the CONUSAs, the Fort McPherson CPD is also establishing a separate data bank for CONUSA employees seeking noncompetitive consideration. CONUSA employees will be referred *before* any other candidates when noncompetitive referrals are made.

If you are interested in positions at USARC, send your application(s) to Headquarters, Fort McPherson, Directorate of Civilian Personnel, ATTN: USARC Staffing Unit, Building 246, Fort McPherson, Georgia 30330-5000.

Should you have questions relative to USARC recruiting and staffing, contact Joan Gusman, Presidio CPD, at 561-2840. For information on the USARC transition, call Dave Dickstein, DCSR, at 561-4648.

News

Commentary: Honoraria ban and employee rights

"The silencing of the feds"

by K.M. Petrack,
Star Presidian Managing Editor

If NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE were alive today, he could not publish, for pay, a review of his own novel, *"The Scarlet Letter."* A book review is considered to be an "article" and falls under the new Congressionally mandated honoraria ban.

Hawthorne was a government employee as well as a writer. His writing supplemented his civil service income and vice versa.

It is questionable whether he would even be allowed to publish the novel, itself, in that his preface attacks politicians, discusses his government job and describes his finding the scarlet letter "A" (for "Adulteress") while working in his Customs House archives, all of which introduce his story.

In fact, all things considered, Hawthorne, himself, today might be fined, branded and publicly humiliated with a modern day scarlet "A" as a law-breaking "Author."

Others who wrote while employed by the government included HERMAN MELVILLE (*Moby Dick*), a New York customs inspector; WALT WHITMAN (*Leaves of Grass*), a Departments of the Interior and Justice employee; WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS (novelist, critic, essayist who influenced MARK TWAIN and STEPHEN CRANE), an American diplomat; WASHINGTON IRVING (*Rip Van Winkle*, *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*), a diplomatic corpsman; BRET HARTE (writer of the 19th Century American West), a U.S. commercial agent abroad and employee at the U.S. Mint in San Francisco; and RACHEL CARSON (*The Sea Around Us*, *Silent Spring*), a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee.

"American literary history is filled with writers who used their time [while] on Uncle Sam's payroll to pay their expenses while they wrote, and to collect material for later writing," says the *Federal Times*. "A ban on paid writing about matters unrelated to their government jobs could have discouraged these writers and deprived us of their works."

This all relates to the new Ethics Reform Act of 1989, Public Law 101-194, in effect since January 1, 1991, which now prohibits all executive branch officers and employees, including all DA civilians, Army officers, and warrant officers, whether or not in a commissioned status, from writing, speaking, or making a public appearance on any subject for a fee, even on their [your] own time, away from the job, or on topics totally unrelated to your government position. (The ban does not apply to noncommissioned officers and enlisted members.)

If you transgress the new law, you face a potential hefty \$10,000 fine for each offense.

As a ridiculous example: you could not, under the new law, be paid for an article as innocuous as "Who Wrote 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star?'" to be published in a children's magazine, without incurring a potential \$10,000 fine.

This new restriction affects all federal employees who write or speak to supplement their incomes, or those who may want to. Many feel the government is infringing on their rights by denying them use of their education, talents, interests, hobbies, and personal free time and pursuits.

"The prohibition is absolute," writes Capt. Kathryn Stone, DA Judge Advocate General's Office. "Could the ban already have cost us the next Whitman, Hawthorne, or Irving?" asks the *Times*.

The DA Staff Judge Advocate's office has offered what it considers may be some "expected" exclusions to the ban. No exclusions as of the date of this

publication have yet been offered or defined, though the DA Judge Advocate informs that the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is issuing new guidelines to implement the statutory requirements concerning honoraria.

"The only way to take money for freelancing [now]" says the *Federal Times*, "is to have it paid to a charity. Even then, only \$2,000 per speech, article or appearance can be contributed. And neither the employee nor his or her spouse, family or relatives can benefit from the donation."

Maj. Cindy J. Benson of the Academy of Health Sciences, comments in the Health Services Command's *HSC Mercury*, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, "The prohibition against honoraria is contemptible.

In other words, our medical expertise is now the exclusive property of the U.S. government. Why are we treated as less than professional just because we work for the government? How can it be unethical to receive minimal compensation for off-duty hours and personal resources for developing [in her case] an educational presentation? It alarms me that individuals unfamiliar with the Bill of Rights are formulating public laws. Our Bill of Rights is one of the most enlightened documents ever written. We should not allow a Congressional committee to arbitrarily nibble away at it."

Postal employee Vincent F. Safuto writing to the *Federal Times* says "I cannot believe that my efforts to develop a career outside the postal service are now considered unethical and illegal. I not only attend college, major in journalism and have an editorial position on the college newspaper, I also write an astronomy column for a local newspaper. In addition, I just agreed to teach a course in astronomy at the local science museum. I used to complain about my job preventing me from having the time to write. Now it prevents me from having the right to write!" [for a fee].

"Reading between the lines of this punitive legislation," says Benson, "my guess is that a few people in high places with underwhelming ethical standards received bribes in the form of hefty 'honoraria,' and that this is a misguided attempt to prevent further abuse."

Congressman James Hansen, Utah, in a letter urging colleagues to co-sponsor his bill, HR 474, which would amend the honoraria ban, said, "We made a mistake. In our efforts to limit honoraria, we have infringed upon the rights of all federal employees."

The federal Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has gone on record opposing the law, saying it "is overly broad." However, the ban remains in effect, says OGE, and "must be obeyed until modified."

The *Times* informs that the Supreme Court "was asked to put the ban on hold pending an appellate court ruling on whether it violates employees' free speech rights. The Supreme Court refused to halt [the ban]. The court found employees failed to demonstrate they would suffer 'irreparable injury' if the ban took effect."

Three employee groups have sued over the ban. The American Federation of Government Employees, the National Treasury Employees Union, and the American Civil Liberties Union are presently in court fighting the Justice Department over the law. Meanwhile, "the Justice Department, as the government's lawyer, finds itself defending a law that is deplored by virtually every federal agency," says the *Weekly Federal Employees' News Digest*. When the law was passed, says the *Times*, "Legislators traded a ban on accepting honoraria for a 25 percent raise effective January 1. Members of the House

took the raise and accepted the ban; Senators took a smaller raise and still can collect speaking and writing payments."

The rank and file employees, on the other hand, had their personal, freelance pursuits restricted with the promise of a severe penalty for any violation.

"In the Senate, a measure lifting the ban for all but non-careerists in top-level jobs has been kept from the floor by a threatened amendment banning senators from taking honoraria," says the *Times*. "The law containing the ban and providing congressional raises last January was rejected by the Senate. Only House members and employees are covered. Senators, reluctant to lose their own speaking fees and frightened to debate their own salaries, appear stymied by the amendment threat."

However, on May 21, "Senators voted 77-24... to prevent themselves from taking writing, speaking and appearance fees," says the *Times*, "but the amendment does not change the honoraria ban still affecting federal employees." Also, says the *Times*, "the bill containing the Senate honoraria ban, a campaign finance reform measure, is considered likely to be vetoed by President Bush."

The *Times* reports that two new bills to reduce the effect of the ban were pending as long ago as late January 1991, and "three measures already had been introduced in the House. They would have made exceptions for activities unrelated to [an] employee's job, exempted employees below the GS-16 level, or permitted payments as long as those who paid had no interest that could be affected by an employee's performance of his or her official duties." Hansen's HR 474 proposal would amend the law "to allow speeches, appearances, and articles by officers and employees of the United States if unrelated to that individual's official duties or status," and would exclude "any amount which is paid for an appearance, speech, or article unrelated to that individual's official duties or status as an officer or employee."

To date, no progress has been made on any of the bills.

Another bill, S-242, introduced by Senators Glenn and Roth and 30 other senators similarly proposes lifting the ban but would limit the amount of any honorarium to "a maximum of \$2,000," a pittance considering that a speech or a feature article in a major publication could command much more.

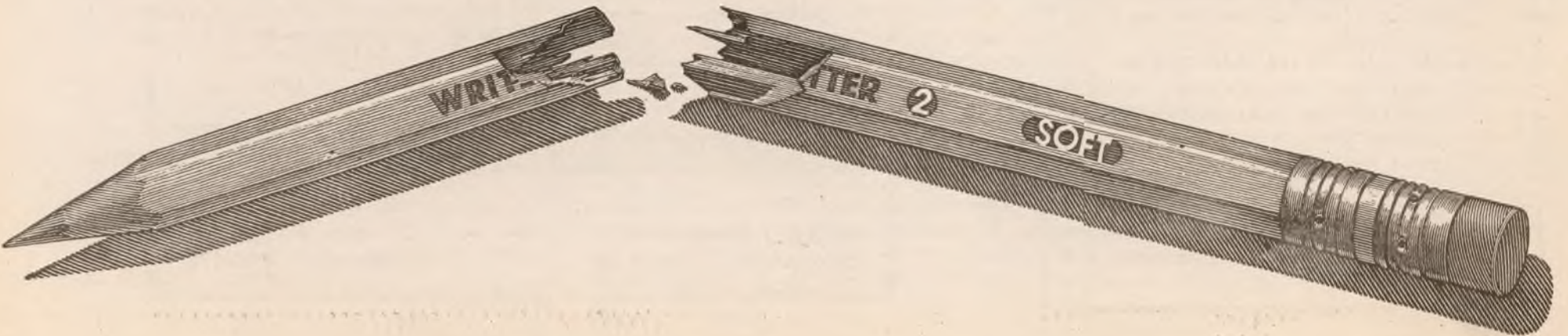
Others who introduced variations of related legislation are Representatives Morella, Maryland; Frank, Massachusetts; and Rhodes, Arizona.

The *News Digest* says, "Although there is wide agreement that [the] ban on freelancing by federal employees should be eased, congressional action may not come as quickly as some hope. Senate bill, S-242, [is] supported by civil service leaders of both parties... but there are five House measures with a similar aim. Leaders there are faced with choosing one or trying to incorporate parts of several or all of them into one bill they can bring to a vote."

"Legislators, mired in controversy over their own honoraria and whether payments should be banned for top-level employees appear unlikely to act soon on the freelance ban for all other workers," says the *Times*.

The restriction remains intact, although the government has yet to enforce the law. "A federal appeals court has suggested that anyone earning outside income covered by the honoraria law place the money in escrow until the situation is settled," says the *News Digest*.

The *Star Presidian* will print updated material on this law as it becomes available.



Sports/Health

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

San Francisco Marathon

The Third Annual City of San Francisco Marathon will be held at 8 a.m. June 23. Volunteer Course Monitors are being sought to help marathoners safely through the Presidio. Volunteers receive a commemorative T-shirt and experience being part of an international sporting event. Many other volunteer positions are available throughout the marathon course. The marathon will start at the Golden Gate Bridge, followed by a scenic route on the streets of San Francisco. For more information or to volunteer, call Chief Warrant Officer Raymond Brown at 752-5212 after 6 p.m.

Bowling league

Improve your league average by being a member of the Presidio Summer Scratch Bowling League that will begin the Summer League June 17 at 7 p.m. Sign ups are now being accepted at the Presidio Bowling Center. Summer League will run for 12 weeks consisting of 12 position rounds. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Run for your life

There is a Run For Your Life Program that can help you along the path to fitness. It is a basic running program open to Presidians. To sign up or for more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Presidential sports awards

The Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier America. Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15-years-old or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.



Fitness activities

The following is a list of fitness activities available to the military community.

Adult activities:

Aerobic class; call Beverly Carpenter, 681-6721. Run for your life program; call Bob Darling, 561-4120; Exercise stretching class; Lynn Fitzwater 8:30 a.m. Gym No. 1. Nautilus weight training; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Volksmarch Club; Sgt. Maj. Mike Conrad, 561-5613. Post running team; Bob Darling, 561-4120. Golf lessons; John Murray, 751-4063. Swim lessons/lifesaving class; Allen Posey, 561-3673. Fencing Lessons; Dr. Bill O'Brien, 221-1749. Scuba classes; Staff Sgt. Bob Riecke, 666-0523 or Sgt. Maj. Mike Benjamin, 931-6322. Ladies tennis; Sandy Halsey, 381-0654 (evenings).

Youth activities:

Swim lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. Youth soccer, basketball and baseball; Allen Posey, 561-5051. Aquarius swim team; Maj. Mike Koplin, 561-4224. Taekwondo lessons; Joe Cheeseman, 561-5143. youth ballet and jazz dance; Debbie Cutshaw, 929-1205. Junior bowling; Penny LeCroy, 563-0981.

Cycling championship

The United States Military Sports Association and co-sponsor AT&T announce the date of the 3rd Annual national Military Cycling Championship. Race dates are August 17 through 19 with a two-day U.S. Cycling Federation developmental clinic Aug. 15 and 16. This year's event will be held at Nellis Air Force base, Las Vegas. There will be age separated categories. For more information, call (702) 652-4891.

Congress authorizes CHAMPUS eligibility for some former service members, families

Congress has authorized eligibility for limited periods of military health care benefits (including CHAMPUS) to several categories of former active-duty service members and their eligible family members.

Here are the benefit periods and the service members and families who are eligible for them:

- Up to 30 days, or until covered by an employer-sponsored health plan (whichever happens first), following release from active-duty for (1) Guard/Reserve members who were activated in connection with Operation Desert Storm, and their dependents; (2) military members retained voluntarily or involuntarily on active duty in connection with Operation Desert Storm under "stop-loss" procedures, and their dependents. "Stop-loss" refers to the services' policy, begun during the Persian Gulf war, of keeping persons on active duty who would otherwise have been able to leave active service.

- Sixty days for Department of Defense military members not in the above category who are involuntarily separated with fewer than six years of active service, and their dependents. The involuntary separation must occur during the five-year period beginning Oct. 1, 1990.

- One hundred-twenty days for Department of Defense military members who are involuntarily separated with six or more years of active service, and their dependents. The involuntary separation must occur during the five-year period beginning Oct. 1, 1990.

Eligibility for members and their dependents is determined by the individual service branches, which also provide eligibility information to the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) computer data files. CHAMPUS contractors then check the DEERS files for eligibility status when processing claims.

Persons in the three categories should remember that they are also eligible to use uniformed services medical treatment facilities during their periods of eligibility. They are subject to the rules concerning the use of CHAMPUS and service hospitals, such as the possible need for a nonavailability statement from a nearby military hospital before getting nonemergency inpatient care from a civilian hospital under CHAMPUS.

CHAMPUS claims for persons who fall into the above categories will be processed for both sponsors and family members as if they were active-duty dependents.

In order for these claims to be processed properly, persons submitting them should write "TAMP" on the CHAMPUS claim form. "TAMP" stands for Transitional Assistance Management Program; it tells the CHAMPUS contractor that the claim should be processed under the criteria established for these new categories of CHAMPUS-eligible persons.

Questions about obtaining care under CHAMPUS, or from military medical facilities, should be directed to the nearest service hospital or clinic's Health Benefits Advisor.


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Community Calendar

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Bay Area Discovery Museum

The Bay Area Discovery Museum, 557 East Fort Baker, is offering educational activities for young and old throughout the summer. Among their upcoming activities are:

June Blues, featuring blues legends Mike Henderson, Sunday; harmonica player Big Bones on June 16; and singer Lady Bianca, June 30.

Children's Summer Photo Camp, June 8 through 29. Enrollment is limited and there is a charge for the four classes and materials.

Songs of the Sea, June 9. Children and adults may participate in a project geared to education them about the ocean's endangered species. This is a one time class.

For more information about the museum's activities call 332-9646.

Leave donation

Peter Hodes, Logistics Control Activity, has exhausted all sick and annual leave and has been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should call Mary Dukes, Civilian Personnel Directorate, Management-Employee Relations Division at 561-378.

Thank you for your continuing support to this worthwhile program.

CHAMPUS Prime signup

CHAMPUS representatives will be at Hamilton Army Air Field's Recreation Center June 13 between 7:30 and 9 p.m. to help you fill out your CHAMPUS Prime application.

Receive a free CHAMPUS Prime sweatshirt for signing up on June 13.

Universal Studios offer

Universal Studios is offering free admission to active duty and reserve soldiers who present an ID card at the Universal Studios ticket counter.

The Universal Studios offer no longer includes retired military.

Sea World offer

Sea World is admitting without charge all active duty and activated reservists and their dependents once between Saturday and Sept. 2, 1991. Military IDs must be presented at Sea World for this offer.

Movie schedule

Presidio Post Theater

Friday: Shipwrecked (PG)

Saturday: Out for Justice (R)

Sunday: Rich Girl

Monday: Home Alone (PG)



Environmental tips

by Elayne Werner, Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office

Lighting uses 20 percent of America's total electrical output. We currently have 2.5 billion light-bulb sockets. Of these, more than one billion could easily use high-efficiency bulbs with a potential savings of \$30 billion a year. If we all used efficient lighting, we could eliminate the need for all the nuclear power plants currently operating in the U.S. through this one energy conservation practice.

Lotus Graphs and . . .

Fort Scott Education Center is giving a workshop on Lotus Graphs Mondays and Wednesdays from June 17 through 26 for those who already know and use Lotus 1-2-3, but want to learn the Graph option to create visual displays of numerical worksheet data.

The class will meet from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Education Center. It is free to active duty soldiers, \$50 for others. To enroll, see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, Building 1216 or the LAMC Education Center, Building 1014.

Combat boot resumes

The USO is holding special resume Workshops for soldiers who are separating, retiring or being RIFed from the service. Classes are held Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Gift certificates

The USO, Building 223, has free McDonald's gift certificates for active duty soldiers in pay grades E8 and below. McDonald's donated more than 5,000 of them. Pick them up Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Limit two booklets per soldier. Customers must sign in to get them.

Job assistance seminar

Three-hour Job Assistance Orientation Seminars for active duty soldiers, civilians and their adult family members leaving the Army will be held on the Presidio June 18 and 25, July 9 and 23 and Aug. 6 and 20. The June 18 and August 6 seminars are for military personnel only. Individuals within six months of leaving the Army who wish to attend a seminar must reserve a space by calling the Presidio Education Center at 561-2974 or 561-4445.

Sesame Street tickets

Sesame Street Live tickets are now available at ITT, Building 215, for Saturday's 2 p.m. performance at the Cow Palace. The tickets are \$8.50 each (regular \$9.50), and children under 2 years are admitted free. Call 561-3992.

Free A's tickets

The Oakland A's are offering free tickets to two ball games this season. You must present your active duty military ID at the ticket office to claim your free ticket. Limit four per person. The games are on June 10 and August 5. For more information call 638-0500.

Advanced Wordperfect

The Education Center is offering a workshop for those who already know the basics of Wordperfect. The Advanced Wordperfect course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays June 4 through 25, and offers instruction on mail merge, macros, columns, graphics and fonts.

This class is free to active duty soldiers. \$125 for others.

Vista College PACE Program

There will be a PACE briefing Tuesday between 4 and 5:30 p.m. at the Oakland Army Base Cafeteria, Building 60, for those interested in furthering their college education.

Vista College, a public junior college from Berkeley, Calif., will be bringing PACE (Program for Adult College Education) to Oakland Army Base, Building 780, in August. Designed for working adults, pace allows you to finish your freshman and sophomore years in only five to six semesters then transfer to a four-year college for your bachelor's degree.

Classes meet an average of one evening per week and six Saturdays per semester. The cost is about \$50 per semester plus books. The first PACE class will meet on August 27.

Call Vista College PACE Program, 841-0809; or Barbara Hug at the Presidio Education Center at 561-4900 for further details.

Graphics presentation

On June 18 Ashton-Tate representatives will give a presentation on how to do graphics on PCs using Applause II from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Building 603. R.S.V.P. Seating is limited.

Call Sue Baker at 561-3287 for more information.

Strict water policy still in effect on the Presidio

by Rajeev Paranis
Directorate of Engineering and Housing
and Star Presidian staff

The Presidio is fortunate to have its own water wells and a flowing creek. Together, they supplied us with more than 500 million gallons of drinking-quality water last year. However, about half of the water consumed on Post has been ending up in the San Francisco sewers.

This means that irrigation and other outdoor use of water on post continue to be too high. Presidio residents cannot expect to keep their lawns and gardens emerald-green while most of the Bay Area lawns are in danger of turning brown. The time has come to impose certain restrictions on all exterior use of water on post.

An information program consisting of daily displays at the Presidio Fire Station and other selected areas implementing advertising water availability conditions began May 1.

Since this time many Presidians have had questions concerning the condition colors.

The conditions are defined as follows:

Condition Green—Watering of lawns and plants plus washing cars will be allowed once a week. Area 1 residents may engage in outdoor watering on Mondays, Area 2 residents may water on Tuesdays, and so on. Note that the Presidio Golf Club chooses to buy its water from the city and as such, the PAGC is governed by the water use restrictions imposed by the city.

Condition Yellow—Watering of lawns and plants allowed only at the main parade ground and main entrances on regularly scheduled days. No outdoor watering permitted in any residential or nonresidential areas.

Condition Red—No outside watering allowed.

The Presidio purchased over 40 million gallons of water from San Francisco in the Fiscal Year 1990 for use at Fort Mason. The Presidio's operating budget for Fiscal Year 1991 utilities is already facing a shortfall of nearly \$2.5 million. Conservation is no longer a matter of choice, it is a matter of survival for the Presidio.

For more information, call Rajeev Paranis 561-4051.

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MP company returns from Desert Storm mission

by Pleasant Lindsey III,
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The 270th Military Police Company returned from Saudi Arabia June 3 after performing nearly five months of air base and VIP security missions in Operation Desert Storm.

The 270th, an Army National Guard unit from Sacramento, Calif., landed in Saudi Arabia two minutes to midnight on Jan. 20 in the midst of a Scud attack and sweated out a second attack nearly two hours later while gathering up their equipment.

The MPs, commanded by Capt. Dan Smith, were attached to the 210th MP Battalion from Detroit, Mich., as part of the active duty 89th MP Brigade from Fort Hood, Texas.

The unit was deactivated Friday in ceremonies held at the Main Flagpole in Pershing Square on Post.

Mission

The 270th's primary mission was the defense of Dhahran Air Base. Additionally, the unit provided MPs to help protect the Joint Information Bureau in the Dhahran International Hotel and to perform VIP escort missions.

The 270th was housed in four-man rooms with plumbing.

"Sometimes we had water," Sgt. Elden Monday said.

They shared security duty with the Air Force Security Police. Many of the members worked 12 hour shifts during their first days in Dhahran. They MPs at every gate of the air base, and shared the positions with Saudi Arabian troops. Additionally, the 270th set up an internal security system for the air base and the SPs protected the tarmac.

"There wasn't any way to get in there," Monday said. "We performed our mission real well."

"I am one of the few people who really enjoyed it," said Spec. Lynde Cook, 28. "I learned a lot of Arabic and could communicate with the people there in



Capt. Dan Smith, commander, and Spec. Lynde Cook, guidon bearer, 270th MP Company, stand at ease with their unit as they prepare to be deactivated.

Arabic. I tried to see much of the culture and I'm outgoing so I was able to talk to people there.

Cook, a student at Sacramento State, said she never had any problems with the Arab soldiers, although she did receive marriage proposals.

"They all wanted to come back to America with me," she explained.

Cook learned to speak Arabic while on the job in Saudi Arabia.

The 270th MP Company also provided a six-man team that was responsible for the security of the entire press corps for the Joint Information Bureau in the Dhahran International Hotel. "Our primary mission was the security of the hotel and its occupants," said Pvt. Kevin O'Donoghue. "It was a four-story hotel with five separate wings. We had one Saudi MP type, but when there was an alert their security always went to the basement."

Some JIB personnel were assigned to them to help with the security, but as the experts the MPs were the ones tasked with setting up a protective perimeter around the hotel whenever there was a Scud alert.

Also, they had to monitor the influx of civilians entering the hotel since the basement was being used as a bomb shelter.

"Before the ground war started the JIB's people were in charge of the security," O'Donoghue said. "Before we arrived they were sometimes working 24-hour shifts."

Sgt. John Otten, Sgt. Kenneth Fay and Staff Sgt. Gilbert Dopplemore performed VIP security provided to then Maj. Gen. William Gus Pagonis, Army Central Command's Director of Logistics. They escorted him or kept him within eyesight "every step of the way" according to Otten.

Arrival

Members of the 270th said that they expected it to be hot, sandy and somewhat dangerous. They even thought they would receive some kind of military welcome to the country. But the welcome they did receive was certainly not the one they expected.

"We landed under Scud attack," Sgt. Elden Monday exclaimed.

"We got off the plane, donned our protective masks, then we chased this little truck down the tarmac—most of us thought it was just a drill, because we were told to put on our masks and fol-

low the truck." Lynde was the unit's guidon bearer and said she was prepared for a ceremony when she and the commander lead the unit off of the plane.

"The flight crew had already gotten off and they literally flew back onto the plane, started tearing their equipment bags apart looking for their masks and yelling 'Mask! Mask!'" Cook said. "I have permanent creases in my shoulder from the commander and first sergeant tugging me and yelling 'Follow the guidon!'"

"It wasn't until then that it really hit me that we were in a combat war zone," she said.

"My initial response was 'Oh, this isn't really an attack—this is just the Air Force making fun of the Army, this is just some sort of orientation type thing, a practical joke their playing on everybody,'" O'Donoghue said.

Monday said that after the all clear was given, the unit proceeded to gather their equipment when they were given a surprise fireworks show.

"I looked up and said 'Hey, is that incoming or outgoing?' and somebody said 'Both!' Here comes another Scud attack. So we donned our masks again," Monday said.

O'Donoghue said he thought he was observing a trip flare when he realized it was the tail flame of an incoming Scud missile.

"We watched two patriots intercept it," he said. "Right after that we all ran to a shelter."

Monday remembered one specific confusing scene in the protective shelter at the air base. He said it was packed with civilians who were already there, and he could hear the 49ers losing their playoff game on the radio in the background.

Later, the 270th experienced yet another Scud attack after they arrived at their living compound.

"That was the first time I ever had to go to MOPP 4," Monday said. "The weirdest thing is trying to remember how to tie those black boots again."

Apparently the unit's plane was landing just as the initial Scud attack was under way. More than one member of the unit thought it was just a cruel joke—that is, until the second attack started.

Reflections

"I thought it was time for my generation to go do something—I didn't think I'd be working in a five-star international hotel," O'Donoghue said. "I was expecting to be working a combat MP mission and we got a garrison MP mission."

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photo by Sam Park

Families and friends greet members of the 270th MP Company at the Presidio NCO/Enlisted Club.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians—

As I write this I am flying at 24,000 feet from Pocatello, Idaho to San Francisco. It's been a wild weekend starting on Friday when I flew to Los Angeles for a dinner in honor of the departing commander of the 63D Army Reserve Command (ARCOM), Major General Ted Paulson. Saturday at noon we had the big change of command and made Brigadier General Steve Bisset the new Commanding General. A long flight then to Seattle and another banquet to honor Major General Clyde Cherberg the retiring Commanding General of the 124th ARCOM. Sunday noon we had another change of command and installed Brigadier General Dave de la Vergne as the new commander. Then on to Pocatello where bright and early on Monday I, along with the mayor of Pocatello, and the Vice President of Idaho State University, opened the 1991 Sixth U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Combined Armed Services Staff School. Whew! It was hectic, but all the ceremonies were well done, the weather was outstanding and I was afforded some really breathtaking views of the western U.S.A. As time permitted I monitored the big Welcome Home parades in Washington D.C. and New York City, and tried to spot some of our Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco marchers (I never did see them!!) So, all of this makes it yet another great day to be in or a part of our GREAT U.S. Army—a real HOO AH! time to be a SOLDIER!

On Tuesday, 4 June, yet another unit returned home from Saudi Arabia—the 270th Military Police Company. Possibly you saw some of them around post in their desert commies. Welcome home troops—we're proud of you.

Another group you may have seen on post this week are a group of several Army officers from Mexico. They are here as guests of the U.S. government to learn how we in Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco handle Reserve Component mobilization/demobilization. If you saw them I hope you spoke and made them feel welcome.

Speaking of making folks feel welcome, I feel I must share some negative news with you this week. I get a lot of communications from Presidians. Overall, it is very positive and understanding. But I do hear a lot of complaints also. That's why we have our DIAL-A-BOSS line, and we do our best to respond to all complaints although we know we cannot make everyone happy all the time. This week I received a letter from a very unhappy parent about the curtailed school bus service for next year. Now I assure you that this decision was not taken lightly. It was only done after all other alternatives had been exhausted. And I hasten to add that it only affected those busses going to *schools of choice*. Busses to assigned or designated schools will continue to run. Well, this parent wrote of the unhappiness this curtailment caused and truly, I regret that. But, it was necessary to do, so that

we can continue other services. The part of the letter that most bothered me was a statement to the effect that "there is so little sense of belonging to a community on this post." Well, I won't argue that some—maybe many, feel that way. But community belonging cannot be legislated. Community belonging starts with each individual community member. If each and every Presidian participated in our community in some way, if every Presidian would smile and speak to one another, if every Presidian would smile and thank our employees at the PX, the commissary, LAMC etc., if every employee would treat every customer as a VIP we would have a sense of belonging to the community. I cannot order that. The Garrison Commander cannot order that. That has to come from the heart of each Presidian.

As I have shared with you before—the next few months and years are going to be challenging times for all of us at Presidio of San Francisco. Closing this historic and beautiful old post will not be easy. But that's our job, our mission. But through it all, we can continue to help, support and sustain one another. Won't you help me do this? The command cannot do it alone. We need the help of every Presidian. I am not asking you to neglect telling us when we make mistakes or when you disagree. Keep doing

that—we need your input to keep us headed in the right direction. But I am asking your understanding that we are going to have fewer people, less money and reduced flexibility. Knowing this, let's resolve to help one another. A smile, a friendly hello, a warm hand shake, do not cost us anything—but they sure pay great dividends. So, let's make every day at Presidio of San Francisco a really HOO AH! day for ourselves, our friends and neighbors, and our community.

Our Savings Bond program is going well. A great many more Presidians are purchasing bonds this year. That's really HOO AH! and a really good way to help ourselves and our families. Keep up the good work—Key members and Presidians.

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"For those who fight for it, life has a special flavor the protected will never know."

—Unknown Defender of Khe Sanh, Vietnam

President's Army Birthday/Flag Day message



On June 14, we celebrate the birth of both the Army and the American Flag.

Since 1775, the United States Army has defended our great nation and the blessings of liberty. Since 1777, our flag has flown over our country and the soldiers who have served it so well. How appropriate the American Flag and the Army share the same Birthday.

This year will be an especially memorable anniversary as our brave soldiers from Forces Command return victorious from the battlefield in Southwest Asia.

Americans and allies from 29 nations defended their friends and national interests as they triumphantly stopped an evil aggressor. They have spread freedom where once there was little hope.

Americans went into battle proudly flying the red, white and blue banners to remind them of the values they were defending.

Many of you will attend retreat ceremonies this June 14. As you salute the flag, be thankful and be proud to be a part of this great nation. Americans everywhere, as they salute the flag, will be proud of you and what you accomplished as a part of Forces Command, "Freedom's Guardian."

Best wishes for a memorable and safe holiday.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
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The recent ruling on the government forbidding any of its agencies to offer information about abortions, your opinion?

Sgt. 1st Class Phillip J. McLaughlin, military advisor, Readiness Group: "They shouldn't offer that information. Someone could make the stipulation that 'so and so' told me to do it, so that's what I'll do."



Spec. Dirl R. Rex, management specialist, Strength Management Office, Military Personnel Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel: "I don't agree. Professional advice should be given. In fact, I think professional advice should be mandatory. The common person doesn't know about all their options. If a woman doesn't get advice from a counselor, she'll get it from her boyfriend, or father, and they may convince her not to have an abortion because they think it's wrong, not because that's what she wants to do."



Barbara J. Allen, military pay clerk, Finance and Accounting Office: "I think they have the right to medical information. It's up to the person to decide. It's every person's right to be given information. They give information about diabetes, cancer and so on. If the option is available, the information should be given upon request—the pros and cons about abortion. It's wrong to keep medical information from someone who needs and requests it."



Pfc. Dawn J. Lopez, supply clerk, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison: "I don't think it's right. They should be given the choice. Right now abortion is still legal so they should receive the information. Where else will they get the information? They'll go back to butchers because they don't know where else to go. I don't know of any other agencies that will give out that information. Planned Parenthood and Family Planning are the two main agencies that do give out that information."



Sgt. Maj. Kenneth McCalvey, Sixth U.S. Army Chaplain's office, and Sgt. Maj. Frank C. Tyquiengco of the Deputy Chief of Staff/Logistics office, congratulate and bid farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Rose M. Aguayo at her retirement May 30.

Battalion sergeant major retires

Command Sgt. Maj. Rose M. Aguayo, Headquarters Command Battalion sergeant major retired May 30 after 22 years of dedicated service in the Army. Aguayo was the battalion sergeant major for two years. "She'll be missed," Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona, Battalion commander said.

Headquarters Command Battalion

Victor Waters, chaplain's assistant was promoted to specialist.

Angela Holmes was also promoted to specialist. Holmes works at the Personnel Actions Center at the Battalion.

Richard Rendon, driver, Protocol, was promoted to private first class.

Freddie Renfro was promoted to private, E-2. Renfro also works at the Battalion.

Law Enforcement Company

Spec. Jeffery Jackson received an Army Achievement Medal at the Battalion awards ceremony. Jackson saved a woman from becoming a rape victim.

Pfc. Eric Keefer was named the Battalion Soldier of the Quarter.

Kennerd Gunter was promoted to specialist June 1.

Nicholas Hendricks was promoted to private first class June 1.

LCA

With every huge military endeavor there are a few people behind the scenes who don't receive much glory for their participation. Well, Logistic Control Activity has three prime examples of people giving that extra little bit to get the overall job done.

Maj. Robert M. Newbert, logistic systems officer, went to Wilmington, N.C. and Jacksonville, Fla., to help identify the contents of cargo containers that had been returned from the Persian Gulf. Instead of the cargo having to be handled twice, Newbert found the item manager of the cargo contents, then had the item routed to either the original destination or elsewhere, freeing up much needed port space.

Newbert is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee, who works as a police detective in New York.

Debbie Brabo, a logistic management specialist, was one of the lead civilians handling telephone inquiries from commanders about the status

and location of their requested equipment. Brabo had access to the file that charted the flow of equipment through the Department of Defense transportation system, and many nights she came in to answer calls from Saudi Arabia.

Renee Smith, logistic management specialist, trained the extra 48 IMAs and 10 civilians that LCA called in to beef up its air traffic management operations. Smith trained them to use the computer system to receive inquiries, prepare information about cargo type and size for ports of embarkation, and determine which items are critical enough to be granted clearance for shipment by the Army Airlift Clearance Authority. The LCA maintains a daily, working file with the Military Airlift Command that shows what supplies and materiel are cleared to move by air.

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News

News Briefs

Survey completed

The National Park Service has completed its preliminary exterior condition survey of all Presidio building and housing units. The team will now begin the interior phase of the survey of family housing units.

The survey will begin the week of June 17. Residents who responded to the surveys sent out by the National Park Service in May have been scheduled for the approximate times requested by the residents. For those residents who did not respond, the teams will stop by when they are in your area. We ask that you please cooperate by showing them your unit.

The team's concern is the condition of the buildings and utilities; no preparation for its visit is necessary. The team will spend approximately 15 minutes in each unit.

The team can be identified by National Park Service assigned badges and will be accompanied by an Estimator from the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, Engineer Resource Management Division. He can be identified by his DEH assigned badge.

Housing Units scheduled for the week of June 17 include buildings 0 through 99; and the 100, 300, 500 and 700 housing areas.

Activity closure

The Letterman Army Medical Center and Fort Scott Education Centers will be closed July 4 and 5. The education centers will open again at 7:30 a.m. July 8.

Army Days volunteers needed

Approximately 50 volunteers are needed for Army Days. Food servers, Volksmarch volunteers and clean-up volunteers are needed July 12 for an organizational picnic. For more information, call Jeanne Mote at 561-4147.

Litter service phone change

The telephone number for the Directorate of Engineering and Housing litter pickup has been changed from 561-6000 and 561-3769 to 561-4505. This change is effective immediately. This number change affects the call-in litter pickup service only (i.e., discarded furniture, bagged grass clippings, etc.) not the weekly garbage pickup service. Telephone inquiries with reference to weekly garbage pickup should continue to be called in on 561-6000.

For additional information, contact Juanita Whitehead at 561-3711.

New service at Self Help

Effective immediately, all name plates for newly assigned family housing residents may be picked up at the Self Help Center, building 1227. Requestors should allow two to four weeks before contacting the Self Help Center. You can find out the status of a name plate you ordered by calling Self Help at 561-5127. If you recently received a promotion or had a name change and would like a new name plate, you may contact Mr. DeVincenzi at 561-5218.

Job assistance seminar

Three-hour Job Assistance Orientation Seminars for active duty soldiers, civilians and their adult family members leaving the Army will be held on the Presidio Tuesday and June 25, July 9 and 23 and Aug. 6 and 20. The Tuesday and August 6 seminars are for military personnel only. Individuals within six months of leaving the Army who wish to attend a seminar must reserve a space by calling the Presidio Education Center at 561-2974 or 561-4445.

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O'Donoghue added that he had been looking forward to being near the front lines where he could get his "hands dirty."

O'Donoghue works for the State Adjutant General's office in the Counter Narcotics Division. He had volunteered to go to Saudi Arabia with the MPs parent brigade when his company was called to active duty.

O'Donoghue said that there was nothing for the MPs to do in their free time and that he actually looked forward to getting back to duty just to alleviate the boredom.

"I'll never be bored again," he said.

"It's real interesting being back," Monday said. "We leave there where its 100 degrees and come back here where its 57. People in Sacramento were telling us it was going to be hot and in the 90s, but we said 'Naahh, that's not hot—that's tolerable.'"

Cook said the experience changed her career goals from one in law enforcement to one in public relations.

"It was different being a female there," she said.

"There were so few of us that we really attracted

attention. After awhile I wanted to say 'What are you staring at, haven't you ever seen a female before' but in reality they really haven't seen a woman's face before."

"I learned more about myself as a person and what my strong points are," she said. "I'm slotted to attend Officers Candidate School, and from there I'll go to the language school."

When she gets there Cook will have her own war stories to tell.

As for some of the other members, Fay will return to work for a security company, Monday will return to classes with stories of what he did before summer vacation and Dopplemore will probably resume his job as a police officer for the University of California at Davis. O'Donoghue will go back to his office job with the State Adjutant General's Office. And Otten will continue doing a very beneficial job in the state that has nothing to do with law enforcement—he'll be drilling water wells and irrigation systems for California.

The citizen soldiers of the 270th MP Company returned to their homes, their families and civilian life Sunday.

AER: Helping the Army take care of its own

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Arrmy Emergency Relief has been helping the Army take care of its own since 1942. Since that time soldiers' needs have risen, and AER has come through.

AER assistance rose 23 percent after the start of Desert Shield.

Assistance to the United States Army Reserve and Army National Guard soldiers increased more than 80 percent. AER reached its highest amount for any year.

AER has provided more than \$350,000,000 in assistance to more than 2,000,000 Army people since it was founded in 1942.

More than \$31,600,000 in AER funds was used in 1990 to provide for 71,000 soldiers and their family members.

The AER annual campaign began March 1. The program exists without government funds.

AER gets its funds from voluntary contributions, repayment of AER interest-free loans and income from investments.

AER exists solely to help the Army care for its own.

"AER's main function is to provide emergency financial assistance for soldiers and their families," James D. Richie, AER assistant officer said.

"Perhaps at no time in recent memory has this effort been more significant than today," Gen. Carl E. Vuono, Army Chief of Staff writes "For, as we move ahead in a tumultuous decade, more than a quarter of a million of America's soldiers are engaged in Operation Desert Storm—a conflict that will shape

the international system for decades to come."

Although the war is over, there are still soldiers in the Persian Gulf, and Army families who are in need of funds from AER.

Others have also realized the significance of AER.

AER received a donation from a Korean War veteran of approximately \$10. He writes, "I would have liked to send more." This veteran is a diabetic—he takes insulin two times daily. He also has cataracts on both eyes. During the Korean War he injured his back, now he's unable to drive. Apparently from his writing it was not easy for him to even pick up the pen, but he did. He ended his letter, "I hope you get enough to get the job done."

Others sent checks with short thank you notes for a job well done.

A California resident wrote, "I'm not much for words, but my family and I have supported the Flag and its fighting men. Thank you for a good job."

According to Richie the campaign is going well. AER has received more than \$29,000 in donations. More than \$21,000 was donated by retirees.

Many soldiers and retirees don't have the money in their pocket; that is why Richie suggests the allotment donation.

"It's a painless way of significantly increasing donations," Richie said. "Many soldiers can't afford to donate \$25 out of their pocket, but they can afford a couple of lucks a month."

"AER is ours—yours and mine—and it embodies our long held tradition of taking care of our own," Vuono writes.

AER fundraiser nets Army over \$8,000

by Pleasant Lindsey III Editor, Star Presidian

Sixth U.S. Army gave a strong boost to Army Emergency Relief during the annual fund raising drive from April 15 to May 31, according to Capt. Arturo S. Cantu, director of Sixth Army's AER Campaign.

The AER drive raised more than \$8,000 dollars from Sixth Army Headquarters' 15 directorates. A point to ponder is that the post as a whole brought in roughly \$14,000 in last year's drive.

The Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, is putting on a golf tournament in July to raise more funds. The golf tournament could increase the total figure that Sixth Army raised to about \$10,000.

The AER drive included an athletic day sponsored by recently retired Sixth Army Command Sergeant Major Robert Whiteford, that raised \$600. Also, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management held a couple of bake sales that raised an additional \$230 to help the drive.

The DCSRM employees put on two bake sales that were scheduled to be held at the Presidio Commissary. However, demand for their cookies, cakes and pies negated any chance they had of having any left over to take to the commissary.

Word of the bake sale spread so quickly that DCSRM sold out of their wares in about two hours, at their own offices. Cantu said the section prepared twice the amount of baked goods for the second bake

sale, in turn raising twice as much money.

Cantu said the goal this year was to give everyone who wanted to donate to AER ample opportunity to do so. He said employees in Sixth Army's directorates were very enthusiastic.

"I think we'll see record numbers from active duty soldiers here, and civilians and retirees from the area. Retirees respond in a big way," he said.

Cantu said that world events may have been the major factor in getting so many people to participate in the campaign. Nearly everyone on post knows someone—or the family member of someone—who is serving in the Persian Gulf.

In times of financial emergency, Army Emergency Relief is one sure place a member of the Presidio family can turn to for help.



Know your veterans benefits

by Patricia F. Halsey,
Chief, Client Services Branch

Because you have served on active duty there are certain veteran's benefits you may be eligible to receive. One of these is a Veteran's Administration Guaranteed Home Loan. If you are considering purchasing a home or mobile home you should contact your local V.A. office to obtain a certificate of eligibility. A certificate of eligibility does not mean you qualify for a home loan, for that you must make a loan application with a mortgage company or other lending institution.

What it does mean is that you rate the U.S. Government guarantee of your loan to a certain dollar amount. In most cases this will allow you to obtain a low interest rate on the loan and perhaps exempt you from a down payment.

A U.S. government (V.A.) Guaranteed loan is assumable, and you need to be aware of several aspects of this.

First, what is an assumption? It is a procedure whereby the seller conveys the property subject to an existing indebtedness, and the buyer assumes the obligation to pay the indebtedness. Between the lending institution, the seller, and the buyer, the seller is still *primarily liable* for the debt unless released by the lender and the V.A.

guarantor. As between the seller and the purchaser, the purchaser is responsible for payment. For example, X assumes the obligation of Y, and immediately moves into Y's home. Assuming that X lives in the house 12 years, and then defaults on the mortgage, with \$44,000 left unpaid, Y would become liable although he had "sold" the house to X twelve years ago. Many military personnel enter into arrangements such as this, not realizing they will continue to have the mortgage over their heads for a number of years to come.

Release of Liability

Under certain circumstances, the U.S. government may release a veteran from liability to the Government when the residential property purchased with a GI loan is sold and the veteran's loan is not paid off.

- You may be released of that liability to the U.S. government if your loan is current and if the purchaser has been obligated by contract to purchase your property and assume your liability. In addition, the purchaser must satisfy the U.S. government that he or she is a good credit risk.

- A release of liability to the government means that the government will not attempt to collect from you in the

event the purchaser defaults on the loan and the U.S. government pays a claim for a deficiency under the guarantee.

- You may apply to the VA for a release from liability by submitting a request to the VA Regional Office that processed your loan. No special form is needed. However, the request should include the VA loan number, if known (it is shown on the reverse of the certificate of eligibility), the address of the property, the name and address of the proposed purchaser, and the name and address of the holder of the mortgage.

- In planning to sell the home you purchased with a V.A. loan, you should arrange to make application to the VA for a release from liability before signing the contract to sell, or include a clause in the contract to the effect that the sale is conditioned on your being released from liability by the VA on your VA loan prior to closing of the sale.

Restoration

If you have sold the home you purchased with a U.S. government guaranteed loan (V.A.), it is possible to have your home loan benefited restored so you may purchase another home with a guaranteed loan. **To do this, you must have disposed of the property that**

originally secured the loan, and the U.S. government loan must be paid in full or the holder must relieve the U.S. government of liability. These do not have to occur at the same time, but both requirements must be met before the VA can reinstate your benefit. Consequently, if you previously sold your home on the assumption, you may now qualify for restoration if the loan has been paid in full since the time of the sale. To find out if the loan is paid in full, you should consult with the lender who received your payments or the VA office that guaranteed your loan.

In certain other cases involving an assumption, a veteran may qualify for restoration if a veteran assumes agrees to substitute his or her entitlement for that of the original veteran borrower. Veterans should contact the nearest VA office for more specific information concerning *substitution of entitlement*.

Remember, a release of liability to the veteran from the VA does not meet the requirements for restoration. Your loan must be paid in full, or the holder must agree to cancel U.S. government responsibility on the loan, or the requirements for substitution of entitlement must be met and you must have completely disposed of the property.

Medicare Parts A and B: Eligibility and penalties

Persons who aren't eligible for Medicare Part A (hospital services), and are able to keep CHAMPUS after reaching age 65, may have to pay a penalty if they later become eligible for Medicare (such as through a spouse's eligibility) and sign up for Medicare Part B (medical insurance).

Here's an actual case which illustrates the problem:

Retired Army Sergeant's wife is several years older than he is. She didn't work long enough under Social Security to be eligible for Social Security benefits including Medicare Part A, so the Social Security Administration issued her a "Notice of Disallowance". But, she was eligible for

CHAMPUS benefits as the dependent of a military retiree. So, because she had been using CHAMPUS, she decided not to participate in Medicare Part B.

When the sergeant was approved for reduced Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, his wife was already over 65. As a result of his Social Security eligibility, she became eligible for Medicare Part A, and lost her entitlement to CHAMPUS.

When she then tried to sign up for Medicare part B, she found that she would have to wait until the next open enrollment period. Also, she would have to pay a 10 percent penalty on top of the regular Medicare Part B premium, and would have to pay it for

each year that had passed since she first "refused" Medicare Part B at age 65. In addition, her Part B benefits would not start until July 1 of the year she was able to enroll in Medicare Part B.

The Defense Department has become aware of this problem, and has begun a campaign to educate both service families and administrative personnel about it.

Also, persons who are affected may apply to the Social Security Administration for "equitable relief" from the penalty payments where there is reasonable evidence that an individual was not appropriately advised by the government so that he or she could make a proper election regarding Medi-

care Part B.

If granted by the Social Security Administration, equitable relief permits a person to apply for Medicare part B medical insurance *retroactively*, without penalty. The person may pay the back premiums which would have been set earlier if he or she had been properly advised—but without any penalty payments added to the premiums.

Any military retirees or surviving family members of deceased service members who might be affected by a situation like the one described above should contact the nearest Social Security Administration office regarding Medicare penalties.

Terminating leases

by Patricia F. Halsey,
Chief, Client Services Branch

If you are leaving active duty or moving away from the area on orders and must vacate your apartment or rental before the termination of the lease, your discharge or orders is *not* a basis to terminate your lease, unless your lease specifically provides for this in a "military clause." If you must terminate the lease early and you do not have a "military clause" that allows you early termination, then you should consult the Legal Assistance Officer as to your legal rights and obligations regarding your lease. You may be liable for rent.

Before you moved in, the landlord probably required a deposit. This amount should not have exceeded an amount equal to two month's rent (unfurnished property) or three month's rent (furnished property). The landlord must refund this deposit to you no later than 14 days after you have moved out. He may withhold amounts only for unpaid rent and to repair damage in excess of ordinary wear and tear, but not to routinely clean the premises. He must give you a written explanation of any deductions that are made. There is a \$200 penalty if he does not refund your deposit within the required 14 days. If you anticipate difficulties in obtaining a refund on your security deposit you should contact the Legal Assistance Office *before* you vacate the rental unit. You may call the Legal Assistance Office at 561-4273.

Hospitals may collect outpatient money

by Army News Service and
Pleasant Lindsey III, Editor, Star Presidian

Beginning in October, it is anticipated Army hospitals will have the authority to collect private insurance payments for outpatient care provided to retirees and military family members.

The Army already collects for inpatient care. This has allowed the Army to garner nearly \$10 million under the Coordination of Benefits Program in six months of Fiscal 1991 alone. The additional income allows Army treatment facilities to enhance patient services, according to Harold Brown, third party collection coordinator, Office of the Surgeon General.

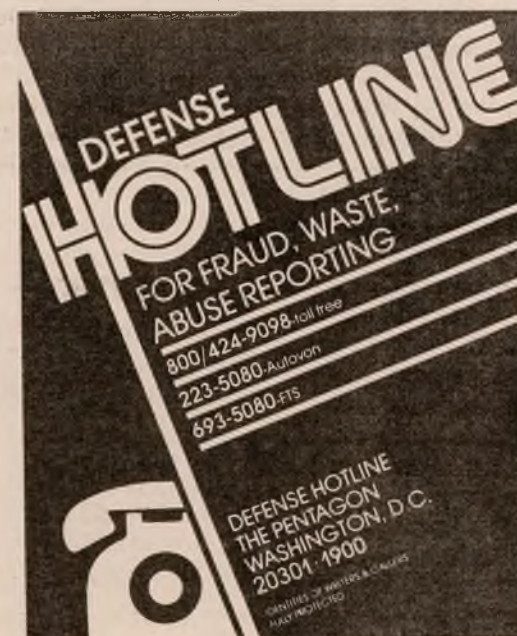
According to Susan Marshall of the Letterman Army Medical Center treasurer's office, LAMC does not yet have the authority to bill insurance companies for outpatient stays.

Brown said outpatient care monies are expected to significantly increase that figure. Under the program, military hospitals are authorized to collect from insurance companies on behalf of the patient. It does not, Brown stressed, penalize a patient by causing his medical insurance premiums to increase as car insurance claims do.

"By providing the appropriate information, retirees and family members are helping the military community in their own way," Brown said. "That is, funds collected from the program are returned to the medical facility providing the care, and in-turn, are used to hire additional personnel and provide

increased services to our beneficiary population. Again, all monies are put back into the hospital."

According to Brown, a patient's duty is complete once he supplies the insurance information; the staff makes all the necessary billing arrangements. If a patient does have a private health insurance carrier, he will not be liable for any of the applicable daily subsistence charges, Brown said.



News/Views



Letterman Army Medical Center's last class of interns graduated May 8.

Letterman: No longer a training center

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Cannon sounds echoed throughout the Presidio. The sound of retreat started a ceremony that put an end to Letterman Army Medical Center Saturday.

Letterman Army Medical Center retired its colors and unfurled the flag representing the Letterman U.S. Army Hospital.

The hospital will no longer be a training center for military doctors. Letterman's final interns graduated Saturday at 9 a.m.

"For more than 90 years, Letterman provided the finest health care to soldiers and their families and has been among the finest teaching institutions in the country," Mike Meines, Letterman Public Affairs

Officer, said at the ceremony.

Letterman soldiers who served in the Gulf were honored at the ceremony. Eighty-six soldiers from Letterman were deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. There are still soldiers from Letterman serving in the Gulf.

Sgt. Michael Keegan presented a Desert Storm flag signed by all of Letterman's soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf to Lt. Gen. Frank Ledford, The Surgeon General.

After the flag was presented, Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, Letterman's commander and the surgeon general uncased the LAMC colors and unfurled the Letterman Army Hospital flag.

LAMC history

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Before Letterman Army Medical Center became what it is today, many challenges had to be faced.

Letterman Army Medical Center traces its origin to the general hospital established in 1889. It was the Army's first general hospital. It consisted of 10 wards with 40 beds each. Before construction was completed on the six-acre quadrangle hospital, casualties from the Spanish American War began arriving for treatment.

This was the beginning of the many medical challenges the hospital would conquer.

Lt. Col. George H. Tourney opened the hospital to civilian casualties and patients from damaged hospitals after the 1906 earthquake and fire.

The mission of the hospital staff increased with each war.

Letterman became the largest military hospital in America by the outbreak of World War I. It was between World War I and World War II that Letterman began an intern training program.

Letterman's teaching mission increased with the establishment of formal residency programs in 1947.

The mission of the hospital staff increased with each war.

During World War II, 3,500 beds were operational. Letterman admitted an all-time record of 1,862 patients in one day, Oct. 20, 1945.

During the Korean War the hospital expanded adding another 1,500 beds. In 1953, Letterman received 644 repatriates from North Korean POW camps. The patients were examined and transferred to hospitals near their homes as a part of "Operation Big Switch."

Casualties from Vietnam were being treated beginning in 1965. That same year, construction of a new 10-story building was approved. The new facility was dedicated Valentine's Day 1969.

The hospital was renamed Letterman Army Medical Center in 1973 and became one of eight Army medical centers in the United States.

The hospital was named in honor of Maj. Jonathon Letterman, a Civil War surgeon who served as Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac.

Information for this story was gathered from the Letterman Army Medical Center Retiring of the Colors program.

Commentary

Human discipline before animal discipline

Name withheld upon request

Honesty, integrity, respect for authority, discipline and leadership skills are some of the great qualities associated with members of the United States Army and other services. Here at home on the Presidio it seems that there is something lacking in carrying through these ideals to our own neighborhoods.

There is a rule here on Post that many people feel it is okay for them to ignore. This regulation established on this Post, long before most of us were stationed here states, "All animals will be kept on leash while on this Post." Obviously this regulation was set up with an intent, a purpose. ALL animals would seem to mean any dog, cat, rabbit, pig, goat or whatever species you find to fit your fancy. "All" seems to be a rather inclusive word, but many seem to feel that this rule does not pertain to them, that they won't hurt anyone by breaking it just this once or they are too lazy or preoccupied to enforce it. I feel it is an important rule with a purpose: to make the Presidio a pleasant and worry-free place to live for everyone, not everyone's animal.

The beauty of this Post has even been an excuse for people to break this rule — "This is such a park-like setting that we thought it would be a good place for Fifi to take a run." However, the major flaw here is this is NOT a park yet. It is a residential area and a military reservation. Sadly, it is not just "outsiders" who make these assumptions and excuses. The majority of the offenders that I have encountered are fellow Presidians. They seem to feel that their animal's happiness and freedom should come before their neighbors'. The April 25 issue of the *Star Presidian* mentioned an anonymous letter sent to the CG regarding a neighbor who continued to water their lawn after being asked by their neighbors to cease, out of respect for the drought conditions of

our neighbors. Well, I can easily identify with these anonymous neighbors — the loose pet situation has been confronted by me and by the MPs with several of our neighbors and I have gotten the same actions from our neighbors! We have had to ask again and again. We have had to defend a rule that is really not in need of defense. We have had to justify again and again why we want a rule, already set down for the freedom and enjoyment of our homes here, to be enforced and followed by everyone, no exceptions.

The Military Police have been exceptionally helpful in dealing with this recurring problem. They have faced it head on and in a manner that does personify the ideals of this Army. I spoke to Provost Marshal Maj. John M. Fowler recently and he said it very well, "Pet ownership is a privilege on this Post and like any other military privilege it must be earned. It can be taken away and in the worst case scenario, a servicemember's housing may also be taken away, if they refuse to comply or are habitual offenders."

Loose pets of all kinds on this Post create hazardous situations. People jogging with dogs loose on Lincoln Boulevard create traffic hazards. A visual hazard is created when people, especially minor children allow their pets to use the bathroom anywhere, including other people's yards without cleaning it up. Loose animals create a potential health hazard when even though properly immunized, they wander all over Post in others yards or in fields perhaps picking up and spreading the fleas and bacteria that can cause such diseases as parvovirus, Lyme's disease and feline leukemia. Worst case scenario is that one of these loose animals will encounter a rabid squirrel, gopher or raccoon, unknown to its owner and possibly cause the spread of this disease to other animals and perhaps even family members.

Dogs and cats that owners feel are under "voice

control" are NOT excepted from this leash rule. The housing/Post regulation clearly does not have an exception for this. Do you realize that being in an urban center, some people from outside Post come on to simply let their animals use the Presidio grounds as a bathroom? How does it make you feel to know that someone comes to your house just to let their animal take a poop? It makes me feel about the same as when the anti-war protesters came here — and I feel the same about people who don't control their animals — they have no respect for me or my right to privacy in my own yard and home.

There are countless other reasons backing the regulation and for each one of these there are probably five excuses for NOT following this rule. But they all remind me of a few Reservists who after their unit was activated for Desert Storm support said, "Sure, I signed up but I NEVER thought I would have to FIGHT!"

Well, all servicemembers are here voluntarily and understand there are regulations necessary to acceptance of Post housing. We cannot expect to take the benefits of this Army and not expect to return something to it. And as with Desert Storm, sometimes doing what is required of us is a little inconvenient for us and our families. Still, on the Presidio all servicemembers have a responsibility to see to it that they and ALL dependents, including children and spouses, are aware of the rules and that they respect them and follow them.

Honesty, integrity, respect for authority, leadership and discipline! These are the things that make this Army proud! Human discipline comes before animal discipline. If we cannot practice these ideals in our own backyard, then we certainly can't master them in our jobs or in time of war. There are no excuses.

Commentary

Women's right to choose... a strong personal perspective

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Before the Roe vs. Wade, 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, women were faced with the option of having a child or getting a back street abortion that could lead to death.

Many women who were faced with an unwanted pregnancy couldn't even afford an illegal abortion. They turned to hangers and vacuum cleaners.

There is, of course another alternative for these women. The option of delivering an unwanted baby at a rest side stop and placing it in a garbage bag. Is that what right to life is?

If the choice of abortion was taken away, many women wouldn't get an illegal abortion or turn to a hanger. They would have a child that they did not want, after carrying the child for nine months. Often women decide they can't give the baby up for adoption. Now they are in a situation with no choices. Raise a child—with little or no money, no father and possibly no home.

Maybe this is when right to life comes in.

The mother, frustrated and angry, abuses her child physically or emotionally. Is that child better off? It was given life because someone decided women can't decide. What a life it must have living in an atmosphere of fear and pain.

There are women who have children and cannot provide for them. These children are being abused whether intentionally or not. A child cannot survive without food, shelter and love.

Some women find a way to provide for their

children—through taxes that we all pay—Welfare. I don't feel I should pay for an unwanted child. I have seen mothers have a child, collect welfare and go out every night because the government allows this to happen. Baby-sitters are paid through welfare. Then this child grows up not knowing who to call Mom or where home is. No innocent child should pay for the mistakes others make.

Women who are pregnant are faced with a difficult decision. But that is what it should be—their decision.

Pro-life activists argue that a child is alive after conception.

At 8-weeks a fetus is 1.5 inches long.

What is alive?

Having life, living, in existence, operation.

At 1.5 inches I doubt that a fetus has much of an existence or is in operation.

Men argue that they will help raise the child. They will help. . . Will they carry the child for nine months, deliver the child, supply the child with his basic needs? No argument.

Others argue that it's not religiously or morally right. Neither is having sex before marriage. One shouldn't pay for that sin by having a child that is not wanted.

There are others who feel only promiscuous women who do not use birth control have unwanted pregnancies. Not true. Women can become pregnant when practicing birth control. A woman who practices birth control obviously does not want a child, and that child can be born with defects from the

birth control.

That must be what right to life is.

The famous quote comes out, "If you play, you pay." I guess that makes it fair to make a child pay through pain and taxpayers pay out of their pocket.

When an unwanted pregnancy develops into the delivering of an unwanted child the one suffering the most is the child. The mother also suffers and families suffer. When that child grows up and his family may suffer. Therefore, society suffers.

May 23, the Supreme Court upheld government regulations that barred federally funded clinics from discussing abortion with patients.

The 5 to 4 decision affects 4,000 clinics serving 4.5 million women.

There is one woman justice on the Supreme Court.

Backers of the court decision insist that the rule will reduce abortions by keeping women ignorant about them. Does this imply that women are ignorant without the help of the government?

Do these people who support the court's decision feel that what women don't know won't hurt them? We just won't tell them all their options, that way they don't get the right to choose. What next? Will voting day change and women be kept in the dark so they don't get that right either? Maybe women shouldn't get any rights.

A woman, by law, has the right to choose. People who don't believe in that right should not practice it, but fighting to take away our rights will not make society better.

Commentary

Lump Sum Option: 'Potential' for abuse?

By K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

With the five year suspension of the attractive and popular lump sum option upon retirement, there appear to have been attempts by some employers to allow employees to circumvent the law.

Although the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has not come right out and said that there have been improprieties, the fact that Constance Newman, Director of OPM, has seen fit to issue a stern warning to managers and agencies not to "cheat" on the law indicates that something might be amiss, and that the possibility for abuse might be more than "potential."

Under current law, the lump sum option is available to normal or early retirees only under certain specified conditions. First, retirement eligible employees with a terminal illness can take the option.

Second, those who were eligible to retire as of November 30, 1990 (the last day the old option was otherwise in effect) can take the option if they were on active duty in the Persian Gulf or were DOD employees directly involved in the Desert Storm operation.

These two exceptions leave little room for interpretation or abuse and are not a problem.

Third, employees "involuntarily" separated due to job abolishment or job transfer outside their normal commuting area who decline the move, and who would thus be eligible for both retirement (or early retirement) and the lump sum option, is the exception open to abuse.

Some employers may have coerced or tried to assist employees by setting up situations that would result in an employee's leaving—e.g., "sweetening the pot" of retirement eligible employees by "creatively" eliminating their jobs or transferring their functions, thus allowing employees to retire in lieu of facing RIF and to collect their lump sums, too.

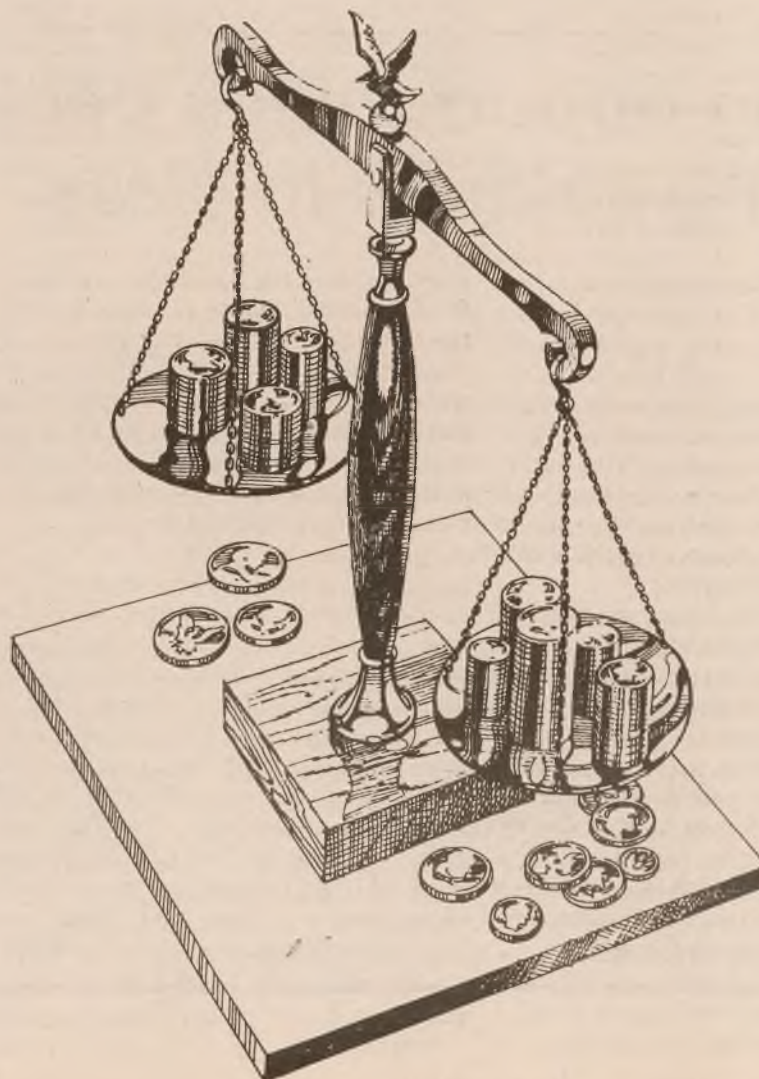
Even more attractive is that these job abolishments and transfers could allow some affected employees to also qualify for "involuntary" early retirement and collect the lump sum annuity. Some employers have argued that taking these

actions would eliminate the possibility of RIFs, and would save the positions and careers of younger employees. Some employees who did not want to be involuntarily separated, have, according to the *Federal Times*, charged favoritism or age discrimination by their employers.

Newman's May 21 warning memorandum stated, "Your staff should validate your procedures to assure that they contain appropriate checks and balances, such as requiring that all personnel actions which can lead to involuntary separations for retire-

ment purposes (for example, geographic reassignments and abolishments of positions) be independently approved by two individuals who are not in the same line of authority."

This warning is intended to create an awareness among managers and agencies that authorities are alert to possible abuse of the system, and should prevent those who are inclined, and especially those not eligible to receive early retirement or a lump sum return of their retirement contributions, from trying to manipulate the law.



News

More on staffing at USARC

By K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

An announcement concerning "staffing the new U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC)" appeared in last week's issue of the *Star Presidian*. The USARC headquarters, currently located in Atlanta, Georgia, was established provisionally on October 1, 1990. The FORSCOM Civilian Personnel Directorate (CPD), servicing agent for the USARC, released a fact sheet this week detailing the staffing procedures and priorities; CPO made distribution throughout Sixth Army. Staffing the headquarters, says FORSCOM, will be time phased with full activation projected for no later than October 1, 1992.

The first phase will involve transferring functions to USARC from other Army activities. Many of the functions being transferred will be filled by current military and civilian incumbents.

The remaining USARC positions will be filled by competitive and noncompetitive methods. However, before candidates from these sources are referred, FORSCOM CPD will first consider individuals entitled to a variety of mandatory placement programs or other priority considerations.

According to the FORSCOM CPD, the USARC headquarters is authorized to fill 511 civilian positions which fall into a wide range of occupational series. The grade structure is primarily GM/GS-13, GS-12 and GS-11 for managers and action officers, most positions of which are covered under the DA Career Program and Referral System. Administrative and clerical positions are represented in grades GS-09 and below.

In filling the USARC positions, FORSCOM CPD is using several modifications to the regular hiring procedures because of the unique nature of the USARC and its establishment.

"CONUSA employees not having transfer of function entitlements will be considered before other candidates for reassignment or change to lower grade to positions in USARC," says William S. Fraim, FORSCOM Civilian Personnel Director, in a Memorandum to Sixth U.S. Army and the other CONUSAs.

"The considerations preceeding this one are of DA or DoD employees facing, or who have already faced, involuntary separation from their positions," says Fraim.

"What Fraim is saying here," says Severin Johnson, Director, Presidio CPD, "is that categories 1-4 [below] come before CONUSA employees. e.g., those at Fourth Army or Fort McPherson who get transfer

of function rights and then any other DoD/PPP priority 1 or 2 candidates. In other words, the only people who receive priority over CONUSA employees are those who have transfer of function rights or who are losing their job."

"It is important," says Fraim, "that employees understand this to realize they are in fact being afforded a 'special' consideration."

The order of consideration for USARC positions, is delineated by FORSCOM as follows:

1. HQ FORSCOM transfer of function employees (mandatory selection)
2. Displaced/excess employees of HQ, FORSCOM, Ft. McPherson (mandatory selection if the employee is within the same competitive area)
3. Re-employment Priority Eligibles (an available qualified RPE candidate will be selected before any non-Army candidate)
4. DoD/Priority Placement Program (PPP) - Priority 1 and 2 (mandatory selection)
5. CONUSA Employees
6. DoD/PPP - Priority 3 (an available qualified DoD/PPP candidate will be selected before any non-Army candidate)
7. Competitive and noncompetitive referral sources (selection can be made from any referral source)
 - a. Promotion eligibles
 - b. Reassignment/change to lower grade eligibles
 - c. Severely handicapped
 - d. Veteran readjustment appointment eligibles
 - e. 30 percent disabled veterans
 - f. Reinstatement eligibles
 - g. Transfer eligibles
 - h. Family member eligibles
 - i. Office of Personnel Management candidates.

The FORSCOM CPD will distribute job announcements for USARC vacancies to each CONUSA and Major U.S. Army Reserve Command (MUSARC), and to the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, for further distribution to their staffs.

Distribution at Sixth U.S. Army will be through the Presidio CPO and DCSPER.

"Employees of First, Fifth, and Sixth U.S. Armies affected by the transition to USARC," says Fraim, "should be made aware of the exception authority for initial optional registration in the DoD Priority Placement Program for positions in USARC at the time USARC absorbs their CONUSA's command and control workload."

"If they elect to register, they become Priority 2 PPP registrants [meaning] . . . they can register outside of their commuting area from the onset, and [their being selected] from the DoD PPP is mandatory."

"Further, knowledge of Army Reserve programs is a plus when competing PPP candidates are being considered for vacancies in the USARC," says Fraim.

FORSCOM, incidentally, says that job announcements for positions will not generally specify that a vacancy is in the USARC, but will simply identify the position as at "Fort McPherson" or as in the "Fort McPherson area," in that the duty station for most USARC positions is Fort McPherson, Georgia. To ensure that you are being considered for a USARC position (if that is your goal), you should specify "USARC" before or after the announcement number on your SF-171 application for any FORSCOM advertised position.

"However," says Sixth Army ODCSPER's Robert Curtis, "jobs at USARC will be limited, and you shouldn't wait or hang your career on getting a position at USARC. Things are going to start happening here at the Presidio. There is going to be a drawdown in strength, and the Sixth Army is programmed to move."

"Even with the downsizing and increasingly smaller staff, we'll get the job done. Not everyone will move out at the same time. Some people are mobile, some are not; some who are mobile will still sit here and wait for priority placement. Some will wait for retirement or severance."

"The best advice I can give is, if you are offered a legitimate job in the same title, series, and grade, you should seriously consider it. If you have difficulties or aren't getting the answers, talk to your supervisor first, then directly to your CPO specialist; if you still need help, come and talk to me and I'll get you the answers."

Anyone who has not received, and who desires, copies of FORSCOM's fact sheets on "Procedures for Filling Positions in the USARC," "Application Instructions for the USARC Acceptance List (including a list of positions and titles, and series and grades)," and "Application Procedures for Career Program Positions - Registration for Applicants Outside DA; Cross Command Registration; or Voluntary Registration," can obtain copies from Robert Curtis, Sixth Army ODCSPER at 561-6439, or from the editor, *Star Presidian*, building 38, at 561-5465.

Teaching opportunities beckon departing soldiers to class

by Army News Service

The Army's loss from force reductions may be public school students' gain because of the Alternative Certification for Teachers program.

An Army initiative called "New Careers in Education" encourages soldiers to take advantage of alternative certification programs offered in 29 states. The Army is working closely with the Department of Education to provide soldiers with the information they will need to obtain a teaching certificate through one of these programs.

"By opening up the teaching profession to former Army personnel, we hope to increase competitiveness and thereby improve the quality of teachers," said John Roddy, senior policy analyst, Education Department. The joint effort offers information on teaching as a new career to service personnel entering civilian life. A packet of information on how to enter the teaching profession is available by calling 1-800-227-LEAD in the United States; 379-6059/6065 on the European Telephone Service; and 738- 7336 via Autovon in South Korea. Free job placement service is also available.

The Army's assistant secretary for manpower and reserve affairs, G. Kim Wincup, said: "The New Careers in Education program will not only benefit the Army, but the nation at large by enhancing the quality of our teachers. We have installed special telephone lines in Korea, Germany and in the United States which will give, for the first time, our soldiers direct access to state-by-state information regarding teacher certification."

The two commanders who have established the first telephone lines reacted enthusiastically to the program. Gen. Robert W. RisCassi, commander in chief of U.S. Forces-Korea, said: "This important initiative will open up the teaching profession to outgoing members of the military and it deserves our support. Our soldiers are teachers."

In Germany, Gen. Crosbie E. Saint, commander in chief, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, said: "Our soldiers are highly qualified and competent. In fact, we have the most educated force in the history of the Army. I believe, just as soldiers served the nation in uniform, they have great potential to serve as teachers in our nation's schools."

New job services to help soldiers make "connexion"

by Army News Service

A new employment service links departing soldiers to a nationwide employer and graduate school network to assist in their transition to civilian life.

The service, called Connexion, is a computerized database that permits service personnel to enter biographical profiles six months before completion of duty. Recruiters from corporate and academic institutions review the database in search of people with specified skills and interests.

Traditional employment databases can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars to use. Connexion, designed in cooperation with the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, is provided free by Peterson's Publishing Company.

To date, nearly 200 corporations, foundations and educational institutions have agreed to use Connexion. These include NASA, Parke-Davis, Xerox Corporation, Merrill Lynch and Newport News Shipbuilding.

Interested soldiers can pick up a Connexion registration form from their post education center or by writing Peterson's Connexion, P.O. Box 2123, Princeton, N.J. 08543-2123.

Sports/Health

Sports Briefs by Adrienne Sims Star Presidian staff

Upcoming softball games

June 18: LAMC -1 vs DOL at 5:30 p.m. on field no. 1. At the same time LAIR -2 vs Park Police on field no. 2. At 6:30 p.m. ISC/INSCOM vs LAMC -2 on field no. 1 and LEC vs AAFES on field no. 2. USAG vs FBI at 7:30 p.m. on field no. 2.

June 20: LAIR -2 vs USAG at 5:30 p.m. LEC vs Park Police on field no. 2. At 6:30 LAIR -1 vs FBI on field no. 1 ISC/INSCOM vs AAFES on field no. 2. At 7:30 ISC/INSCOM vs USAG on field no. 1 and LAMC -1 vs LAMC -2 on field no. 2.

AER golf tournament

An AER benefit golf tournament will be held July 10 with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. The tournament is open to everyone. Registration includes fees, cart, prizes and lunch for \$50. The tournament is limited to the first 120 golfers. For more information, call Maj. Brian O'leary at 561-5156.

CRD golf tournament

The shotgun start for the CRD Summer Four-some Golf Tournament has been changed to 9 a.m. June 20. Entry deadline is Tuesday. Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members 20 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio and Army retirees residing within 50 miles of post are eligible to participate. A \$15 team entry fee will allow individuals to form their own team. Individual entry fee will be \$5 and players will be placed in foursomes by the sports office. Green fees will be paid in advance at the Sports Office by all golfers that aren't members of the Golf Course.

For more information, call Bobbie Gascon or Charles Hurd at 561-4131/5032.

San Francisco Marathon

The Third Annual City of San Francisco Marathon will be held at 8 a.m. June 23. Volunteer Course Monitors are being sought to help the marathon safely run through the Presidio. Volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt and experience being part of an international sporting event. Many other volunteer positions are available throughout the marathon course. The marathon will start at the Golden Gate Bridge and follow a scenic route on the streets of San Francisco. For more information, or to volunteer, call Chief Warrant Officer Raymond Brown at 752-5212 after 6 p.m.

Bowling league

Improve your league average by being a member of the Presidio Summer Scratch Bowling League that will begin the Summer League Monday at 7 p.m. Sign-ups are now being accepted at the Presidio Bowling Center. Summer League will run for 12 weeks consisting of 12 position rounds. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

July 4th golf tournament

The Charles W. Davis Memorial Golf Tournament will be held July 4th with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will be conducted in a four man scramble format. Entry fee includes golf cart, continental breakfast and luncheon for \$25. Green fees are extra for non-members. Active duty, family members, reservists and retirees are eligible. The tournament is dedicated to all Medal of Honor recipients and those who engaged in and supported Operation Desert Storm. For more information, call Charles Hurd at 561-5032.

Presidential sports awards

The Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier America. Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15-years-old or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Gregory Demo sends a drive into deep left field to spark a rally for LEC against LAMC-A. LAMC won 6-4, and is tied with LAMC-B and DOL for first place with 4-1 records. LEC is 4-2.

Bowling leagues knocking down pins

by Bobbie Gascon, Presidio Sports Branch

With four weeks of play remaining, "Strike Force" has rolled into a first place tie with "Young Guns", upping their record to 26-10 in the Hui O Hawaii Summer League. "Strike Force" was paced by Tony LeCroy's 234 high game and 629 high series.

Overall, "Strike Force" is lead by Steve Garese with 4,594 total pins, Judi Charlton with 4,142, Penny LeCroy with 4,448 and Tony LeCroy with 4,113.

"Young Guns," on the other hand, seems to be picking the right games to win to stay on top.

The team features Rhonda Stout, 3,795; Willis Stout, 4,190; Lisa Martin, 3,209 and Spike Hurst, 3,971.

"Can't Touch This", moved from ninth place to knock "Family Affair" out of the sixth slot. "Can't Touch This" is knocking them down with the force of Skip Harden's 4,248 total pins.

Bowling league standings

Reno Summer Bowling League after 15 games

US 17-3, 10,561

Boomtown 'D' 16-4, 10,642

Keno 13-7, 10,906

Lab Rats 12-8, 10,599

Family Affair 12-8, 10,284

Da Kine 9-11, 10,377

The Imported 8-12, 10,596

Who Knows 7-13, 10,358

Stars of the week were Barbara Bagley with a 542 high series total, and Gary Schabert with 636. Don Choy bowled an all spare game.

Hui O Hawaii Summer League after 27 games

Strike Force 26-10, 19,511

Young Guns 26-10, 19,331

Gaspars Darby 24-12, 19,112

Just Roll It 22-14, 19,235

B.I.O.T.A. 20-16, 19,118

Can't Touch This 18-18, 18,890

Family Affair 17-19, 19,228

Up Your Alley 14-18 19,016

FUBAR 14-18, 16,721

High Rollers 13-23, 18,877

Good Times 10-26, 18,440

Pathogens 8-28, 18,670

Stars of the week: Betty Larkins, 514 high series; and Tony LeCroy, 629 high series.

LAMC bodybuilder takes 2nd place

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Wayne Chow, material handler, Letterman Army Medical Center, won second place in the Masters class of the 1991 AAU Mr. California Body Building Championship.

Chow last competed in 1983, "before my kids were born," he said.

Chow won a three-foot-high trophy and national recognition as well.

Chow performs his workouts in Gym No. 1 on post. He said a couple of Presidians who work out there persuaded him to return to competition.

"The gym has just about everything I need to train with," Chow said. "I do all of my training there."

This year Chow, who will be 42 in July, chose to compete in the Masters Division for men 40 years and older. However, at the urging of the judges at the Mr. California event, Chow may choose to compete at a younger level in national competition.

"My next goal will be in the national level, either AAU or NPC (National Physique Committee)," he said. "A couple of the judges said I looked good enough to compete against some of the younger competitors."

Chow said he was considering competing in the lightweight, 145-154 pound class, or the bantam-weight class which is below 145.

"I'm surprised I did as well—I hadn't done this for eight years, so I didn't know what the competition looked like," he said.

The Mr. California competition is scheduled to be shown on ESPN at the end of July, and will be featured in the upcoming issue of *Muscle* magazine.



Dwayne Chow may look relaxed. On the other hand, relaxed poses are some of the required movements in bodybuilding competitions.



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Community Calendar

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Bay Area Discovery Museum

The Bay Area Discovery Museum, 557 East Fort Baker, is offering educational activities for young and old throughout the summer. Among its upcoming activities are:

June Blues, featuring blues legends harmonica player Big Bones on Sunday; and singer Lady Bianca, June 30.

For more information about the museum's activities, call 332-9646.

CHAMPUS Prime signup

CHAMPUS representatives will be at Hamilton Army Air Field's Recreation Center today between 7:30 and 9 p.m. to help you fill out your CHAMPUS Prime application.

Receive a free CHAMPUS Prime sweatshirt for signing up today.

Graphics presentation

On Tuesday Ashton-Tate representatives will give a presentation on how to do graphics on PCs using Apple II from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Building 603. R.S.V.P. Seating is limited.

Call Sue Baker at 561-3287 for more information.

Free A's tickets

The Oakland A's ball club is offering free tickets to its August 5 ball game. You must present your active duty military ID at the ticket office to claim your free ticket. Limit four per person. For more information call the A's at 638-0500.

Gift certificates

The USO, Building 223, has free McDonald's gift certificates for active duty soldiers in pay grades E8 and below. McDonald's donated more than 5,000 of them. Pick them up Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Limit two booklets per soldier. Customers must sign in to get them.

Intro to DOS

Learn how DOS can help you manage your computer disks and files. A hands-on workshop in DOS will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 8 through 29, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Fort Scott Education Center. **Prerequisite:** Introduction to Microcomputers or consent of the instructor. The class is free for active duty military—others pay \$125. To enroll see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, or the LAMC Education Center, building 1014.



photo by David Allen

Be a circus star

Make-A-Circus will perform at the Presidio Child Development Center June 25 at 3 p.m.

Job openings

The Presidio has openings for the following positions:

Bartender NA-03, \$6.90 per hour, on-call, Camp Parks, Pleasanton, Calif.;
Bartender Foreman NS-04, \$10.26 per hour, regular part-time, Presidio Officers' Club;

Child Development Program Assistant CC-02, \$6.41 per hour, regular part-time and intermittent on-call positions;

Child Development Program Assistant Leader CC-05, \$8.78 per hour, regular full-time;

Waiter/Waitress NA-02, \$6.56 per hour, intermittent on-call, NCO/Enlisted Club.

Application DA 3433 should be submitted to CPD/Nonappropriated Fund Personnel Division, Building 37, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., 94129-5345, or call 561-5095 or 561-2947.

Combat boot resumes

The U.S.O. is holding special resume Workshops for soldiers who are separating, retiring or being RIFed from the service. Classes are held Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 561-2436.

Lotus Graphs and . . .

Fort Scott Education Center is giving a workshop on Lotus Graphs Mondays and Wednesdays from Monday through June 26 for those who already know and use Lotus 1-2-3, but want to learn the Graph option to create visual displays of numerical worksheet data.

The class will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Education Center. It is free to active duty soldiers, \$50 for others. To enroll, see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, Building 1216 or the LAMC Education Center, Building 1014.

Vista College PACE Program

There will be a PACE briefing Tuesday between 4 and 5:30 p.m. at the Oakland Army Base Cafeteria, Building 60, for those interested in furthering their college education.

Vista College, a public junior college from Berkeley, Calif., will be bringing PACE (Program for Adult College Education) to Oakland Army Base, Building 780, in August. Designed for working adults, pace allows you to finish your freshman and sophomore years in only five to six semesters then transfer to a four-year college for your bachelor's degree.

Classes meet an average of one evening per week and six Saturdays per semester. The cost is about \$50 per semester plus books. The first PACE class will meet on August 27.

Call Vista College Program, 841-0809; or Barbara Hug at the Presidio Education Center at 561-4900 for further details.

Military Day at Great America

ITT has discount tickets for Military Day at Great America on June 22. Events will include military exhibits, performances by military bands, color guards and drill teams, the MARS phone program and an armed services recognition rally.

Vacation Bible School

The Presidio Post Chapel is sponsoring a three week Vacation Bible School at the Religious Activities Center in Building 682 from June 24 through July 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children going into kindergarten in September through children coming out of the 6th grade this June will enjoy arts and crafts, recreation, refreshments, music, and classroom lessons. The RAC is planning on providing bus service to all Presidio housing areas. Register at the Post Chapel or the RAC. Space is limited.

Enable

A workshop for those who want to learn only the wordprocessing component of ENABLE's integrated program will be conducted at the Fort Scott Education Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays July 2 through 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. **Prerequisite:** Introduction to Microcomputers or the consent of the instructor. The class is free for active duty military—others pay \$75. To enroll, see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, or the LAMC Education Center, building 1014.

Movie schedule

Presidio Post Theater

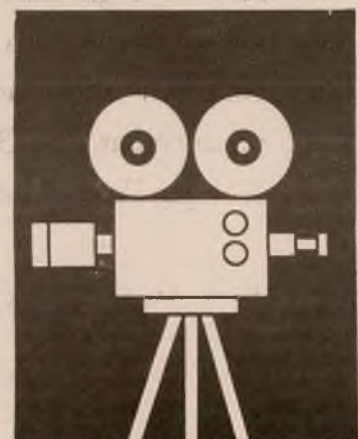
Fri, June 14: Lionheart (R), 7:30 p.m.

Sat, June 15: Defending Your Life (PG), 7 p.m.

Sun, June 16: Look Who's Talking Two (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, June 19: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II (PG), 7 p.m.

Admission is \$2.50 adults / \$1.25 children



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Sixth Army staff briefed on downsizing

by K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

On June 11, Lieutenant General Harrison, Sixth Army and Presidio Commander, assisted by Severin Johnson, Director, Civilian Personnel Directorate, and Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Zimmerman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, and their staffs, conducted the first in a series of briefings concerning the downsizing of Sixth U.S. Army.

General Harrison gave an overview of Sixth U.S. Army's move to Fort Carson, Colorado (to be completed by September 1993), and the establishment of the new U.S. Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, Georgia (to be fully operational by October 1, 1992), including the transfer of some functions to both locations offering the opportunity for some civilians to get jobs in those locations either through transfer or direct application.

The primary purpose of the meeting, however, was to set the stage for events that would take place at Sixth U.S. Army between now and 1993 when it will move to Colorado. "The move to Fort Carson is a totally separate action from the Sixth Army/USARC transition, and today we're here to speak only to the Sixth Army downsizing," said Harrison.

After a synopsis of what has transpired since the closure and realignment were announced in December 1988, General Harrison said, "The first consideration is the welfare of all CONUSA personnel, both military and civilian."

Downsizing the CONUSA is a result of declining CONUSA mission and, with the downsizing of responsibilities, there will be many changes in personnel authorizations.

The new CONUSA mission will focus on Training, Operations, Mobilization, and Deployment of Reserve Component Forces. The CONUSA will continue to command Readiness Groups, Aviation Readiness Groups, and SRAAGs, and will continue to provide military assistance to civil authorities, land defense of CONUS, continuity of operations plan, military support of civil defense, counter-narcotics

support, earthquake disaster support, and Boise Interagency firefighting support.

Most other missions will transfer to the USARC.

There will be a reduction of personnel at the Sixth Army headquarters from a current total (military and civilian) of 377 to 204 authorizations, with the mission-heavy DCSOPS, DCST, and the special staff less reduced than the other staffs. The biggest total (military and civilian) cut will occur in DCSPER whose staff will go from its current 81 down to 12.

Speaking specifically on the civilian side, because the USARC TDA has significant civilian requirements, civilian cuts in the CONUSA will be hardest hit. Sixth Army will downsize its civilian employees from its current 199 to 72 authorizations. Cuts will occur as follows: DCSOPS will go from 19 to 13; DCST from 29 to 20; DCSPER from 42 to 5; DCSLOG from 26 to 3; DCSRM from 29 to 7; DCSIM from 24 to 7; Engineers from 7 to 0; IG from 4 to 3; and others (combined) from 19 to 14.

General Harrison presented four key downsizing milestones and two Fiscal Year movement projections:

The first milestone, a freeze on all permanent hiring and promotions is already in effect, and has been since April 1, 1991. All permanent hiring and promotions were frozen last April, said General Harrison, in order to limit the number of RIFs. This will also limit personnel turbulence, as new hires may have bumped current employees out of their positions.

Second, functions will individually be transferred from Sixth Army to USARC from October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992. Military will be reassigned. Civilians occupying the positions being transferred will be detailed locally to other vacant positions in other staff sections or at Garrison. No one needs to worry that he or she will be RIFed early due to abolishment of position or transfer of function, General Harrison said. No formal or permanent action will take place until the Sixth Army RIF is run. Everyone will be affected simultaneously.

Third, CPO will issue RIF notices to affected

employees sometime in July of 1992, most likely earlier in July, but in all events, at least 60 days prior to the date of the RIF.

Fourth, the RIF will be effective around the end of September 1992.

On the military side, Sixth U.S. Army will stop requisitioning personnel after October 1, 1991. Some positions will be eliminated by October 1, 1992. "Excess military personnel may be reassigned before completing their usual tour after October 1, 1992," said Harrison, "but we will do our best to minimize such actions. Normally, military personnel will not be reassigned without at least one year on station."

The two projections were, one, military replacements will phase to Fort Carson during FY 93, during which time we will also prepare for Sixth Army's move to Fort Carson. And two, Sixth Army headquarters will move to Fort Carson in FY 94. "The specific dates of these two events are uncertain at this point due to a delay in the design and construction of the new headquarters building," said Harrison.

The meeting was turned over to Severin Johnson. "It will be a challenge to ensure we continue to perform the CONUSA mission while going through this personnel turbulence," said Johnson, in a CPO introduction after which he introduced three CPO staffers, Joan Gusman, supervisory staffing specialist; Gary Stella, Chief of Technical Services Division; and Gil Delcid, Management-Employee Relations who would give the detailed presentations and answer specific questions.

Johnson said the CPO milestone planning would run from the present through September 1992, during which time all civilians would be kept informed of progress and actions.

A "validation period" will run from June 1991 through December 1991 during which time employees should ensure that all information in the personnel system is accurate so that the RIF can be accurate.

see DOWNSIZING, page 5

689th Quartermaster Company honored on post



The 689th Quartermaster Company from Oakland Army Base becomes the seventh Desert Shield/Storm unit to be deactivated or demobilized at the Presidio.

story and photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

The 689th Quartermaster Company was demobilized Friday after serving nearly six months in the Persian Gulf.

The 689th was mobilized from Oakland Army Base, Calif., on Dec. 2, ending any hope its soldiers had of spending Christmas and New Years with loved ones. The unit belongs to the 124th U.S. Army Reserve Command, headquartered in Fort Lewis, Wash. The company was the seventh Sixth U.S. Army unit to be deactivated or demobilized.

While in Saudi Arabia, the 689th handled allied casualties. The unit was one of two mortuary evacuation points. Its job was to receive, process and arrange the evacuation of deceased U.S., allied and Iraqi soldiers and their personal effects.

Also, the 689th has been credited with providing life support operations for soldiers leaving the Persian Gulf. In its ceremony, the unit received a Presidio of San Francisco Certificate of Achievement which cited this and other accomplishments.

The certificate read in part: "...The unit built a facility that may become Army standard for future combat operations. Prior to its redeployment, the 689th provided life support operations for 50,000 redeploying soldiers. The 689th demonstrated ability of the highest quality, proved to be an irreplaceable asset and contributed greatly to the overall success of Desert Storm. The unit's effort epitomized the role of the citizen soldier and the Total Army concept."

In the words of Army Chief of Staff Carl E. Vuono, the members of the 689th Quartermaster Company can now take their place in history as soldiers of Desert Storm.

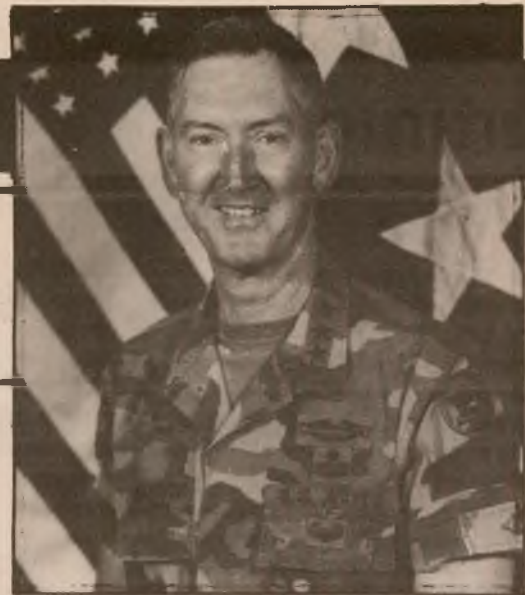
Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians—

Once again I find myself writing this article on the fly! I'm at 25,000 feet enroute to Phoenix, Arizona. We have just flown over Yosemite National Park and it was breathtaking. The day is clear and sunny and from up here it seems you can see forever. The mountains are still snow-capped and some mountain lakes are still frozen over. In the valleys it is lush green and the lakes are crystal clear and very inviting. The beauty, the majesty, the awesome breadth and variety of our great land cannot help but make you whisper—God *has* blessed America! With all our problems, with all our challenges, with all our woes we still truly are a blessed land and blessed people. So—it is another GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

On Tuesday the 11th we had our periodic ceremony to honor our Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter and Soldier of the Month. Specialist Vincent Matal III from Company B, Letterman Army Medical Center is our Soldier of the Month for June. Vincent works at inpatient pharmacy at Letterman Army Medical Center, is a native of North Carolina, has been in the Army since 1986, is married and has one child. HOO AH! Vincent on this latest honor. Our Non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter is Staff Sergeant Dirk Robinson, the trumpet section leader in our great Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco band. Staff Sergeant Robinson and his wife and son live in Pacifica, California. He has been a member of the band since April of 1990 and he enjoys jogging (HOO AH!), his computer and working on cars. Heartiest congratulations to Staff Sergeant Robinson on this latest achievement in your Army career.

And thanks again to all the civilian and Army agencies who support our NCO and Soldier programs. Without them we could not recognize in such a meaningful way our great soldiers. To each of you who participate so faithfully, our thanks and a great big HOO AH!

Also on the 11th we had the first of many planned briefings for all the civilian and military personnel of U.S. Sixth Army regarding the Headquarters reorganization and the move to Colorado. These are two very distinct actions both of which have great impact on our civilian employees and our assigned military personnel. It is my hope that these sessions will alleviate as much of the uncertainty, anxiety and stress possible. I know we will not be able to eliminate all worry and concern but I feel if we keep folks informed and we openly address their questions we will go a long way to help. I hope so, that is my intent. There will now follow a series of meetings at the smaller group level, to attempt to answer more specific individual questions.

Finally on the 11th we welcomed home the 689th Quartermaster Company, a U.S. Army Reserve unit from Oakland. The unit deployed to Saudi Arabia last December and made a great reputation for itself. To each of these soldiers we say a sincere Welcome Home and a mighty HOO AH! for a job well done.

The 12th and 13th I spent in Oregon and Washington. Visited the new Adjutant General in Oregon, then on to Fort Lewis to farewell the 244th Personnel Service Company, a U.S. Army Reserve unit from Ogden, Utah. They did their duty at Fort Lewis and they too established themselves as true professionals. Then on to Yakima Firing Center to visit the 81st Brigade, Washington National Guard, who were at Annual Training (AT). I saw tank gunnery, mortar firing, platoon ARTEPs and engineer work. This was truly a TOTAL ARMY AT involving National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, and Active Component personnel working together to maintain our Trained and Ready Army. HOO AH!

Friday was a *very* special day—the 216th Birthday of our United States Army. We started the day with a Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco run. That always gets any day off to a great start. The LAIR contingent won the cadence calling/esprit streamer. This was their first time to join us, so HOO AH! to LAIR soldiers. See you next month??

Next we supported the Welcome Home Parade in Oakland. The band, color guard, and ceremonial platoon plus a number of others, participated and enjoyed a good parade.

That afternoon we had a Farewell ceremony for the 689th Quartermaster Company. A good crowd turned out to say thank you and farewell to these great Reserve Component soldiers. Again—for the 3rd time today, our great Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco band performed outstandingly.

To cap off the day, the Noncommissioned Officer Corps organized and sponsored our 216th birthday party at the Golden Gate Club. The color guard, dance band, and a group from the California National Guard Center for Military History made it a memorable occasion. The club did a superb job—service was good, food super. So, it was a GREAT 216th birthday. To each and all—Happy Birthday!

Saturday it was off to Phoenix and the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association Conference. From there its on to Washington D.C. and a conference of the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army. I will miss being at Presidio of San Francisco this week—I hope your weather continues to be beautiful and you all smile and speak to your fellow Presidians.

Please continue to conserve our water and energy. Use what you need and please don't waste either. Follow the watering rules and turn off any electrical fixture you don't need. Thanks Presidians.

God bless you one and all.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."

—General R. E. Lee



photo by Adrienne Sims

Czech dignitary visits

The Honorable Lubos Dobrovski, Czech and Slovak Minister of Defense speaks at a luncheon held at the Camel Barn. This was part of a Benecia Industrial Park tour held Sunday. Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady and his wife, Nancy, welcomed both the Minister of Defense and his wife, Zdena, to San Francisco.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"How are you preparing for downsizing and RIFs?"

Roland (Casey) Steingo, communications management specialist, Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management: "Trying to hold our own and keep up with things. We're working with BRACO to prepare for relocation at Fort Carson. I feel sorry for those who will be RIFed, but I'm not in that category. I am eligible for retirement. We still have to support our mission although the resources aren't there."



Bob Doering, senior auditor, Internal Review Office: "I'm keeping my options open. Just keeping my eyes and ears open and trying to learn everything I can."



Susan E. Rose, Public Affairs assistant, Public Affairs Office: "I found another job. I started looking about three to four months ago. The place I'm going will be experiencing some downsizing, but it's not on the closure list. The most important thing is to get as much information as possible."



Leonora Alcaide, auditor, Internal Review Office: "I just accept whatever comes in first—RIF or transfer."



Patrick O. Griffen, personnel actions clerk, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "A lot. I'm taking surveys. Checking people's records to make sure they are up to date. My 171 is prepared. I'm hoping for the best—my chances for being bumped are high because there are many veterans and others with more tenure than I. I'm not too worried though because I have a skill in personnel actions which is needed by the government."



Sixth U.S. Army celebrates Army's 216th birthday



Guidon bearers from Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio tenant units help Sixth Army Commander Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison cut the birthday cake.

story and photos by Pleasant Lindsey III

With a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to You," soldiers of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio of San Francisco celebrated the U.S. Army's 216th birthday on June 14.

Presidio units formed up in front of Sixth Army Headquarters, Building 38, to sing happy birthday to the accompaniment of the Sixth Army Band.

Afterward, the units were lead on a fun run by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco. The units ran a meandering course through the Presidio, showing their esprit de corps to Presidians and commuters alike.

A hallmark of these fun runs is the awarding of the streamer that signifies the unit that gave, or sang, the best cadence calls. A good cadence tends to have a sing-song quality.

So, at the completion of the run, Sixth Army Command Sergeant Major Otto M. Copeland, Jr., pinned the streamer on the guidon of the contingent from the Letterman Army Institute of Research for having the best cadence calls in the birthday run.

Finally, to conclude the celebration, all of the participants shared a special birthday cake that depicted the U.S. flag, and read happy birthday to the Army.



Sixth U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major Otto M. Copeland ties the "best cadence" streamer to the guidon of the Letterman Army Institute of Research.



Golfing for a good cause

Three gentlemen who staged a Desert Storm golf day in San Ramon recently—Darrell Hamlett, Bob Bishop and Harry Lena—join Sixth U.S. Army Commander Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison to present a \$9,000 check to representatives of The Enlisted Spouses Club and the Officers' Wives' Club at the Presidio Golf Course May 30.

photo by Charles Blancet

News

News Briefs

Sobriety checkpoint

A Presidio sobriety checkpoint will be conducted June 26 by the Office of the Provost Marshal.

The checkpoint represents part of the Military Police expanded use of anti-drinking driver technique, which will be continued as a regular enforcement tool.

A majority of the drivers moving through California Highway Patrol checkpoints have indicated support. Approximately 85 percent stated they approve of the checkpoints and believe they serve as a deterrent. An equal number indicated that the checkpoints cause no significant delays.

Activity closure

The Letterman Army Medical Center and Fort Scott Education Centers will be closed July 4 and 5. The education centers will open again at 7:30 a.m. July 8.

PMO closure

The Provost Marshal's Office will be closed July 5 and 8 for the Independence Day celebration. July 5 is a training holiday for the post and July 8 is a substitution for July 4.

Army Days volunteers needed

Approximately 50 volunteers are needed for Army Days. Food servers, Volksmarch volunteers and clean-up volunteers are needed July 12 for an organizational picnic. For more information, call Jeanne Mote at 561-4147.

New service at Self Help

Effective immediately, all name plates for newly assigned family housing residents may be picked up at the Self Help Center, building 1227. Requestors should allow two to four weeks before contacting the Self Help Center. You can find out the status of a name plate you ordered by calling Self Help at 561-5127. If you recently received a promotion or had a name change and would like a new name plate, you may contact Mr. DeVincenzi at 561-5218.

To the one who keeps hitting my car—I know you!

By Pleasant Lindsey III

What do you mean, why don't I buy a new car? Let's start this thing at the beginning. It's been quite some time since I last came to you on a personal note—a couple of years ago I was peeved about the lack of respect given to our flag and thought I'd share that with you. But since that time there is something else eating at my gears—lack of respect for other people's personal property.

In particular, I'm talking cars here.

You see, my car is fairly old. If you don't recognize my green tank then you haven't been here long. But this isn't about how old or new a thing is. This is about what has happened to this car—damage inflicted by Presidians—since the last time I held this job as editor of your paper.

Yes, I got this car around the autumn of 1987 PE (pre-earthquake). I was newly appointed editor of the *Star Presidian* and had one other specialist working with me, so that car got a lot of work taking me to evening assignments and bringing me in to play catch-up on weekends (it took me a while to learn the lesson about those weekends).

Since the car was a 1977 model with most of its original parts still intact and had been driven in Europe to boot, I'm quite proud to say that all repairs to that car over the years don't add up to \$1,500. So why does my car look the way it does, you ask?

Because YOU (you know who you are) keep hitting my car in the Post parking lots!! And I'm not the only victim. I've heard others air these same complaints over the years here, about how they walked out of their office that evening to find someone had dented or scratched their parked car.

But my dents are unbelievable. I can safely say that none of my dents have been produced as a result of my driving. All of those dents were produced by those of you who were to blind to see that behemoth that I refer to as my car (for the record, my daughter named it Alberta).

I have four distinct dents, one by each front wheel and two on the rear passenger side. My car was parked (properly, completely in the parking lines I might add) on the Presidio of San Francisco and you had the nerve to hit it. What's worse, I've heard this from others before.

Oh, sure, we're all aware that those of us who risk getting a new paint job have a strong chance of seeing key marks on their car. I personally know of two people here who've had that experience on post. That is blatant disrespect for another's property.

But the thing that really irks me is that my car is OLD, ALL STEEL and LARGE—a whopping 4,700 pounds!

How can you cave in the front driver's side wheel well while the car is parked on the lot behind Headquarters Company and I'm, at PT (last year, first dent, I never saw you)?

How can you back a blue subcompact, license plate number 2****3, into the SIDE of my car and then lean out the window and holler at ME?!!

And then have the nerve to drive off when I step out of the car.

I couldn't have looked too intimidating. I'm only 5'3", 132 pounds. I was wearing my Class B's at the time and my wife and daughter were looking exceptionally pretty, as they always do. But I know the real reason you drove off. It's the same reason people still duck into buildings when retreat is played at 1700—lack of respect.

Now, this happened Sunday in LAMC's parking lot at 1300. I just can't fathom disrespecting someone on a Sunday.

Guess what—I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. Thankfully, the smudge on that rear passenger wheelwell was not made by you. Get this, it was made Friday in the Gym No. 1 parking lot while my wife was waiting for me. I got *that* plate number too.

Now, I'm not going to be vindictive about PSF driving habits. After all, later on Friday night my wife and I had enjoyed dinner with two doctors from LAMC at "Tony Roma's" rib joint in Marin when I stepped into the parking lot only to discover that I'd been hit again—on that same wheel well—and I had parked between the doctors and another car (the other car was parked on the damaged side ... hhhmmmm)! Obviously, you guys don't have the monopoly on disrespect.

But yet and still, I think that as Presidians we need to be more conscientious about one another's feelings. We should show more respect to each other than to anyone else around this area simply because we are all here.

New policies to weed-out substandard soldiers

by Army News Service and
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The message coming out of Department of the Army is simple: If you're substandard, you're gone.

The Army announced this month that several personnel policies will be tightened up and that substandard soldiers will find it more difficult to remain in the service. Along with the policy changes, the Army is also making it easier for commanders to separate substandard soldiers earlier.

For example, previously commanders had the option of separating soldiers who "repeatedly failed" the Army Physical Fitness Test and who "displayed no significant or continuing progress toward meeting standards." Now, soldiers who fail two consecutive APFTs will be processed for separation or barred from reenlisting. Period.

Personnel officials said the policy changes "are necessary to ... maintain a quality force as we build down the Army." By 1995, the Army will shrink from its current level of about 744,000 soldiers to 535,000 soldiers.

"I think the new policy is great," Staff Sgt. Gloria E. Cruz, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison reenlistment NCO, said. "There's no half stepping in the Army."

About 12,500 soldiers have their records flagged each year for being overweight, according to officials from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

for Personnel. Another 9,600 are flagged for failing the annual APFT.

"The new policy will improve the soldiers who are already in the military," Cruz said. "Since the Army is cutting down, the policy will also help clean out the soldiers who can't comply with the standards."

Reno said effective dates for the changes are dependent on how quickly Army regulations can be updated and sent to the field. He said all of the policies will be in effect by September.

The following policy changes were announced this month.

Local bar to reenlistment

- Old policy: Commanders are required to review a bar at least every six months. Commanders will initiate separation proceedings after the second six-month review, unless the bar is recommended for removal.

- New policy: Commanders are required to review a bar every three months. Initiation of separation proceedings is required if the bar is still in place after the second three-month review.

Elimination from NCOES courses

- Old policy: Soldiers who are eliminated for cause from NCOES courses may be reclassified, removed from the Army standing promotion list, barred from reenlistment or separated.

- New policy: Mandatory bar to reenlistment or initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers who are eliminated for cause from NCOES courses.

Overweight

- Old policy: When no medical reason exists, soldiers who do not make satisfactory progress in the weight control program after six months will be considered for separation.

- New policy: When no medical reason exists, mandatory bar to reenlistment or initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers who do not make satisfactory progress in the weight control program after six months.

- Old policy: When no medical reason exists, soldiers who fail to maintain body fat standards within a year after removal from a weight control program will be subject to separation from the service.

- New policy: When no medical reason exists, mandatory initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers who fail to maintain body fat standards within a year after removal from the weight control program.

- Old policy: Soldiers who report overweight to professional military schools will be denied enrollment except for soldiers on temporary duty and return, TDY en route, or permanent change of station status, who in the opinion of the school commandant, can meet their body fat standards by the end of the course or within 30 days, whichever comes first. Overweight soldiers who do not meet their body fat standards within the probationary period will be disenrolled and will not graduate.

- New policy: Deny enrollment to all soldiers who report to professional military schools (TDY or PCS) not meeting body fat composition standards. A memorandum will be forwarded to the first general officer in the losing/sending chain of command that will address the individual's failure to maintain standards and the possible failure of the unit commander to identify and enroll that individual in the weight control program.

Army physical fitness test failure

- Old policy: When no medical reason exists, soldiers who repeatedly fail the APFT and display no significant or continuing progress toward meeting standards may be separated.

- New policy: When no medical reason exists, mandatory bar to reenlistment or initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers who have two consecutive APFT failures.

Drug abuse

- Old policy: Sergeants and above identified as illegal drug abusers will be processed for separation. All other soldiers twice identified as illegal drug abusers will also be processed for separation.

- New policy: Policy regarding officers, NCOs and twice-identified drug abusers remains unchanged. In addition, corporals and below identified as illegal drug abusers and having three or more years of service will be processed for separation.

Downsizing

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Between June and July 1991, CPO will request authority from the Office of Personnel Management for both the RIF and for "voluntary" early retirement.

CPO will then conduct a "mock RIF" in November 1991, said Johnson, "to identify those individuals that have the highest probability of being affected by the RIF." This will be the first group of people CPO will make an effort to assist in finding new jobs.

Registration in outplacement programs will take place from January through October 1992 to provide a maximum opportunity for employees to take advantage of job placement options.

The performance appraisal cut-off date is set for June 1992 at which time all appraisals should be current, and to allow time to process actual RIF actions.

"In July 1992," says Johnson, "RIF notices will go out, giving you specific notice of what is going to happen to you. Changes will occur during the RIF; you can get a better job offer, but never a worse one."

The "RIF Effective Date" is September 1992, "which," says Johnson, "will be your last duty day in your old job."

Concluding his comments, Johnson said "At this early juncture in the process, we do not have enough specific information to advise you as to what will happen to any one person. As we continue in the informing part of the process, and as part of the data validation process, you will be provided with the op-

portunity to meet one on one with members of my [CPO] staff to ask more specific questions and to review the data that is in the personnel system and in your files to assure that all is in order for the RIF."

Joan Gusman then briefed on recruitment and placement issues, discussing competitive areas and levels, retention standing, tenure groups, veteran's preference, performance appraisal credits, retention registers, grade and pay retention, severance pay, and placement programs.

Gary Stella took center stage to discuss optional, immediate, discontinued service, deferred, and early retirement programs from both the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the newer Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) perspectives.

Responding to questions on early retirement, Severin Johnson commented that, if OPM approves the "early out" option, exactly when it would be offered is not known. Gary Stella said, "The purpose of an early out is to generate retirements prior to a RIF, thereby reducing the turmoil. If offered, 'early outs' usually come just before a RIF and there is normally a 30-day 'window.' The window, however, could be shorter or longer."

Summarizing the briefings, Johnson said a lot of this you have heard before, a lot you have read before, but as with most things repetition assists in the learning and understanding process.

The floor was then opened to a question and answer period moderated by Lt.Col. Zimmerman, during which time Harrison, Johnson, and the CPO

staff addressed several raised issues. Harrison commented that, although it is not official and the issue is still being heavily debated with the outcome unknown, there is a possibility the Army could be out of the Presidio by September 30, 1994—a year earlier than originally anticipated.

He also commented on the ongoing "Vanguard" study (a study considering long range goals and missions of the CONUSAs) which is also being heavily debated, that, although nothing on the outcome is certain on this issue either at this point in time, there is a possibility the CONUSAs could be eliminated by 1995.

The two-hour briefing provided many long-awaited answers to civilians hungry for information on issues that will shortly, and dramatically, affect their futures.

For those who were unable to attend the briefing, the "RIF FACTS" articles which appeared in the *Star Presidian* over the past months contain much of the specific information on all the above mentioned CPO topic areas. A copy of the reprinted consolidated articles is available from the editor, *Star Presidian*, at 561-5465. A copy of the overhead charts used for the Sixth U.S. downsizing briefing is also available from the editor.

The DCSRM, on Wednesday following the meeting, distributed questionnaires to Sixth Army employees, responses to which will be used in structuring future downsizing briefings to better meet the information needs of the Sixth Army community.

Commentary

Severance pay, discontinued service, placement program registration

By K.M.Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

Here is an issue that may concern some of you as it did several other employees.

In a one-on-one session with Gary Stella, Technical Services Division Chief, while working on the "Sixth Army Downsizing" article, the issue arose whether it was *mandatory* for an employee to enroll in one of the priority placement programs and what would happen if one didn't.

Stella remarked that he had been asked this question by an employee (and several others subsequently) who was eligible for "voluntary" early retirement and who wanted to take advantage of an early retirement offer, if extended, but who also wanted to take advantage of the "lump sum" option for which he would be eligible only if he was "involuntarily" separated.

The employee apparently was concerned that, if he did not apply for the "voluntary" early retirement when offered, thus sacrificing the lump sum, he would also be *required* to register in the priority placement programs and might have to take another position which might be offered to him resulting in his not being able to take early retirement at all.

Stella advised I ask Recruitment and Placement Chief, Donna White, whether or not one *must* register in the Priority Placement Program; she said, "Choosing not to register in the Priority Placement Program would limit your benefits under Reduction in Force procedures."

Gary Stella said, if you are theoretically *eligible* for severance pay, then you *must* register in a placement program, or you would not even be eligible to collect that severance pay. You would actually be eligible to collect severance pay *only if* you register in the placement program and then *only if* a job was *not* found for you.

On the other hand, if you are eligible for an immediate annuity (e.g., retirement—early or otherwise), you would *not* be eligible to get severance pay anyway and, therefore, it is not mandatory that you register in a placement program. The only reason you might want to register is if you want another job and want to keep on working which, if a position were then offered to you, you would be obligated to accept it and, at the same time, you would then *not* be eligible for early retirement.

But note very well: if you later decided to refuse that offer of a position, you would *not* get early retirement and you would *not* get severance pay.

You would be separated and would be out of a job. You would have lost out on "early retirement" because you received an equivalent job offer through PPP (for which you registered and which you then refused), and you would have lost out on severance pay, also, because you got that equivalent job offer (which you refused.)

The concerned employee in question, therefore, would *not* have to apply for "voluntary" early retirement, and would *not* have to register in a placement program (why would he want to anyway under the circumstances? It would not be in his own best interests.) He can wait until he is RIFed (he eventually will be because the Presidio is closing), can get discontinued service ("involuntary" early) retirement, and can collect the lump sum, too.

Under these conditions, would anyone who is eligible to apply for early retirement do so? Yes, some still may, and there are a couple of possible reasons why:

One, if you stay in merely to get a discontinued service retirement, and you accept the lump sum return, your annuity will be reduced.

Two, when the initial RIF occurs, and others have already left voluntarily, you could be placed, up to two grades lower, if a job is found for you.

However, *in the long term*, when the Presidio closes—and it could be as early as 3 years from now—and if you do *not* apply for PPP, you will *not* get a job offer and you will get RIFed "involuntarily" anyway. It would be *your* decision then whether or not you want to take the lump sum option.

The question to you, therefore, is: Would you, or would you not, chose to apply for "voluntary" early retirement, if extended, when you can continue working and ultimately be RIFed within 3 years and collect your lump sum upon discontinued ("involuntary") service retirement?

The only difficulty I perceive in this entire issue is the effect

it may have on younger employees. Their jobs might have been temporarily saved under a RIF when senior retirement- or early retirement-eligible employees left. Those young employees might now be forced out early because senior employees may now choose to remain until they, themselves, are RIFed.

That's why the Boxer Bill, offering 4 additional years to age or time in service to entice more employees to retire early could be beneficial, if passed; employees might accept that early out option incentive rather than to wait for "involuntary" separation and the return of the lump sum. But that's another story . . .



Survey

Star Presidian readership survey results

by Michael J. Murphy
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The Star Presidian random readership survey results have just been completed. There were 2,000 surveys that were mailed out to the military, civilian and retiree community that utilize the Presidio of San Francisco for work, home, medical care and other services. Of the surveys that were distributed, 406 completed questionnaires were returned to the Public Affairs Office.

The survey was designed to learn
Total number of responses: 406

well the post newspaper is serving its audience. The following results are broken down into two categories. The first is the total number of responses for that particular answer to that question and the second category is the percentage of readers surveyed that answered that question with that response.

The survey reflected that over 55 percent of the readers surveyed agreed the newspaper was well written, easy to understand, easy to read, and provides useful information.

Over 50 per cent of the readers read the newspaper all or almost all of the time and that 40 per cent read the Star Presidian every week.

The results of the survey also showed that majority of the readers felt that the newspaper was right on target with the amount of military, civilian employee news, retiree news, family programs/services, editorials/commentaries, and installation news provided each week.

According to the survey results, the distribution of the newspaper needs

to improve. Sixty-five per cent of those surveyed complained that they received the Star Presidian at least one day after the issue date.

In next week's Star Presidian, we will publish some of the comments that you gave us on story ideas and ways to improve the newspaper. The Star Presidian staff has gained some valuable insight on the direction of the newspaper and your feelings on how well it serves the Presidio community.

- 1. How do you usually obtain an issue of the STAR PRESIDIAN?
A. Nearby distribution stand (67) 16.50%
B. PX/Commissary/snack bar area (92) 22.67%
C. Unit distribution (65) 16.00%
D. Dropped near my workplace/home (132) 32.52%
E. Other source (specify) (50) 12.31%
- 2. Have you read an issue of the STAR PRESIDIAN in the past year?
A. Yes (CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 2) (406) 100%
B. No (GO TO QUESTION 14)
- 3. How often do you usually read the STAR PRESIDIAN?
A. All or almost all the time (208) 51.23%
B. Most of the time (129) 31.77%
C. Some of the time (45) 11.08%
D. Once in a while (24) 5.92%
E. Never (0) 0.00%
- 4. About how many issues of the STAR PRESIDIAN have you read in the last month?
A. None (12) 2.96%
B. 1 (38) 9.36%
C. 2 (97) 23.89%
D. 3 (99) 24.38%
E. 4 (160) 39.41%

- 5. How soon after the STAR PRESIDIAN is distributed (Thursday) do you usually read it?
A. Same day it is distributed (144) 35.47%
B. About a day or two after it is distributed (154) 37.93%
C. About three or more days after it is distributed (29) 7.14%
D. Varies greatly from issue to issue (79) 19.46%
- 6. How much of each issue of the STAR PRESIDIAN do you usually read?
A. All or almost all of it (192) 47.29%
B. Quite a bit (137) 33.74%
C. Some of it (66) 16.26%
D. A little bit (10) 2.46%
E. Almost none of it (1) .25%
- 7. To what extent do you find the STAR PRESIDIAN as a reliable source of news about what is going on in the Army?
A. Very great extent (49) 12.07%
B. Great extent (140) 34.49%
C. Moderate extent (161) 39.66%
D. Slight extent (51) 12.56%
E. Not at all (5) 1.22%
- 8. To what extent do you find the STAR PRESIDIAN as a reliable source of news about what is happening on the Presidio?
A. A very great extent (93) 22.91%
B. Great extent (192) 47.29%
C. Moderate extent (111) 27.34%
D. Slight extent (10) 2.46%
E. Not at all (0) 0.00%

The next series of questions ask how you feel about the amount of coverage in the STAR PRESIDIAN given to the following topics? (USING THE 3-LETTER SCALE BELOW, SELECT ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH TOPIC LISTED.)

	A. Too much coverage (+)	B. About right (0)	C. Not enough coverage (-)
	(+)	(0)	(-)
9. Military news	A. (24) 5.91%	B. (303) 74.63%	C. (79) 19.46%
10. Civilian employee news	A. (70) 17.24%	B. (272) 67.00%	C. (64) 15.76%
11. Retiree news	A. (30) 7.59%	B. (294) 72.46%	C. (81) 19.95%
12. Family programs/services	A. (31) 7.64%	B. (291) 71.67%	C. (84) 20.69%
13. Editorials/commentaries	A. (54) 13.30%	B. (289) 71.18%	C. (63) 15.52%
14. Installation events	A. (34) 8.37%	B. (288) 76.94%	C. (84) 20.69%
15. Current world affairs	A. (31) 7.64%	B. (232) 57.14%	C. (143) 35.22%
16. General features about Presidians and their work, hobbies, etc.	A. (54) 13.30%	B. (290) 71.43%	C. (62) 15.27%
17. Topical/controversial issues (such as child abuse, fraternization, abortion...)	A. (26) 6.40%	B. (258) 63.55%	C. (122) 30.05%
18. Base Closure and Realignment issues.	A. (51) 12.56%	B. (212) 52.22%	C. (143) 35.22%
19. Sports	A. (61) 15.02%	B. (304) 74.88%	C. (41) 10.10%
20. Awards and ceremonies (such as retirements, promotions, awards)	A. (42) 10.34%	B. (295) 72.66%	C. (69) 17.00%

26. Fair and accurate	A. (33) 8.13%	B. (235) 57.88%	C. (112) 27.59%	D. (19) 4.68%	E. (7) 1.72%
27. Interesting	A. (38) 9.36%	B. (228) 56.16%	C. (114) 28.08%	D. (21) 5.17%	E. (5) 1.23%
28. Stimulating, makes you think	A. (13) 3.20%	B. (124) 30.54%	C. (173) 42.61%	D. (75) 18.47%	E. (21) 5.18%
29. Source of new ideas	A. (12) 2.96%	B. (125) 30.78%	C. (174) 42.86%	D. (76) 18.72%	E. (19) 4.68%

How do you rate the following aspects of the appearance of the STAR PRESIDIAN?

(USING THE SCALE BELOW, CIRCLE ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH ASPECT.)

	A. Excellent	B. Very good	C. Good	D. Fair	E. Poor
30. Layout and design	A. (68) 16.75%	B. (173) 42.61%	C. (134) 33.00%	D. (23) 5.67%	E. (8) 1.97%
31. Art and illustrations	A. (44) 10.84%	B. (166) 40.89%	C. (141) 34.72%	D. (43) 10.59%	E. (12) 2.96%
32. Photography	A. (50) 12.32%	B. (172) 42.36%	C. (142) 34.98%	D. (34) 8.37%	E. (8) 1.97%
33. Quality of printing	A. (66) 16.26%	B. (186) 45.81%	C. (126) 31.04%	D. (26) 6.40%	E. (2) .49%
34. Readability of the print/type used	A. (86) 21.18%	B. (196) 48.28%	C. (116) 28.57%	D. (7) 1.72%	E. (1) .25%
35. Overall appearance	A. (75) 18.47%	B. (187) 46.06%	C. (126) 31.04%	D. (15) 3.69%	E. (3) .74%

To what extent do you agree with the following descriptions of the content of the STAR PRESIDIAN?

(USING THE SCALE BELOW, CIRCLE ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH STATEMENT)

	A. Strongly agree	B. Agree	C. Neither agree nor disagree	D. Disagree	E. Strongly disagree
21. Well written	A. (43) 10.59%	B. (246) 60.59%	C. (99) 24.38%	D. (18) 4.44%	E. (0) 0.00%
22. Easy to read	A. (96) 23.65%	B. (254) 62.56%	C. (48) 11.82%	D. (8) 1.97%	E. (0) 0.00%
23. Easy to understand	A. (84) 20.69%	B. (268) 66.01%	C. (43) 10.59%	D. (11) 2.71%	E. (0) 0.00%
24. Timely, up to date	A. (36) 8.87%	B. (214) 52.71%	C. (111) 27.34%	D. (39) 9.61%	E. (6) 1.47%
25. Provides useful information	A. (53) 13.05%	B. (235) 57.88%	C. (80) 19.70%	D. (34) 8.38%	E. (4) .99%

- 36. What is your age?
A. Under 20 (3) .74%
B. 20-24 (26) 6.40%
C. 25-29 (44) 10.84%
D. 30-39 (102) 25.12%
E. 40-49 (109) 26.85%
F. 50+ (122) 30.05%

37. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- A. Less than high school (1) .25%
- B. High school or GED (63) 15.52%
- C. Some college, no degree (113) 27.83%
- D. Associate's degree or vocational license (49) 12.07%
- E. Bachelor's degree (88) 21.67%
- F. Graduate and/or professional degree (92) 22.66%

38. What is your current status?

- A. Member of the U.S. Armed Forces (206) 50.74%
- B. Department of the Army Civilian (91) 22.42%
- C. Family member of U.S. service member (15) 3.69%
- D. Retiree (94) 23.15%

39. What is your pay grade or your spouse's pay grade? (circle only one)

- A. E1-E4 (47) 11.58%
- B. E5-E9 (125) 30.79%
- C. W1-W4 (10) 2.46%
- D. O1-O3 (34) 8.37%
- E. O4-O9 (95) 23.40%
- F. GS6 or lower (24) 5.91%
- G. GS7-GS12 (59) 14.53%
- H. GS/GM13 and higher (4) .99%
- I. Other (Specify) Wage Grade (8) 1.97%

Army planning for force of the future

by Army New Service

Explaining how the Army will shrink over the coming years is easier than explaining why. Pentagon planners are touting their vision of a four-corps, 20-division Army as the answer to questions about what kind of army the nation needs to counter future threats to U.S. interests at home and abroad. The Army for the 1990s and beyond, they say, is being shaped both by changing security requirements and by the shrinking defense budget.

"The chicken-and-egg analogy works to illustrate the point," said Lt. Col. Charles Persyn of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans' War Plans Division. "Is the shape of the force being driven by the perceived threat to national security? Or, is it simply resource driven?"

"The answer is that we are building the force based on the threat, and the force is affordable. We must be able to implement the national military strategy. We also have to be able to support national political and economic policies."

Persyn's point is that both military requirements and the military budget are changing and both have impact on the force structure. The recent collapse of the Warsaw Pact changed the face of U.S. defense policy; it also brought a national legislature clamoring for a "peace dividend." And, while the Defense Department contended that the world was still a dangerous place, Saddam Hussein obliged them with proof.

So, the challenge to define the Army's role in President George Bush's "new world order" is formidable. The world, say Pentagon planners, is now:

- Less likely to see a major war in Europe between the Soviet Union and Western nations.
- Worried about the military might the Soviet Union still possesses and the reliability of Mikhail Gorbachev's government.
- More likely to see regional conflicts like the Persian Gulf war as tensions relax between the superpowers.
- Seeing growth in the size and sophistication of armies in developing nations.

The result, Persyn says, is that the Army's focus must become less Eurocentric and more global as a new national military strategy evolves. That focus, he believes, forms the basis for change in Army force structure.

The latest proposal for reducing the Army would shrink the force from its current five-corps, 28-division strength to four corps and 20 divisions — 12 active divisions, six Reserve Component divisions and two partially manned "cadre" divisions. Its size is based on the concept of being able to fight in one major regional conflict, such as the gulf war, while preparing to respond to another and maintaining the capability to reinforce deployed units or fight in a major war.

That smaller Army would be mostly based in the continental United States, Persyn said, and would depend heavily on its ability to rapidly move forces overseas. For example, only two divisions and one corps headquarters would serve as the Army's combat forces in Europe, illustrating the shift from the long-standing U.S. policy of forward deployment to what Army officials are calling "forward presence."

"Europe is less volatile," Persyn said. "The longer warning time (before a potential conflict) gives us more time to generate the required forces, start up the (defense) industrial base, and project forces from CONUS." Stocks of prepositioned equipment would also be in place for units arriving forward in Europe.

He added that the United States would likely pursue innovative defense agreements with its NATO partners, possibly extending to formations composed of forces from many nations. The 2nd Infantry Division would remain in South Korea under the plan.

Under the plan, the three remaining corps would be CONUS-based, rapidly deployable forces of up to five divisions. The relatively small number of troops already in place overseas would require an even faster response from quick-reaction forces and continued reliance on the Reserve Components for initial combat support, combat service support and follow-on combat requirements.

"That's why the Army emphasizes the need for improvements in 'strategic mobility' systems," Persyn said. He cited the C-17 heavy cargo aircraft under development and additional fast sealift ships as transportation priorities the Army supports.

In addition, the divisions of the rapid deployment forces would each have three active-duty brigades. In previous years, reserve component "round-out" brigades were part of the 24th Mechanized Infantry

and 1st Cavalry divisions. The concept received much attention when the 24th ID deployed to the Middle East for DESERT STORM without the 48th Infantry Brigade, the National Guard unit that rounds out the division. Instead, the 24th took an active duty separate brigade.

Under the plan, the reserve round-out brigades would become "fourth" brigades for those same divisions. During wartime, they would serve as follow-on reinforcements after the completion of their training.

Plans also call for the establishment of two "cadre" divisions, which would be manned in peacetime by about 20 percent of their assigned strength — mostly leaders, officials say. The cadre divisions would also have 100 percent of their assigned equipment, leaving only the bulk of the troops. The units are designed to rapidly expand to full strength during a mobilization.

The prospect of a much smaller, CONUS-based Army is not without risk, Persyn said.

"There's what you can afford," he said. "What you can't afford has to be identified as risk. You have to decide what risk you can accept."

"We can't afford to have forces everywhere in the world. We believe the risk of a smaller Army is an acceptable risk."

One of the keys to reducing that risk is the technological advantage U.S. forces demonstrated in the war with Iraq. Army planners use the term "lethality" to refer to a unit's ability to engage and destroy

enemy forces, and say that maintaining the "bang per unit" edge the Army currently enjoys over its potential adversaries requires continuing research and development of new weapons. A smaller Army, they say, must be a more lethal Army.

"The key to all this is modernization," Persyn said. "In addition to the quality of our soldiers and leaders, a key edge the U.S. military has is its technology. It's very important that we continue that."

"We have to maintain an Army that, as it gets smaller, has the capability to deploy, fight and win."

Special leave accrual for Storm soldiers

by Army News Service

Special leave accrual is available to Operations Desert Storm/Provide Comfort soldiers whose duties will prevent them from taking leave through the end of fiscal 1991.

Jan Spears of the Total Army Personnel Command said the leave is available for soldiers who will exceed the maximum 60 days allowable regular leave accrual on Sept. 30. She said soldiers can accrue up to 30 days of special leave, in addition to the 60 days leave soldiers are ordinarily allowed to carry.

"A soldier has until the end of the third fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the qualifying service ended to use this leave or it will be lost," said Spears.

"For instance, if a soldier couldn't use his leave by September 30, 1991, he will have until the end of September 1994 to use it. Commanders are encouraged to grant soldiers who have redeployed as much leave as possible to prevent them from losing leave at the end of the fiscal year."

Federal law permits special leave accrual under two narrowly defined conditions. These are:

- for soldiers who are entitled to special pay for duty subject to hostile fire for at least 120 consecutive days; and,

- for soldiers who are deployed for contingency reasons which preclude their taking leave.

Spears said both conditions apply to Desert Storm and Provide Comfort soldiers. She said soldiers can determine their total leave by checking their monthly leave and earnings statement.

Because of mission requirements, Spears said some soldiers may be approved for special leave accrual while others may not. For instance, soldiers may not be eligible who have redeployed and have had sufficient time left in fiscal 1991 to use accrued leave. Soldiers who remain deployed to Southwest Asia throughout most of the fourth quarter of fiscal 1991 would meet special leave accrual criteria.

According to Spears, special leave must be used and cannot be cashed in at the end of an enlistment or separation.

Commanders with special leave requests for their soldiers must submit them through their major command to the commander of PERSCOM, ATTN: TAPC-PDO-PO, Alexandria, Va 22332-0474 after Sept. 30, 1991. Requests must include information per Army Regulation 630-5 and must also include a statement explaining why the soldier could not take leave after redeployment.

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by Army News Service

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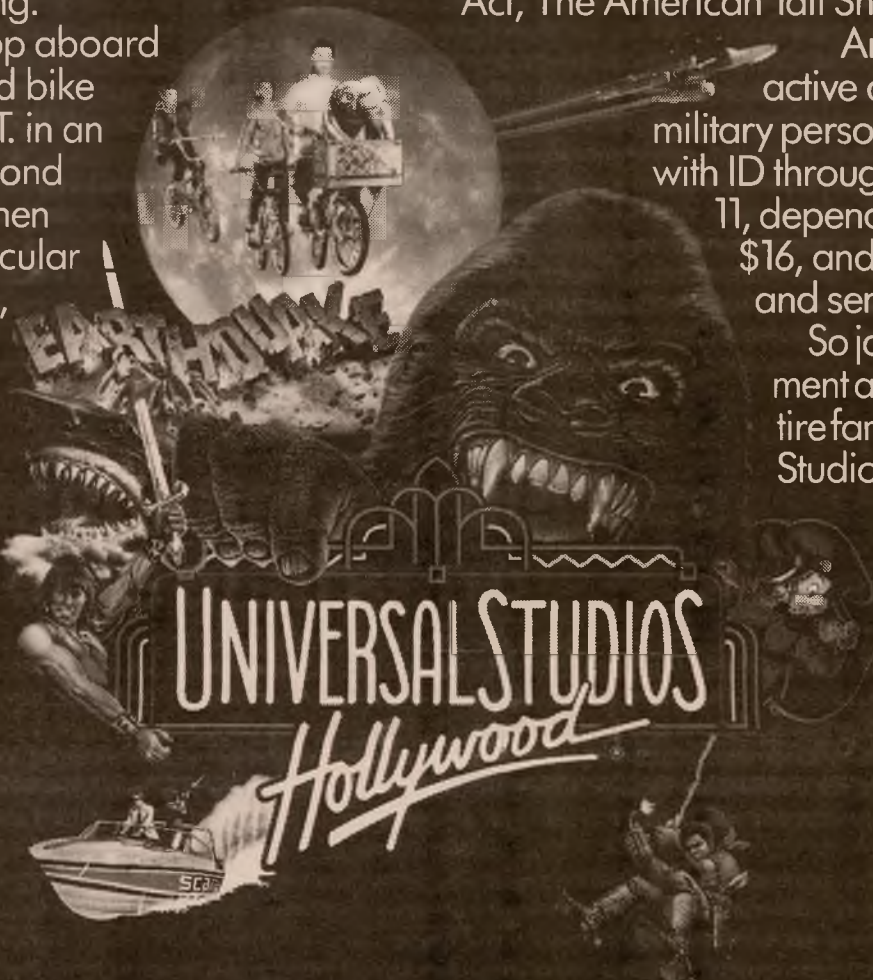
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Sports

Sports Briefs

AER golf tournament

An AER benefit golf tournament will be held July 10 with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. The tournament is open to everyone. Registration includes fees, cart, prizes and lunch for \$50. The tournament is limited to the first 120 golfers. For more information, call Maj. Brian O'leary at 561-5156.

CRD golf tournament

The shotgun start for the CRD Summer Four-some Golf Tournament has been changed to 9 a.m. June 20. Entry deadline is Tuesday. Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members 20 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio and Army retirees residing within 50 miles of post are eligible to participate. A \$15 team entry fee will allow individuals to form their own team. Individual entry fee will be \$5 and players will be placed in foursomes by the sports office. Green fees will be paid in advance at the Sports Office by all golfers that aren't members of the Golf Course.

For more information, call Bobbie Gascon or Charles Hurd at 561-4131/5032.

San Francisco Marathon

The Third Annual City of San Francisco Marathon will be held at 8 a.m. June 23. Volunteer Course Monitors are being sought to help the marathon safely run through the Presidio. Volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt and experience being part of an international sporting event. Many other volunteer positions are available throughout the marathon course. The marathon will start at the Golden Gate Bridge and follow a scenic route on the streets of San Francisco. For more information, or to volunteer, call Chief Warrant Officer Raymond Brown at 752-5212 after 6 p.m.

July 4th softball tourney

Presidio's Sports Branch will host a 4th of July Slow Pitch Softball Tournament from July 4 through 6 (Thursday through Saturday). Teams may be formed by combining with other units, divisions, sections and dependents 20 years and older. Military installations in the Bay Area are also being invited to participate. An entry fee of \$150 made payable to Installation Morale Support Fund will be charged for each team. Coaches/managers desiring to enter a team must do so by **tomorrow**. For more information call John Funes, Sports Branch, at 561-5032.

Bowling league

Improve your league average by being a member of the Presidio Summer Scratch Bowling League that will begin the Summer League Monday at 7 p.m. Sign-ups are now being accepted at the Presidio Bowling Center. Summer League will run for 12 weeks consisting of 12 position rounds. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

July 4th golf tournament

The Charles W. Davis Memorial Golf Tournament will be held July 4th with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will be conducted in a four man scramble format. Entry fee includes golf cart, continental breakfast and luncheon for \$25. Green fees are extra for non-members. Active duty, family members, reservists and retirees are eligible. The tournament is dedicated to all Medal of Honor recipients and those who engaged in and supported Operation Desert Storm. For more information, call Charles Hurd at 561-5032.

Presidential sports awards

The Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nationwide effort towards a healthier America. Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15-years-old or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120.



LEC's Loren Small puts the tag on LAMC-2's Don Pierce for the third out in the third inning of their June 13 game.

Fluke pop-up, catch shatter rally

story and photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

LEC, trailing 10-9, had the bases loaded with two out when Bailey hit a short pop-up that landed in front of LAMC TWO's Quinn Reels at third base. Did he bobble it in fair or foul territory? If foul, then did tagging the runner at third count as a forceout?

The questionable catch and ensuing forceout generated an argument that overshadowed a whale of a comeback by LEC.

LEC started the bottom half of the final inning trailing 10-7 when with one out John Hirst walked and Gregory Demo singled. Douglas Smith added another single to load the bases, the Loren Small flied out to short. Scott Autry hit a single to send Hirst and Demo home. Then Joel Johnson walked to reload the bases. The score: 10-9.

Now this is where it gets tricky.

Michael Bailey popped up in front of Reels at third base. Reels appeared to catch, then bobble the ball on or around the third base line.

The ball dropped—in fair territory. Small, taking no chances, ambled down the third base line for home when Reels grabbed the ball and tagged him. With us so far?

As they say on TV, you make the call. Can a ball be bobbled in foul territory, dropped in fair territory and remain in play? Was the ball indeed in foul territory when Reels bobbled it (11 players say yes, 11 say no) and if it was foul why was Small tagged out?

Even the umpires seemed confused.

Time had run out just before the pop-up, therefore the game ended with good heads-up play by Reels, a stunned look from Small and one burning question—who won the game?

Folks, it ain't over.

Because of the controversy surrounding the play, this inning will be replayed as soon as the Sports Branch can figure it into its schedule.

This is unfortunate, given the strong play of both teams throughout the game. For instance, LAMC TWO's Craig Brooks hit a grand slam that should have been charged as an error to LEC's Autry in right. That sparked a six-run third inning for a 6-2 lead. LEC answered with two runs in the bottom of the third and Autry atoned for his earlier error by knocking a home run over the left field fence to close to within one.

Scores, June 13

LAMC ONE 8, ISC 7;
LAMC TWO 10, LEC 9;
DOL 5, LAIR ONE 1
AAFES 16, LAIR TWO 2
FBI 2, Park Police 0

Scores, June 11

LEC 16, ISC 5
LAMC ONE 16, LAIR ONE 5
LAMC TWO 14, LAIR TWO 9
DOL 15, USAG 14
FBI 8, AAFES 6

Intramural Softball League standings

DOL 6-1
LAMC ONE 6-2
LEC 5-2
LAMC TWO 4-1
USAG 4-4
FBI 4-3

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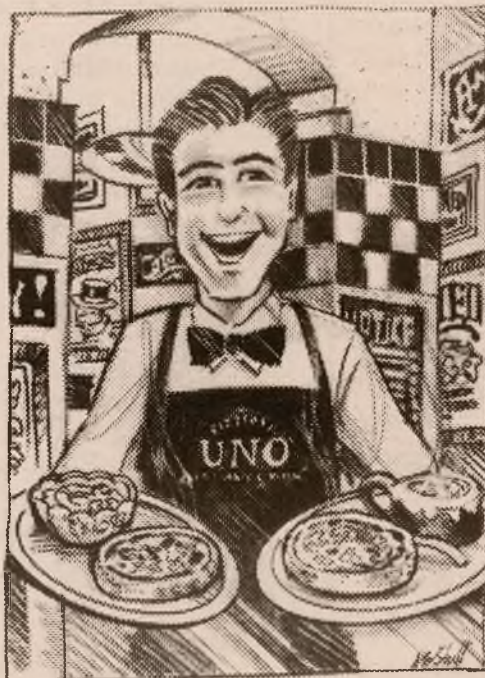
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Military Day at Great America

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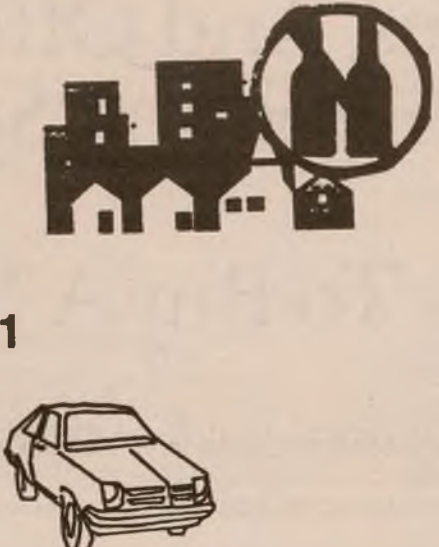
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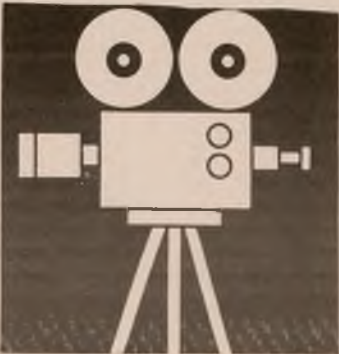
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Water tip of the week

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Charlie Co. sweating to get the job done

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

You have to get used to sleeping in sweat," Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, C Co. 864th Engineer Battalion commander, said about working in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

"We're climatized to the weather now," Cunningham said. "Soldiers drink six to eight quarts of water a day—sometimes even more."

Charlie Company's mission is to support the security brigade in Kuwait. The vertical platoon and half of the horizontal platoon are in Kuwait. Other soldiers are still in Saudi Arabia.

Soldiers are also building a life support system, according to Cunningham. The system consists of AAFES, a mall, music shop and places to eat.

"The soldiers are doing excellent work," Cunningham said. "They helped with a M1 and M3 tank range in Kuwait and did a super job. The commander of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment awarded each soldier with a regimental coin and the company with a recruiting poster."

"I'm exceptionally proud of these soldiers," Cun-

ningham said. "They are highly motivated, highly trained heroes."

The morale of the soldiers is still high after six months in the desert.

"The soldiers are getting to work in their MOS," Cunningham said. "These soldiers are working fast and hard to accomplish the missions."

"They have made an excellent reputation for the Army and the Presidio," Cunningham added.

Charlie Company soldiers work six days a week with Sundays off. They usually shut down at 4 p.m. in Kuwait and 5 p.m. in Saudi because of the heat, according to Cunningham.

Soldiers are now living in an open bay warehouse without air conditioning.

There are activities for the soldiers to do on their free time.

Soldiers can go on "love boat tours" when slots are open, Cunningham said. These are tours through Bahrain where soldiers can relax and enjoy themselves. There are also tours given through MWR.

There is a program called American Family set up for soldiers to visit Americans who live in Southwest

Asia. These Americans are employees of RAMCO, according to Cunningham.

"When there are slots for the tours, we give the soldiers time off to enjoy themselves," Cunningham said.

Now soldiers are being offered leave.

According to Cunningham, there is a six month leave policy. Since C Co. soldiers have been in the desert for more than six months, they will begin taking leave.

Only five percent of the unit may take leave at one time.

Soldiers can get a MAC flight out of Saudi Arabia to the states. Most flights come into Philadelphia. Soldiers can also get a MAC flight out of Philadelphia if one is available. If there is not a MAC flight available, soldiers must purchase their own ticket to another state.

Charlie Company soldiers are expected to return to the Presidio in September.

"Being an engineer is the best and worst job," Cunningham said, "because everyone always needs engineers."

Carnival, bands and entertainment kick off Army Days

By Pleasant Lindsey III

Arrmy Days will be different this year. The celebration will include a large carnival as well as bands and other entertainment, plus it will be spread out over four days.

The Presidio of San Francisco will host the "Army Days" celebration from July 11 through 14 in the area between Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters, Pershing Square and the main parking lot.

The major attraction will be a full-blown carnival that will set up its rides on the south end of the main parking lot.

This year's celebration will be different from previous celebrations.

For example, the celebration this year is a show of appreciation for a much unheralded force that supports soldiers—the civilian employees.

This year's celebration will be a way of honoring the civilian employees who worked diligently to support the Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers who were mobilized through here to the Persian Gulf. July 12 will be set aside as a special day for all civilian employees on post to partake in the Army Days festivities.

Another group to be honored consists of the individual soldiers who deployed to the Persian Gulf from the Presidio's different units and activities. Many soldiers volunteered to fill missions that were critical to the success of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Such missions included administrative jobs, medical positions and technical support.

The Army's service in the Persian Gulf was greeted with pride and support by the public back home. The public will have a chance to share in the celebration of that success during the Army Days festivities, as they will be open to the public.

The big attraction may well be the carnival.

"It's a large, county fair type of carnival," explained Maj. Kenneth R. Matlock, Director, Plans, Training and Mobilization. Matlock said this carnival was used successfully when he was assigned to Fort Ord, Calif. He has maintained contact with that organization and was able to get them to bring their carnival to the Presidio this year.

The carnival will have just finished another visit to Fort Ord before they pitch their tents on the Presidio.

International Tours, Travel will be offering ticket books for carnival rides at half price.

There will be other activities besides the carnival for Presidians to enjoy. Matlock said that the Army Days festivities will be set up for the whole family to enjoy.

The official opening ceremony on Friday, July 12,

will include a welcome home to honor the soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf. Afterward, there will be unit competitions and activities for everyone to participate in.

Unit activities will include the pass-the-apple relay, tug-of-war, various children's games and a volleyball tournament. There will be a five-mile unit guidon relay race starting and finishing in front of Building 39. The teams will be composed of five people with each member running a one-mile leg of the course. Team trophies will be awarded to the top three teams at the conclusion of the race.

Also on that day there will be a 10 kilometer volk-march and a 25 kilometer bicycle ride. The morning will feature also sports and games, and the band 'Indian Bingo' will perform in the afternoon. Disc jockeys will also be on hand to provide musical entertainment.

July 13 will feature the samba artistry of "Nova Escola de Samba," a return performance by "Indian Bingo," and the "Tiare Otea Tahitian and Polynesian Dance Company."

Sunday the 14th is designated as the "Family Day."

The "Toledo Performing Arts" and the "Reitenbach Institute of Taekwondo" will have performances on the parade field.

The festivities will all be centrally located on the Presidio grounds. The carnival will use up the south end of the main parking lot, the outdoor stage will be located at the north end of the parade field next to the Civilian Personnel office and there will be a volks tent at the south end of the parade field. The volks tent will include an indoor stage and a dining area for inclement weather.

This year's Army Days celebration has a twofold concept. First, the celebration gives recognition to the soldiers, civilians and family members who helped make the Desert Storm mobilization process successful.

Second, The festivities offer a special welcome home celebration to individual soldiers and units who deployed to the Persian Gulf.

"This year the Army Days celebration will be something out of the ordinary," Matlock said. "This will be something for the whole community to participate in."



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Athletes golf for charity

Oakland Raider football great Jack Tatum (left) and legendary Chicago Cubs shortstop Ernie Banks prepare to drive to the first tee and wait for the shotgun start of the 1991 Project Open Hands-Athletes Against AIDS Golf Tournament at the Presidio Golf Course, June 21. The tournament featured 24 celebrity athletes, each teamed with four civilian guests.

Voices



Presidio View by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians—

Although I was gone all last week (15-20 June) to Phoenix and Washington D.C. I know it remained a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, A Very Special Place. As I ran in 90 degree plus temperature and humidity at 100 plus, I sure missed our great Bay Area weather. There is nothing that makes you appreciate Presidio of San Francisco as much as a trip to the East Coast in summer or winter when it is hot and humid or cold and snowing!

My trip to Phoenix was to deliver a speech to the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association. All of our Sixth U.S. Army Reserve Commanders were there and it was good to be with them.

Overall, a very good conference.

Then it was on to D.C. and the Annual Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) Conference. These CASA's are influential people from their various states and help the Army represent itself to local communities. We had 11 Sixth U.S. Army CASA's present to hear the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Defense, Chief of Staff Army and all the principal Army Secretariats and Staff Officers. It was really an impressive array of speakers. A very interesting and informative week. Our Public Affairs Office and Protocol personnel did a super job of organizing our portion of the event and deserve a real HOO AH!

Our final day in D.C. we were privileged to attend the Retirement Review for Sergeant Major of the Army, Julius Gates. This review was conducted at Fort Meyer by elements of the Old Guard—the ceremonial unit of the 3D U.S. Infantry and the U.S. Army Band—Pershing's Own. It was a very impressive ceremony very professionally conducted. But as I sat and observed it all I was struck with the similarity of our very own ceremony here at Presidio of San Francisco. Oh yes, they have more participants and a whole unit in Revolutionary period dress but basically the ceremony is the same. And our soldiers, our band and our color guard here at Presidio of San Francisco once again performed outstandingly on Thursday, the twentieth of June. My feedback is that the troops from Letterman Army Institute of Research looked great. The Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco band performed in their usual manner and the color guard was super. Again, my thanks to all and my best wishes to our retirees—

LTC William G. O. Rodkey
MSG Thomas A. Barker
SFC Allen R. Ricketts
Ms. Kathrine M. O'Shea
Mr. Howard J. Murphy
Mr. Leon Evans

I was busy on Friday the 21st at several ceremonies—here and at Fort Lewis. First off we had an awards ceremony for three departing staff officers—Colonel Mike Carkhuff enroute to Army War College in D.C., Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Zimmerman enroute to Army War College and Lieutenant Colonel Chip Chagnon enroute to duty in the Pentagon. Our thanks to each of them

and their families for all they did for Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco.

Next we promoted to major and gave an award to Captain Rich Furney. Rich has worked in Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Office and as Protocol Officer and is now off for duty in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. To Rich, his wife Kim and the Furney Girls—our thanks, our best wishes for a safe trip cross-country and real loud HOO AH! for all they did for Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco.

Later on Friday I attended the inactivation ceremony of the 9th Infantry Division (Motorized). This great old combat division is one of the casualties of our Army build down. But even in this unpleasant mission they performed in a totally professional manner. I was proud of them in inactivation as I was when they were the Army's only motorized division. They were PROs to the end.

Presidians, our conservation efforts are paying off and I thank you. But I need your continued help and support. So, please follow the watering rules and turn off any electrical items you don't really need. Every little bit helps—and remember— conserving water and energy is



HOO AH! God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

—Adlai Stevenson



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Medical Detachment deactivated

Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, commander, Letterman Army Hospital, presents awards to soldiers of the 109th Medical Detachment. The detachment was deactivated June 17 in a ceremony at the Presidio NCO/Enlisted Club.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
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The new policy for substandard soldiers. . .your opinion?

Spec. C.D. Jukes, systems analyst, MILPO: "I think it stinks. I don't think the government should kick out soldiers who are overweight or fail a PT test. Half of these people who fail a PT test or are overweight are good soldiers and try very hard to stay in. They do whatever is possible. For example, Pfc-----was flagged for being overweight, but he did great on PT tests--always maxing his run. He tried really hard and still got kicked out. Other soldiers who aren't overweight and pass a PT test aren't always good soldiers, and some try to get out of taking PT tests."



2nd Lt. Thomas L. Van-Swol, OIC Strength Management Branch: "I think it's good. It ensures that as the Army draws down it will retain the highest quality soldiers."



Pfc. Eric Brooks, casualty assistance clerk, Personnel Office: "I don't like it. It's not fair to the soldiers. They may have personal problems that effect their soldiering skills, but that doesn't mean they aren't good soldiers."



Sgt. Melanie A. Ladra, NCOIC Strength Management Team: "I think it's great. It's really important with the downsizing of the Army. These stricter standards will enable top quality soldiers to stay in the Army. We need to keep the good soldiers."



Staff Sgt. Clifford J. Reeves, Personnel Management supervisor, Headquarters Company, 91st Division (Training): "I pretty much concur with the new policy. With the Army's attempt to downsize, it only makes sense to keep the good soldiers

in. This new policy clears up a lot of interpretations more than it tightens up the standards. The standards are the same. The standards were already in place but they left too much room for interpretation. This policy drives it home."

Headquarters Command Battalion

Congratulations to Spec. James Nelson who was named the Headquarters Command Battalion Soldier of the Month for June.

Sgt. Dan Albaugh received a three-year Good Conduct Medal.

Congratulations to Sgt. Dirk Robinson who was named the Post NCO of the Quarter.

Law Enforcement Company

Jeffery Jackson and Mark Bass received lateral promotions to corporal. Bass graduated from PLDC June 20.

Letterman Army Hospital

Spec. Benito Reece was named Letterman's Soldier of the Month for March. He works in Allergy/Immunization as the NCOIC.

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis McVey received a plaque from the U.S. Army Area Dental Lab in appreciation for his contributions to their NCO development program.

Capt. James S. Brown Jr. received the 1991 Major Richard M. Mason award. This award is presented to the outstanding Medical Corps first year graduate medical education physician at LAMC.

Maj. Fredrick Burgess received the Gen. Kenyon Joyce research Award and the Col. Robert Skelton Award. This was the first time an individual had won both awards in the same year.

Spec. Vincent Matal of Letterman's pharmacy service was named Letterman's Soldier of the Month.

Sgt. Lionel Roberson, LAMC Administrative Services, and Spec. Dave-Roger Grosvenor, Tracy Health Clinic Veterinary Services, are going to Fort Sam Houston, Fla. to compete in the Health Service Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competitions.

Holiday schedule

HOURS OF OPERATION, 4 JUL 91, AAFES FACILITIES
INDEPENDENCE DAY

FACILITY	HOURS OF OPERATION
Main Store	1000-1800
Class Six	1000-1800
Four Seasons	1000-1600
Burger King	1000-1800
Service Station	1000-1700
Shoppette	0700-1800
Anthony's Pizza and Frank's Franks	1030-1730
Letterman AMC Retail Store	CLOSED
Fort Scott	CLOSED
Military Clothing Sales Store	CLOSED
All Other Services	CLOSED

All Facilities will be open regular hours on 5 Jul 91

ID Card Office Holiday Closure

The ID Card Office will be closed on the 4th, 5th and 12th of July due to holiday observance, training holiday and Army Day celebration.

PMO holiday observance

The Provost Marshal's Office will be closed on the 5th and 8th of July due to training holidays. In addition, the PMO will be closed on the 4th of July for holiday observance.

Commissary holiday closure

The Commissary will be closed on the 4th and 5th of July for observance of Independence Day, and July 12 for the observance of Organization Day.

Holiday closure

The Letterman Army Hospital and Fort Scott Education Centers will be closed on the 4th and 5th of July and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, July 8.

ITT holiday schedule

ITT will be closed on the 4th and 5th of July for Independence Day observance. On Friday, July 5, Outdoor Recreation, Building 667 will sell great America, Marine World Africa, USA and Raging Water tickets. For more information, call 561-3992.



photo by Sharon E. Everett

Brigg. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, LAMC commander, swears 2nd Lt. Mary Maloney into the Nurses Corps.

News

News Briefs

Holiday parking restrictions

As our annual Fourth of July celebration approaches, the Presidio Office of the Provost Marshal is gearing up for the expected heavy flow of traffic. All gates will be open. However, certain gates are recommended for exiting, and parking will be allowed in certain areas only.

The primary parking areas will be the **main parade ground and Mason Street parking area**. Parking in PX, Commissary and Shoppette lots will be allowed with DoD sticker only. Only residents will be allowed into residential areas for parking. If you are not physically using the Letterman Hospital facilities or conducting business there, parking will be restricted.

The Military Police have a few suggestions to make everyone's life easier. Since the Presidio is only about four miles square, many people could leave their cars at home or off-post and walk. Another possibility is either carpooling or public transit.

Once the fireworks are over, the mass exodus begins. Those on foot or bicycle will get out faster. If you're driving, please use Marina, Lombard, Arguello or 35th Street gates.

Whichever road or mode you travel on the Fourth, please do it safely and carefully.

Calling number creates hazard

Don't call ext. 5656 to ask about the post's water condition! That's the Presidio Fire Department's emergency number. Tying up that phone line poses a safety hazard to others. There is a sign by the fire station that posts the Presidio's water condition. Look for it as you pass the fire station.

Switchboard hours

Effective 1 July, the Presidio of San Francisco switchboard operating hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (Except Holidays). Calls after duty hours will be directed through the Automatic Operator to the Staff Duty Officer. The SDO will decide whether overseas calls will go through Fort Lewis or must be processed during duty hours (SDO will assign control numbers as appropriate).

New service at Self Help

Effective immediately, all name plates for newly assigned family housing residents may be picked up at the Self Help Center, building 1227. Requestors should allow two to four weeks before contacting the Self Help Center. You can find out the status of a name plate you ordered by calling Self Help at 561-5127. If you recently received a promotion or had a name change and would like a new name plate, you may contact Mr. DeVincenzi at 561-5218.

Legal Assistance

Legal assistance will be by appointment on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and one weekend each month for those who need documents or letters prepared. Appointment will be made immediately in all emergency situations. An appointment may be made by calling 561-2925 or 561-4273. Every Thursday a walk-in legal clinic is set up where clients are seen on a first come, first serve basis (soldiers have priority) starting at 9 a.m. The walk-in clinic is available to those who do not need any documents prepared or letters written. Notary Public service is available daily. The Presidio Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 223, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Army Days volunteers needed

Approximately 50 volunteers are needed for Army Days. Food servers, Volksmarch volunteers and clean-up volunteers are needed July 12 for an organizational picnic. For more information, call Jeanne Mote at 561-4147.

Muni proposes combining Presidio bus service

by Michael J. Murphy
Command Information Officer

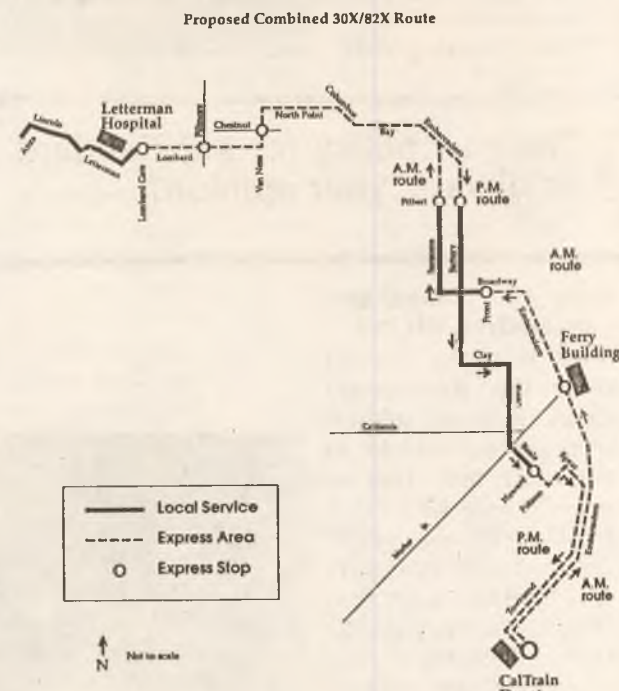
The San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni) is proposing combining its current 30X routes that operate to the Presidio in the morning and from it toward downtown in the afternoon with the 82X routes, which operate between the CalTrain Depot and Levi Plaza.

In the proposal, the morning 82X coaches would operate via Fourth, Townsend, the Embarcadero, Broadway, Sansome, the Embarcadero, Bay, Columbus, North Point, Van Ness, Lombard, Letterman, Lincoln to Anza then loop back to the Lombard Gate.

The afternoon 82X coaches would operate from the Presidio via Lyon, Lombard, Letterman, Lincoln, Anza, Lincoln, Letterman, Van Ness, North Point, Columbus, Bay, the Embarcadero, Battery, Clay, Davis, Beale, Folsom, Spear, the Embarcadero, Townsend and Fourth to the CalTrain Depot.

"This combined route would enable Muni to provide more cost effective service by taking advantage of the shared portion of the two routes. It would also provide riders a larger area of service," states Johnny Stein, Muni General Manager.

The Muni staff was at the Presidio yesterday to discuss the proposal. A hearing on the route changes is scheduled before the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on July 9. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in room 282 of the San Francisco City Hall. "If the people on post can't make the meeting at the Presidio, they can still attend the hearing on the 9th of July at City Hall," said Michael Cronbach, Muni Transit Planner.



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If approved, the proposal will go into effect in September 1991.

For more information on the route changes, call the Muni Transit Planner Office at 923-6100 or by writing him at Room 24, Attn: Michael Cronbach, 949 Presidio Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94115.

40 Plus Job Searchers

By K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

A local nonprofit organization called "Forty Plus of Northern California," may be a potential source of job assistance for some of you "mid-career" employees who will be affected by the closure and RIF here at the Presidio and who may be seeking other executive or managerial positions in the private sector in the Bay Area.

"Forty Plus of Northern California," is a self-help, cooperative job search enterprise and, as its name implies, is directed at those 40 years of age and older. Its purpose is to assist managerial, executive, and professional men and women in career transitions and who are actively engaged in a job search. I would think that qualification applies to a lot of you Presidians - civilians as well as military members who may be leaving the service.

The organization was founded in New York City in 1939, and is one of a network of Forty Plus chapters active in major cities across the United States.

Forty Plus provides what it calls "a structured approach to the job search." Membership begins with an initial two week training workshop to help you learn the most effective ways to market yourself,

to review and reassess your professional accomplishments, to hone your writing skills for more effective resumes and letters, to develop self-marketing techniques, to prepare for interviews and learn negotiating techniques, and to learn to find the hidden job market through networking.

The organization also offers professional and peer counseling sessions during which you will be given vocational and career interest tests and evaluations, and an opportunity to see yourself in videotaped mock interviews to better prepare yourself for the "real thing."

Forty Plus has a Career Resources Department that is in touch with Bay Area corporations, and maintains and daily posts updated lists of available positions which are otherwise not advertised in Bay Area newspapers. As part of its uniqueness, it provides networking opportunities through professional organizations such as local Chambers of Commerce, through other current members and with Forty Plus alumni, and offers a variety of other benefits, including a facility with a research library, copiers, fax machines, telephones, and computer-based word processing equipment and instruction - all designed to help you with your marketing plan.

Operations of Forty Plus are performed by members, each of whom is required to work one day a week for the organization using personal skills and talents in departments such as Administration, Finance, Marketing, Training and Development, Facilities, or Computer Resources.

To be a member of Forty Plus, in addition to being 40 or older, you must have an established earning history as a manager, executive, or professional committed to a full time job search—requirements which many of you may meet—and you must attend a meeting each Monday morning.

The membership fee of \$150 and the monthly dues of \$65 go to support the facilities and activities.

Forty Plus invites anyone interested in the group to attend one of its Monday morning meetings at 8:00 at its facility located at the North Field of the Oakland International Airport, 7440 Lockheed, P.O. Box 6639, Oakland, California 94603-0639; telephone (415) 430-2400. The editor, *Star Presidian*, has a copy of Forty Plus's brochure, which you are welcome to review or duplicate. Call the editor at 561-5465 or visit the newspaper's office in building 38.



News

Presidians voice opinions on post newspaper

by Michael J. Murphy
Command Information Officer

Four hundred and six Presidians responded to the *Star Presidian* random readership survey. The following are some of the responses.

The major concern voiced was the issue of not receiving the *Star Presidian* in the housing areas until a day or two after the issue date. The newspaper is distributed through the Presidio Army Community Service Division every Thursday morning. ACS stuffs, bundles, and distributes them to the area coordinators for individual delivery to the homes on post. The staff of the newspaper will see if the process can be speeded up.

Another concern was, by the time the readers did get their newspaper, some events announced events were already over. Some readers wanted us to run the movie schedule and the events calendar two weeks in advance to alleviate that problem. We run the upcoming events in the newspaper as soon as we get them and try to project times and dates so that stories don't run after an event. If the paper delivery is late and you've missed an event, we apologize.

Concerning movie schedules, we will look into obtaining the local movie schedule two weeks in advance for publication.

Some readers commented that there were a lot of misspelled words and incomplete sentences in the newspaper. We do try and catch spelling errors and sentence fragment errors. Some slip by.

A lot of you are concerned with the seeming lack of information on the downsizing of Letterman Army Hospital and when the Post Exchange, Commissary and other facilities on post are going to close. The *Star Presidian* has been trying to provide as much up-to-date information as possible, reference the many RIF articles we have been running.

We received 12 responses from retirees who wanted to know if they could get the *Star Presidian* mailed to their home address. It has not been our policy to mail the paper; it would be a horrendous logistical problem. However, if you 12 readers will write us, we will mail a copy of the newspaper to you. Write to the editor, *Star Presidian*, Public Affairs Office, Building 38, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-7000 or call 561-2005.

Readers said they would like to see more articles on family and youth/teen activities on the installation, on events that are happening in San Francisco and other places with the Bay Area, about activities at Camp Parks, on religious services on post, and on hours of operation for the Commissary, Post Exchange and other facilities.

Other areas of readers interest were crime, the number of traffic citations issued, bike citations, DUI's, expired plates and what streets are going to be closed when there is an event on the Presidio, etc. More than third of the readers thought the *Star Presidian* was well written, timely and provided useful information to its audience.

The staff of the *Star Presidian* and Public Affairs Office thanks all of you who took part in the readership survey and also those of you who read the newspaper weekly. As always, we are open to receive your letters and comments. If you feel strongly enough on issues, please write us. We will continue to try to make the *Star Presidian* an even better publication.

LAMC cuts services July 1

On June 8, Letterman Army Medical Center graduated 125 physicians from the intern, resident and fellowship program. Those doctors are currently processing out of the Presidio in preparation for their new assignments.

This begins the process of downsizing in accordance with Public Law 100-526, which directed the closure of the Presidio of San Francisco and Letterman Army Medical Center by Sept. 30, 1995.

The Emergency Room at Letterman has also been redesignated an Acute Care Clinic. With this tremendous drop in assigned physicians, the Emergency Room can no longer be considered full-service. The Acute Care Clinic will operate 24 hours a day; however, only minor medical problems can be seen. Minor acute problems includes such things as ear aches, high fevers, small lacerations, etc. The Walk-in Clinic, located on the second floor, will continue to operate as usual.

Active duty personnel are reminded that their

health care will not change. Soldiers requiring medical attention should continue to report to LAMC.

Other services will no longer be available at Letterman effective July 1. These services include:

- Nuclear medicine
- Radiation therapy
- Cardio-thoracic surgery
- Angiography
- Neurosurgery (may be available on a limited basis)
- Vascular surgery (may be available on a limited basis)
- Cardiac catheterization
- Nephrology/dialysis
- In-patient pediatrics

All of these changes in health care come as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Act approved by Congress, calling for the closure of Letterman Army Medical Center.

Physical fitness school moves to Fort Benning

The Army's Physical Fitness School will move from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., to Fort Benning, Ga. No date has been announced for the move, however.

The Master Fitness Trainer resident course taught at the school at Fort Harrison will be discontinued Oct. 1. Training accomplished by the MFT course — qualifying officers and noncommissioned officers as unit fitness advisors — will now be included in TRADOC's NCO and officer professional development courses.

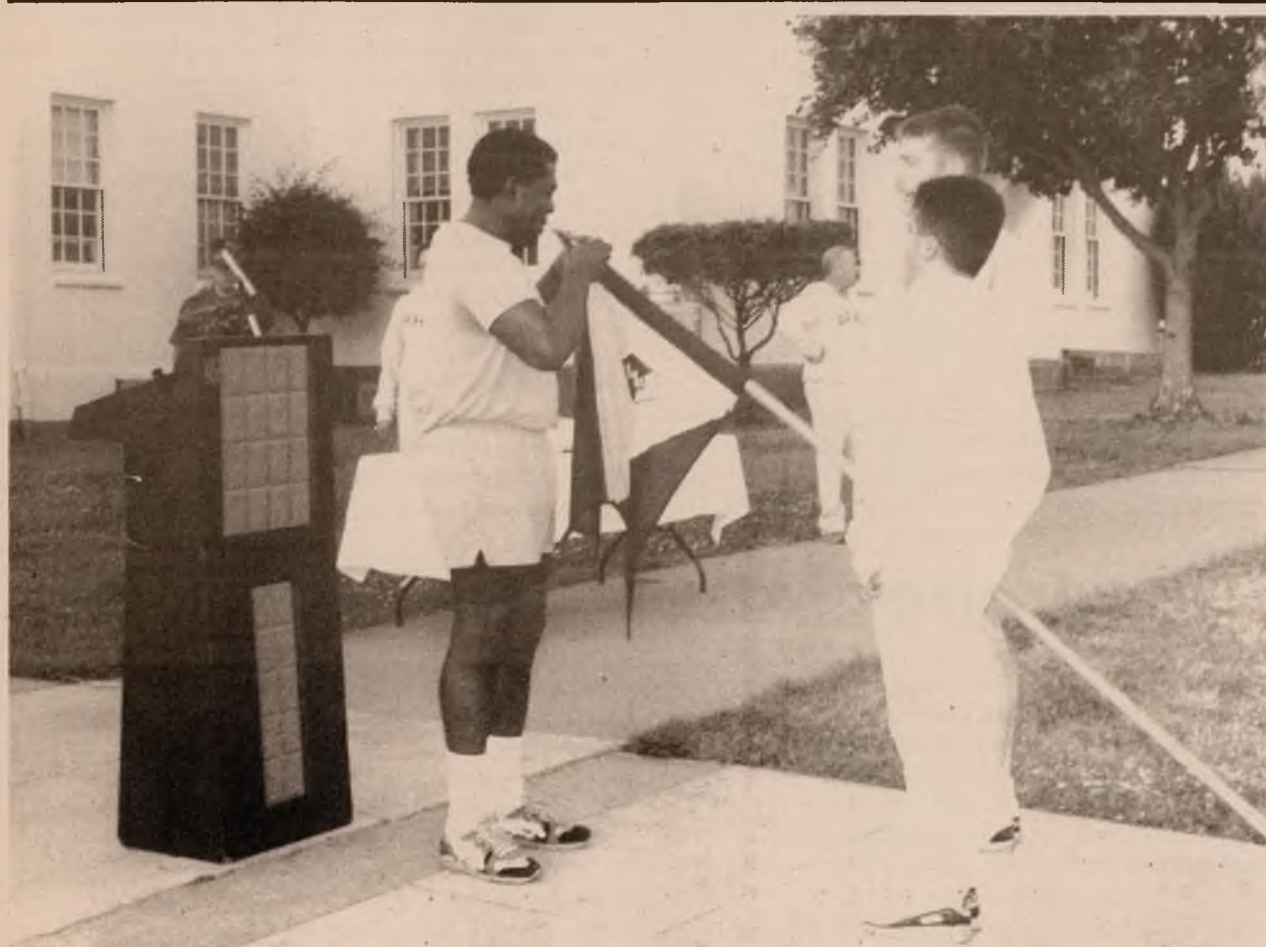
The school's staff will be cut from 29 to 15, which includes five officers, four NCOs and six civilians.

According to Maj. Bill Bennett, a TRADOC training staff coordinator for the school, the move was not prompted because Fort Harrison is on the proposed list of installations to be closed.

"This recommendation occurred earlier as part of Vanguard," he said.

Project Vanguard is a modernization study to determine the best organization for general support forces in a restructured Army. The school's staff will continue to do research, produce training materials and develop training for both the active Army and Reserve Component.

From TRADOC News Service.)



Correction

The *Star Presidian* ran a photo in the June 20 issue incorrectly, identifying Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Jones from the Deputy Chief of Staff/Training office as Sixth U.S. Army CSM Otto M. Copeland. In the photo, Sgt. Maj. Jones is tying a ribbon to the guidon of a unit from Letterman Army Institute of Research after the Army Birthday/Flag Day Run on June 14.



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News

Army child care centers win accreditation, plaudits

by Army News Service and
Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian Staff

While the troops were doing their part for the Army this year, the Army's child development centers were doing their part for the troops.

In May, the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs visited Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Devens, Mass.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Giebelstadt, Germany, to validate information and accredit the centers for professional child caregiving.

"With Army parents away as much as 10 and 11 hours per day, it is essential that military child development centers are well-grounded in child development," said Joy Guenther, Army Child Development Center program manager. "This is the first program review by an agency independent of the military." Programs already accredited include centers at Fort Meyer, Va.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and Fort Monroe, Va. Several others are pending accreditation results.

"School systems are accredited and we believe child development centers must be also," Guenther said. "After all, centers are responsible for supporting development of young children beginning at infancy just as schools are for older ages."

According to Guenther, a typical child development center will perform a self study of its program that is then forwarded to the academy's parent agency, the National Association for Education of Young Children. Validators are then sent to verify the accuracy of the program description.

According to Stacey Stricklin, accreditation coordinator, NAECP, the process recognizes early childhood programs that meet the Army's standards for care.

"We wouldn't send a child to a school whose teachers don't have degrees or certification," Stricklin said, "so why would we want to send our preschool child to a day care center with an unqualified staff?"

To ensure a high-quality childhood program, Stricklin said caregivers should at least have child development associate credentials.

All Presidio Child Development Center employees are certified care givers, according to Dennis Franklin Jr., administrative clerk.

"I feel staff is highly qualified," Franklin said. "Most of the employees are parents themselves and they care about the children and educating them. It is our job to educate the children."

Congress, through the Military Child Care Act of 1989, assisted child care efforts by requiring a wage increase for caregivers. As a result, salaries were raised for Army child development center employees by about \$1.50 to \$2.00 an hour. The results yielded reduced staff turnovers and the filling of 100 percent of the Army's fiscal 1990 child care civil service positions.

The Act addressed other child care issues as well. The Army is now serving 17,000 more children in its programs, bringing the total to 174,783 in fiscal 1990. The Army executed 105 percent or \$56 million of its directed appropriated funding for child care. And officials completed unannounced inspections at 171 locations.

Army officials said the success is the result of many years addressing child care needs to reduce the conflict between parental responsibilities and mission requirements.



Army tests new women's uniforms

by Army News Service and
Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian Staff

Two new shirts, including one with pockets, are among proposed changes to the women's Army green uniform now under study by Army researchers.

Workers from the Army's Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center began measuring 300 women soldiers in the Washington, D.C., area for a fit test of several experimental uniform items. Although the new designs are still far from approved by the Army's leadership, Natick researchers say the items being tested are a start toward fixing what many women have long considered an ill-fitting Army green uniform set.

"I think it's great that the Army is testing a new uniform," Sgt. Andrea J. Bailey, administrative assistant to command sergeant major Sixth U.S. Army. "The other uniforms aren't made right. It's tight across the shoulders. It's not made for women in the Army—who do push-ups."

"The current women's shirt is generally tight across the back of women's shoulders," said Capt.

Kathleen Patton, a project officer for the uniform test. "It's also difficult to alter, and most women need some form of alteration to their shirt. That means more different sizes of the shirt are required." Patton said the proposed shirts attempt to capitalize on designs currently in use by the other services. For example, the shirt based on an Air Force and Marine Corps design has curved "Princess" line seams on its front and features a button and an elastic collar closure. It has two buttons on each sleeve cuff and may be worn tucked in or overbloused.

The other experimental shirt, based on a Navy design, has straight seams on its front and features two button-down pleated pockets like the Army men's shirt. The pocketed shirt is intended to be worn tucked in.

"Most of our test subjects have really liked the pockets," Patton said. "It simplifies putting name-tags and awards on the shirt."

"I feel the pockets will take away from the uniform," Staff Sgt. Mary V. Francisco, personnel super-

visor, Personnel Actions Center, Headquarters Command Battalion. "I like the uniform the way it is—it's presentable."

Also being tested are modifications to the skirt and slacks, both of which feature loops for a belt and pockets. Both also have center back seams for easier alterations and inside rubberized waistbands, which help keep shirts tucked in and prevent rolling. Women soldiers wearing the proposed pants and skirt will also wear the same black belt and gold buckle male soldiers now wear.

All the experimental items are made from the same materials as current uniforms, and would likely cost about the same if adopted, Patton said.

After fit test results are analyzed, modifications will be made to the garments and 200 Washington-based women will wear the experimental uniforms for two-three months. Natick will obtain thorough evaluations from the test subjects at the end of a fiscal 1992 wear test.

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Researchers study new field food

by Army News Service

One of the first casualties of war, soldiers have long complained, is their food.

However, Army researchers at the Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center in Massachusetts hope a new field ration under development will provide a healthier, tastier diet to soldiers drawing food out of war reserves during the early days of a combat deployment.

Called the Long Life Ration Packet II, the new food packages would become the primary ration stored in U.S. pre-positioned war reserve stocks overseas. The LLRP II is an updated, longer shelf-life version of the current LLRP used primarily by special operations forces.

The rations are individually packaged soldier meals similar to the MRE, but they are designed for storage in war reserves and issue to troops arriving for the early stages of combat. Army officials say the LLRP II has an expected shelf life of 10 years at 80

degrees Fahrenheit, meaning fewer rotations and less restocking at storage sites.

Each package consists of a dehydrated entree, a cereal bar, cookies and candy, an instant beverage and an accessory pack. For example, one of the eight LLRP menus contains chicken stew, a cornflake bar, an oatmeal cookie bar, chocolate candies, an apple cider drink and accessories. Accessory packets contain coffee, creamer, sugar, gum, toilet paper, matches and salt.

Individual soldiers would prepare their own LLRP using 10 to 12 ounces of water to reconstitute the entree and 16 ounces for the beverages. Each menu contains 1,570 calories — 15 percent from protein, 35 percent from fat and 50 percent from carbohydrates.

Still in the developmental stages, the LLRP II will undergo extensive field testing and possible modifications before it is eventually fielded, officials add.

Army's criteria for Southwest Asia Service Medal

by Army News Service and
Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Soldiers serving in Southwest Asia during both Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm will wear the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars.

The service stars represent both the recognized campaign periods for the Persian Gulf crisis, officially referred to as the "Defense of Saudi Arabia" and the "Liberation and Defense of Kuwait."

The service star explanation was part of a June 7 Total Army Personnel Command message to field units detailing criteria for award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

According to PERSCOM, the medal may be awarded to soldiers serving "in Southwest Asia and contiguous waters or airspace thereover, on or after 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined." The date ending the "Liberation and Defense of Kuwait" campaign, which began January 17, has yet to be declared by presidential proclamation.

For the purpose of determining eligibility, the message defines Southwest Asia and its contiguous waters as "the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates."

In addition, the message says soldiers who served in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria and Jordan, including their territorial waters and airspace, between Jan. 17 and a date to be determined are also eligible for the award. However, they must have been under the control of the U.S. Central Command or directly supporting the war effort.

"Individuals who participated in the action will receive the medal," said S. L. Smith, awards branch, Personnel Office. "Those directly supporting—from

a ship or directly in action—not individuals who were stationed at the Presidio."

Specifically, to receive the award soldiers must have—

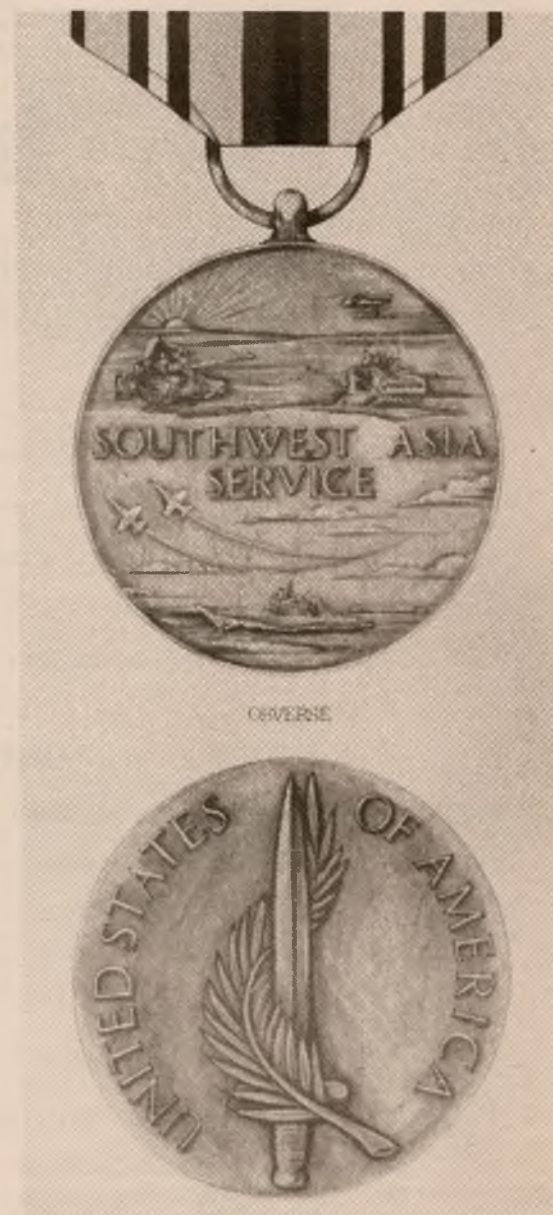
- Been attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization on ground or shore operations, or
- Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel supporting military operations, or
- Participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations, or
- Serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days. PERSCOM can waive the time limitations on TDY soldiers for those participating in combat operations.

In addition, the medal can be awarded posthumously to any soldier who died as a result of Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm without regard to length of service if the soldier is otherwise eligible.

Although a cut-off date for eligibility has not been announced, PERSCOM officials say that follow-on units arriving in the region after the fighting ended will likely be authorized to wear the medal with one service star.

In order of precedence, the Southwest Asia Service Medal ranks just after the Vietnam Service Medal and just before the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Soldiers who receive the Southwest Asia Service Medal cannot be awarded the Overseas Service Medal for their duty in the Middle East. However, because the Army is awarding short-tour credit to soldiers who deployed for six months or more to locations other than Southwest Asia in support of the war, those soldiers are eligible for the Overseas Service Ribbon.



Army flag adds Desert Storm battle streamers

by Army News Service

The National Victory Celebration brought more than 800,000 people to the streets of Washington, D.C., where two battle streamers were affixed to the Army flag commemorating the Army's defense of Saudi Arabia and defense and liberation of Kuwait.

They are the 170th and 171st streamers to the flag — each representing a campaign in which the U.S. Army fought.

On June 14, the Army that the flag and its streamers represent celebrated its 216th birthday.

Back on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress authorized the raising of an Army, "to support a fledgling republic's efforts to light the torch of freedom." Each streamer signifies an instance in which the Army was called upon to give force to those words."

The first scarlet and white streamers mark 16 campaigns of the Revolutionary War, which began on Lexington Green in Massachusetts and ended with the Treaty of Paris. The Yorktown streamer is prominently displayed among those first streamers, recognizing the Battle of Yorktown as decisive in shaping the nation's future.

On the Army's 37th birthday, the country was again at war with Britain. During that war, the War of 1812, victories by Gen. Winfield Scott at Chippewa and Gen. Andrew Jackson in New Orleans proved that the American Army could protect itself against foreign powers. That war added six scarlet and white battle streamers.

Ten green and white streamers came after the Mexican War 33 years later — the war which introduced American soldiers to places like Cerro Gordo, Vera Cruz and Chapultepec.

In April 1861, the republic was torn asunder, pitting brother against brother and state against state in the Civil War. The solidarity of the Union was restored in 1865, and 25 blue and gray streamers were added to the Army flag in remembrance of heroism on both sides.

During the 19th century, the Army fought many battles in the Indian Wars. The 3rd U.S. Infantry and 7th Cavalry, and the "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 9th and 10th Cavalry wrote their names in the history

books of Army heritage — earning 14 scarlet and black streamers.

Following the sinking of the U.S. battleship Maine in 1898, "Remember the Maine" became a rallying cry as the Army went to war on two fronts more than 10,000 miles apart. Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Rider's charged into Cuba while other American soldiers defeated the enemy in Santiago, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. For these campaigns, three yellow and blue streamers were added.

Tough guerrilla warfare and the commitment of almost 100,000 soldiers were required during the campaigns of the Philippine Insurrection that began in 1899. The struggle earned 11 blue and red streamers.

The Boxer Rebellion flared in China in the Army's 125th year and the Army fought side-by-side with soldiers of other nations. For its actions in China, the Army gained three yellow and blue streamers.

Closer to home, the border between the United States and Mexico became the site of bandit raids.



Troops under the command of Gen. John Pershing were sent to capture Pancho Villa and his gang, and they chased him over the arid wastelands of Mexico for a year. Finally, the raids ceased. For Mexican service, a single yellow, green and blue streamer was awarded.

World War I came during the Army's 142nd year. Soldiers were sent to fight in the trenches and across "no-man's land" against the Germans. For helping win "the War to End All Wars," the Army was given 13 double-rainbow streamers.

On Dec. 7, 1941, with the bombing of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii by Japanese aircraft, the Army was plunged into its second global war. Over the next four years of fighting against the Third Reich and in the Asiatic Theater, American forces earned 38 streamers — 21 orange and red for the Asian Theater, 16 brown and green for the European Theater and one blue and red for the American Theater.

The Army's 175th birthday in 1950 was followed by war in Korea. Under the flag of the United Nations, American soldiers fought with skill and courage, earning 10 blue and white streamers.

From its 190th birthday through the next eight years, the Army was committed to the fight in Vietnam. The American soldier served in the highest tradition of military service, earning 17 red, yellow and green campaign streamers in the process.

In October 1983, the Army sent soldiers of the 75th Rangers and 82nd Airborne Division to fight on the island of Grenada, where they earned a multi-colored streamer.

Six years later, U.S. military forces dropped into Panama to protect American citizens and the Panama Canal, restore democracy to the country, and apprehend Manuel Noriega for trial in the United States. Another multi-colored streamer was affixed to the flag.

The Army flag and its many colored streamers symbolize the courage and dedication of the soldiers who have served under the flag. The Desert Storm streamers are just the latest example of the Army's continuing commitment to recognize its soldiers' contribution to the ideals of the nation and the service.

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Sports

Sports Briefs

July 4th golf tournament

The Charles W. Davis Memorial Golf Tournament will be held July 4th with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will be conducted in a four man scramble format. Entry fee includes golf cart, continental breakfast and luncheon for \$25. Green fees are extra for non-members. Active duty, family members, reservists and retirees are eligible. The tournament is dedicated to all Medal of Honor recipients and those who engaged in and supported Operation Desert Storm. For more information, call Charles Hurd at 561-5032.

AER golf tournament

An AER benefit golf tournament will be held July 10 with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. The tournament is open to everyone. Registration includes fees, cart, prizes and lunch for \$50. The tournament is limited to the first 120 golfers. For more information, call Maj. Brian O'leary at 561-5156.

Presidio Bowling League update
by Bobbie Gascon, Presidio Sports Branch
Hui O Hawaii Summer League

Marie Refuerzo bowled a 248 high scratch game and a 624 series to lead the ladies, and Mel Washington bowled a pair of 232 games and a 642 series to lead the men during the eleventh week of league play. Lucy Montalvo fired a 229 scratch game. It was sloe a big night for "Up Your Alley," as the team combined scores of 691/818/825 for a league leading high series with a handicap score of 2,334.

Finally, the league says "Aloha" to "Strike Force's" Tony and Penny Lecroy as they depart for Germany.

Team	Won	Lost
1. Strike Force	31.5	12.5
2. Gaspars Darby	29	15
3. Young Guns	28.5	15.5
4. Just Roll It	26	18
5. Up Your Alley	24	20
6. B.I.O.T.A.	23	21
7. Can't Touch This	22	22
8. Family Affair	21	23
9. High Rollers	18	26
10. FUBAR	16	28
11. Good Times	14	30
12. Pathogens	11	33

Reno Summer Bowling League

Joe Seabold rolled a big 651 series with games of 228/224/199. Barbara Bagley knocked down 223/203 games and a 577 series. Jane Rusk heaved a 200 scratch game and a 232 handicap game. Rhonda Stout rolled a 215 game, and the "Boomtown Darbys" bowled an 802 team game with handicap.

Team	W	L
1. Boomtown 'D'	22	6
2. Lab Rat	19	9
3. US	19	9
4. Keno	18	10
5. Who Knows	15	13
6. The Imported	14	14
7. Family Affair	14	14
8. Da Kine	13	15

Summer handicap singles league

	HDCP	W	L
1. Rey Fajardo	7	29	11
2. Sid Donnell	8	28	12
3. Judi Charlton	13	26.5	13.5
4. Bobbie Gascon	8	25	15
5. Rog Esponilla	5	23.5	12.5
6. Cleve Ashwood	9	21	15
7. Penny Lecroy	14	20	20
8. Terry Sanders	56	18.5	19.5
9. Tbm Law	35	15.5	24.5
10. Fran Malespin	52	15.5	24.5
11. John Babauta	13	15.5	24.5
12. Lynne Hancock	32	15	21
13. Alice Fischer	59	13	27

Stars of the week: Judi Charlton, 531; Rey Fajardo 569.



Shilah Garrigan of the Braves races to first base ahead of Cardinals' first baseman Luke Hannon.

T-Ball season ends for 5 to 9 year olds

story and photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

The Cardinals and the Dodgers played the final game of the T-Ball season Friday evening at Pop Hicks Field on the Presidio, but there won't be a score listed here.

"We don't keep score," said coach Ellen Stueck. "There are no winners and there are no losers."

The season began in May and included four teams. To the uninitiated, T-Ball looks like baseball. Well, it is baseball, but with ten players and a twist.

The 5- to 9-year-old players aren't really strong enough to accurately throw a baseball from the pitcher's mound to home plate, therefore the ball is placed on a "tee"—just like in golf. However, the tee used here is tall enough for the batter to swing at the ball as if it were thrown by the pitcher.

Here's the setup. The pitcher goes through the motions of pitching the ball. The ball itself is sitting on a tee at home plate. The batter watches the pitcher go through his or her motions, then swings at the ball on the tee.

From that point on the game is played just like baseball. Almost.

First of all, there are no strike-outs. "We always let them hit the ball," Stueck said. Whenever a ground ball is fielded, the fielders make one throw to whichever base they think they can get the runner out. Once the throw is made all runners stop at their respective bases—no one tries to advance further until the next batter hits the ball.

On the other hand, if the ball is not fielded then the runners can run with abandon. Some players do make doubles and triples if their little legs can carry them far and fast enough.

One team bats until it makes three outs or all ten of its batters has had a turn, whichever comes first. As you can see, this game can be quite thrilling to boys and girls 5 to 9 years old. So thrilling that the score isn't important, just playing is all that matters. All T-Ball players will receive a standard trophy from the Presidio Sports Branch for participating.

ISC trips up USAG with last inning rally

by Pleasant Lindsey III

USAG's nine-run first inning was eclipsed by a three-run rally in the bottom of the fifth inning that secured a 13 to 12 win for ISC.

Trailing 12-10, ISC opened the bottom half of the fifth with a base hit by Kenneth Glenn. Dave Burkhardt flied out to left field for one out. Then, Verne Wagner and Cole James each got base hits, and Jason Taylor hit a double as ISC scored three runs.

The ninth-inning rally put a damper on USAG's seemingly brilliant nine-run first inning.

James Williams opened the game with a home run. Then, with one out, Jerome Smith hit a single to left. Richard Crisp hit a single to score Smith. Sheldon Martin hit a single and Cornelius walked to load the bases.

Leading 2-0, Thomas Henderson singled home Crisp, Wade Matsuda singled home Martin, John Cook singled home Humphries and Brooks sacrificed to the shortstop to score Henderson. The score was now 6-0, with two runners still on the base paths. And coming up to bat again was the lead-off hitter Williams.

Apparently not satisfied with one homer, Williams smacked another one for three runs and a 9-0 USAG lead.

Williams ended the day with two home runs in three at bats, for two hits, two runs and four runs batted in.

But ISC had that sweet final-inning rally.

Intramural golf

1. 6th Army	42.5
2. Compan B, LAMC	38
3. Post Chapel	35.5
4. Company A, LAMC	28.5
5. Dental Lab 1,	24
6. Dental Lab 2,	23.5
7. LAIR 2	19.5
8. Golden Bear Bde	12.5
9. LAIR 1	12.5

Intramural softball

	W	L
1. LAMC ONE	8	2
2. LEC	7	2
3. LAMC TWO	6	1
4. DOL	6	2
5. ISC/INSCOM	5	4
6. USAG	5	5
7. FBI	4	5
8. LAIR ONE	2	5
9. LAIR TWO	2	7
10. AAFES	2	8
11. Park Police	1	6

Scratch Singles Summer League

	W	L
1. David Langdon	5	0
2. Brian Kitching	5	0
3. Ray Palomarez	5	0
4. Calvin Derrick	3	2
5. Robert Gascon	2	3
6. Charles Kennell	0	5
7. Bruce Rennock	0	5
8. Tom Law	0	5

Star of the week: David Langdon, 823.

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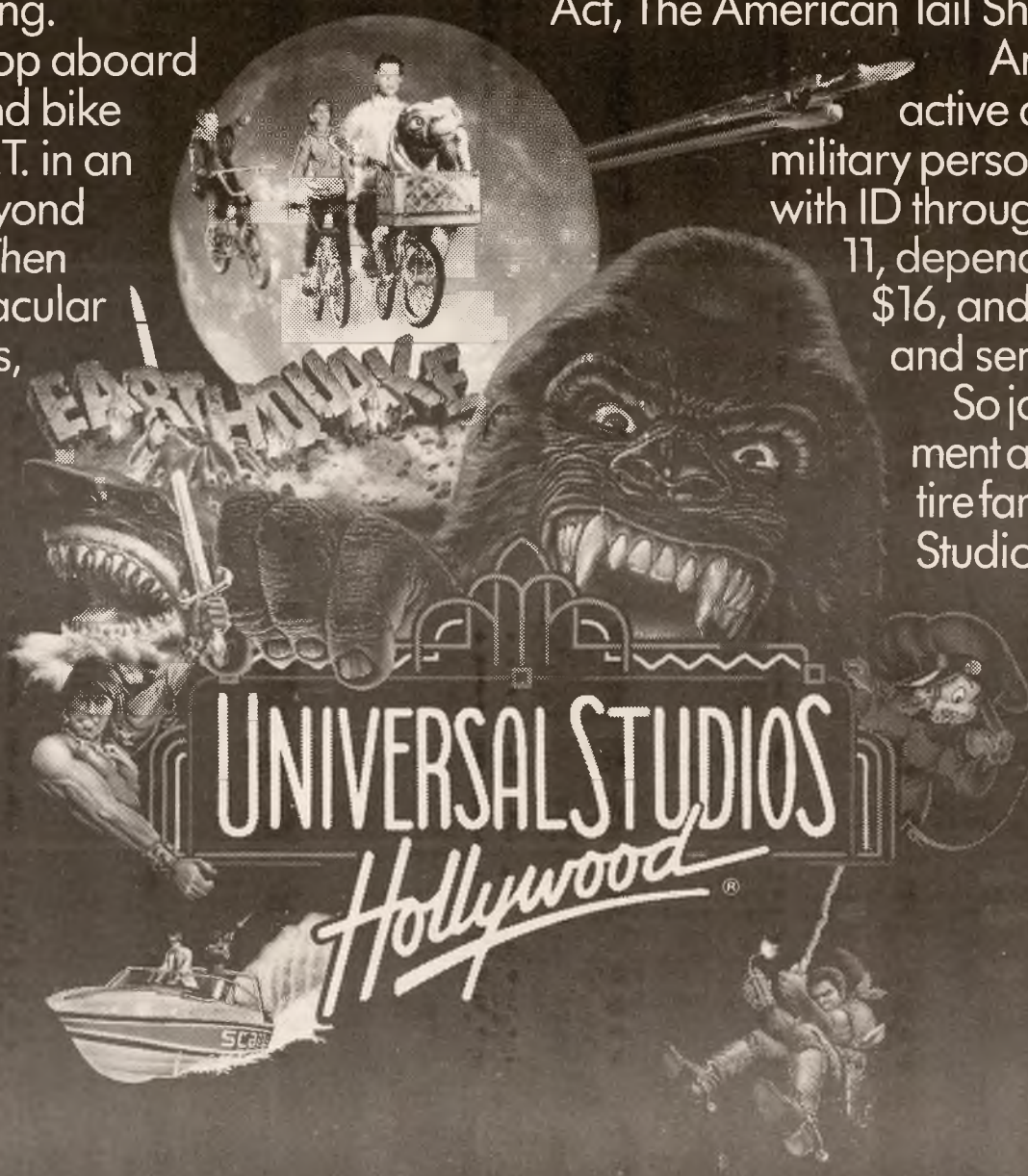
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Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination will be given on August 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first test. The test must be ordered in person by July 10. For more information, call the Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

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ITT is offering a trip to Hearst Castle for \$66, including transportation, lodging and a tour of Hearst Castle. The trip is Sept. 28 through 29. Sign up by August 16.

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Disneyland

Disneyland is saluting U.S. military personnel with free admissions. Every active duty member is eligible for one of these tickets. The tickets are available through Nov. 11.

Sea World

Sea World is admitting all active duty military, activated reservists and their family members free for one day until Sept. 2. Identification cards must be presented at Sea World.

CPR classes

Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation classes will be held in the Main Gym Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Classes are free and open to anyone over the age of 10. The class consists of viewing a short video tape and practicing CPR on a mannequin. After an instructor certifies the correctness of the procedure, the individual is issued a card indicating he is trained in CPR. The card is good for one year. For more information, call 561-2187.

World masks youth workshop

Survey a broad selection of masks from other cultures then design and build your own plaster cast or clay mask. Children ages 9-14 years are invited to this six day class, held Tuesdays through Thursdays beginning July 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. The classes are held at Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way, on Coronal Heights. Fee is \$15. For more information, call 554-9600.

Teen photo class

Basic photography, film developing and printing, finishing, and mounting will all be covered in this summer class for teens. The class is held on Wednesdays beginning July 10 through August 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$25. The Photography Center, 50 Scott Street, is part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. Cameras are available for loan. For more information, call 554-9522.

Silkscreen T-shirts

Liven up your favorite shirt with silk-screened birds and animals and sponge painted designs July 13 at a workshop held at Randall Museum. All ages are invited. The workshop fee is \$3. Bring your own shirt or buy one at the museum for \$4. For more information, call 554-9600.

Art in the park

Register now for summer classes at San Francisco Recreation and Park's Sharon Arts Studio in Golden Gate Park. Registration began June 15. Classes are offered for youths, teens and adults in jewelry, ceramics, leaded glass, glass fusing, print making, water color, drawing, Chinese brush painting and life drawing. For more information, call 753-7004/7006.

Lighting and portraiture

For the next step towards quality photography, learn tungsten lighting techniques, metering for correct exposure, lighting ratios and effects, and basic studio equipment. Emphasis is on control in simple lighting situations and fundamentals of portraiture. Class meets Mondays, July 1 through August 5, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Photography Center, 50 Scott Street. Fee is \$65 for six classes at the Recreation and Park Department facility. For more information, call 554-9522.

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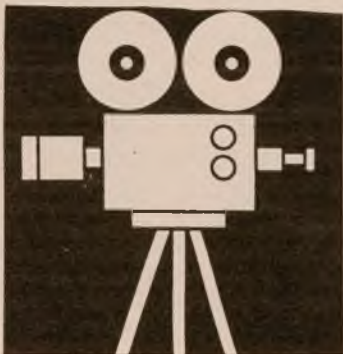
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At the movies

Presidio Post Theater

Friday, June 28: Toy Soldier (R) 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 29: Silence of the Lambs (R) 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 30: Silence of the Lambs (R) 7 p.m.
Monday, July 1: Oscar (PG)

Friday, July 5: One Good Cop (R) 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 6: FX 2 (PG-13)
Sunday, July 7: Hudson Hawk (R)
Monday, July 8: Hudson Hawk (R)



Water tip of the week

Don't waste the cold water that flows from your shower head while you're waiting for the hot water. Instead, capture that cold water in a bucket—you can use it to water your plants later.



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What better time than the Fourth of July to honor those of you in our military. The men and women who bravely serve our country. At Sears, we're now offering this Family Appreciation Card to all of you, including Reservists and National Guard called up for the Gulf War, and your families. This one time offer entitles you to a 10% discount on anything you buy in our store for a period of 30 days. It also entitles you to a free oil change and safety inspection at any Sears Automotive Center, plus a free family portrait with one 5x7 and five wallet-size prints.

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Have a blast at Crissy Field

MAIN STAGE

- 2 p.m.: Opening ceremonies: Emcee Michael Pritchard/San Francisco Wu Shu Troupe Chinese lion dancers
- 2:05 to 2:50 p.m.: Al Rapone and the Zydeco Express
- 3 to 3:45 p.m.: Del Rey and the Blues Gators
- 4 to 4:45 p.m.: Grupo Aztlan and San Francisco and Mariachi Jaliciense
- 5 to 5:50 p.m.: Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeno Band
- 6:10 to 7 p.m.: Kotoja Nigerian band
- 7:15 to 8 p.m.: Little Charlie and the Nightcats

CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 2 p.m.: Red, white and blue kite fly-in with Maizie Ung
- 3 to 3:30 p.m.: San Francisco Wu Shu Troupe Chinese martial arts show
- 3:30 to 4 p.m.: Singer/emcee Gary Lapow
- 4 to 4:30 p.m.: Walden Marionettes
- 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.: Del Rey and the Blues Gators
- 5:30 to 6 p.m.: Magic Mike comedy/magic show
- 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.: Walden Marionettes
- 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.: Gary Lapow
- 8:25 to 9:15 p.m.: "Salute to the Nation," 75th anniversary of the National Park Service, with Sixth Army Band
- 9:15 p.m.: Fireworks display



Fireworks light the sky during last year's Fourth of July celebration.

Commander addresses Army departure date confusion

by K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

There has been some confusion over statements recently made about the departure date of the Army from the Presidio. Lieutenant General William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, tried to clear up the issue at a Semi-annual Community Base Realignment and Closure (BRACO) In-Progress Review (IPR) held last Friday for the commanders and directors of Presidio's tenant organizations.

The news media has carried stories saying the Army is leaving and closing the Presidio by September 1994. Officials of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) have commented publicly that the Army wants to leave a year earlier than the Base Realignment and Closure Act specifies - which is September 1995.

According to Public Law 100-526, the Base Realignment and Closure Act, said Harrison, "the

Army 'must be gone not later than 30 September 1995. The law doesn't say *when*, as long as we're gone *by* 30 September 1995.'

Department of the Army wants us to leave by September 1994, he said, but the Department of the Interior, GGNRA, doesn't want us to leave a year early. GGNRA wants us to stay until September 1995 and pay the costs of maintaining the Presidio for an additional year. The Army, by leaving a year early, would save a year's budget; the DoD budget will already be very severely cut by 1994.

The decision as to when the Army will actually leave will have to be made at an echelon of command much higher than his, Harrison said. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the White House may have to make that decision.

Concerning Letterman Army Medical Center, there's "lots of conflicting information," said Har-

ison. "We don't know the future, right now. We'll continue on the glide path as originally developed - following the plan that HSC [Health Services Command] has developed. We're going according to plan. In July 1991, LAMC is downsizing to a 100 bed hospital. That will include a RIF."

"But," he added concerning the future status of LAMC, the final outcome is "not locked in concrete," as Congress is still deliberating the hospital. "We will do what the law tells us to do."

"My biggest concern," said Harrison, "is that so many people in the Bay Area harbor the belief that it's not going to happen - that LAMC and the Presidio will be saved. I am regularly approached by people who say to me 'I hope Letterman will stay open,' or 'I hope the Presidio won't be closed.'"

LAMC is going to close, and the Army is leaving, he said.

Voices



Presidio View by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians—

Happy 4th of July to all of you. And Happy Birthday, America. 1991 is a wonderful birthday for us coming in the wake of DESERT STORM and the smashing success of our Armed Forces. So, all this makes it a another GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army. HOO AH!

On Thursday the 27th I pinned a medal on and bid farewell to my aide-de-camp, Major Bill Wolf. Bill came to the Presidio with me from Fort Lewis. He has been with me since my arrival in August of 1989. So it wasn't easy to say good-bye, except that I know he is on to bigger and better things after this next year at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Replacing Bill will be Captain John Duffy, recently the S3 of Headquarters Command Battalion. John is an Engineer officer and somewhat taller than Bill. So, it's no longer Mutt and Jeff but Mutt and Mutt!! Welcome aboard John.

Also on Thursday, I attended the 215th Birthday party for the city of San Francisco. There was a series of events culminating with a very well attended luncheon at the Presidio of San Francisco Officers' Club. The major was there, along with the Consul Generals of Mexico and Spain. And of course La Favorita, Miss Florence Ganter. It was a very splendid affair and Presidio of San Francisco is very honored to be included as a part of San Francisco's birthday celebration.

On Friday the 28th I had the honor of attending a Commonwealth Club of California luncheon at which the Chief, Army Nurse Corps talked. Brigadier General Clara L. Adams-Ender, the highest ranking female general in the U.S. Army gave a very good talk and then fielded some really difficult questions concerning not only her job but overall army policy and practices. She did an excellent job and made us all very proud of our female soldiers. Her question and answer session was truly HOO AH! General Adams-Ender has recently been designated the next Deputy Commanding General of the Military District of Washington and Commanding General of Fort Belvoir, Virginia. She is the first Army Nurse ever to be put in command of a major army installation. Now that's HOO AH!

On Friday afternoon we held our latest In Progress Review regarding the Presidio of San Francisco Base Closure. This is our attempt to keep everyone informed of our progress and I appreciate all our assigned and attached tenant units participating.

On Saturday we had the Farewell Ceremony for our latest demobilizing unit — the 1394th Terminal Transfer Unit from Southern California. These folks had initially been mobilized to work here in the United States at various ship and plane terminals getting folks to Saudi. Then we pulled them all together and shipped them to Southwest Asia to work the return from various ports over there. So, they got double duty. To

each member of this United States Army Reserve unit we say thanks for a job well done.

On Sunday President Roh Tae Woo, the Republic of South Korea was in town. There was a big dinner for him and Mrs. Harrison and I were honored to attend. As some of you know we lived in Korea in 1983-1984. We developed quite an affinity for the Korean people so we were elated to attend this affair. We saw a number of people, to include the President and Mrs. Roh Tae Woo, whom we had known or met before.

Army Days are almost here and I hope you will all come and participate. This is a community affair and a lot of people have worked to make it and a success—and have some fun celebrating yourself! Army Days will run from Thursday, 11 July thru Sunday, 14 July. See "The Deep" for all the details.

God Bless you each and every one. Have a wonderful and SAFE 4th of July. Please drive carefully, don't swim except in authorized places, don't handle fireworks (they are illegal in San

Francisco!) and just generally use good common sense. You are all too valuable to yourselves, your families and the U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco to be a holiday fatality.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

Let our object be our country,
our whole country, and nothing but
our country. And, by the blessing
of God, may that country itself
become a vast and splendid
monument, not of oppression and
terror, but of Wisdom, of Peace, and
of Liberty, upon which the world
may gaze with admiration forever.

—Daniel Webster

President's Independence Day Message

As we celebrate the 215th anniversary of our Nation's Independence, we recall the courage and resolve of those patriots who first pledged their lives to its defense — from the statesmen in Philadelphia who boldly declared that "all men are created equal" to the patriots and soldiers who braved the heat of battle from Lexington and Concord to Yorktown.

Each of you serves in the noble tradition that was begun by these heroes. As we recall the resounding victory that you and our coalition partners achieved in the Persian Gulf earlier this year, our hearts are filled with solemn pride and with heartfelt appreciation. Your enthusiasm, your dedication, and your skill are unequalled in the world.

Today, as you stand duty here at home and around the globe, all Americans gratefully acknowledge the sacrifices that you have made and continue to make for the sake of our country. As Commander in Chief, I salute you and wish you and your families a safe and joyous Independence Day.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

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Women in combat MOS's, your opinion?

Spec. William D. King, Computer Programmer/Systems Analyst, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel: "If they can meet the requirements of the MOS, they should be allowed to hold that MOS."



Sgt. 1st. Class Joe Tripp Jr., NCOIC Personnel Automations: "No they shouldn't be involved. The biggest thing is because of the physical requirements of combat MOS's. I'm not saying all women can't perform in combat, but not all can meet the physical requirements. As far as the greater ratio, men are physically better equipped."



Master Sgt. Steven D. Broadway, NCOIC Strength Management, MILPO: "I have no problem with women in combat MOS's. The biggest problem was the mother, sister syndrome, soldiers thinking of females like their mother or sister. I think society has changed that. It is more of a technical Army now."



Thomas W. Edwards, Protocol assistant, Sixth U.S. Army: "I think women can fight as well as a guy can in today's Army because of automatic weapons. I think it should be the woman's choice to be in combat because of the humiliations they may suffer if they are captured that a man may not suffer."



Capt. Mary C. Horvath, Protocol officer, Sixth U.S. Army: "In the Army or out of the Army, I think job positions should be filled according to skill and not gender."



Update: Army Days celebration

by Michael J. Murphy
Command Information Officer

A large carnival as well as bands and other entertainment will be included in the Army Days celebration on the Presidio July 11 to July 14.

The main attraction will be a carnival with rides that will be set up on the south end of the main parking lot across from the Presidio Officers' Club.

The festivities kick off Thursday, July 11 when the carnival, which will be in operation all four days, will start up around 5 p.m. and run until 10 p.m.

The official opening ceremony will be on Friday July 12, which includes a welcome home to honor the soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf. Afterward, there will be unit competition that encompasses a pass-the-apple relay, tug-of-war, various children's games and a volleyball tournament.

At noon a picnic will be provided for the Presidio soldiers, civilians and their families.

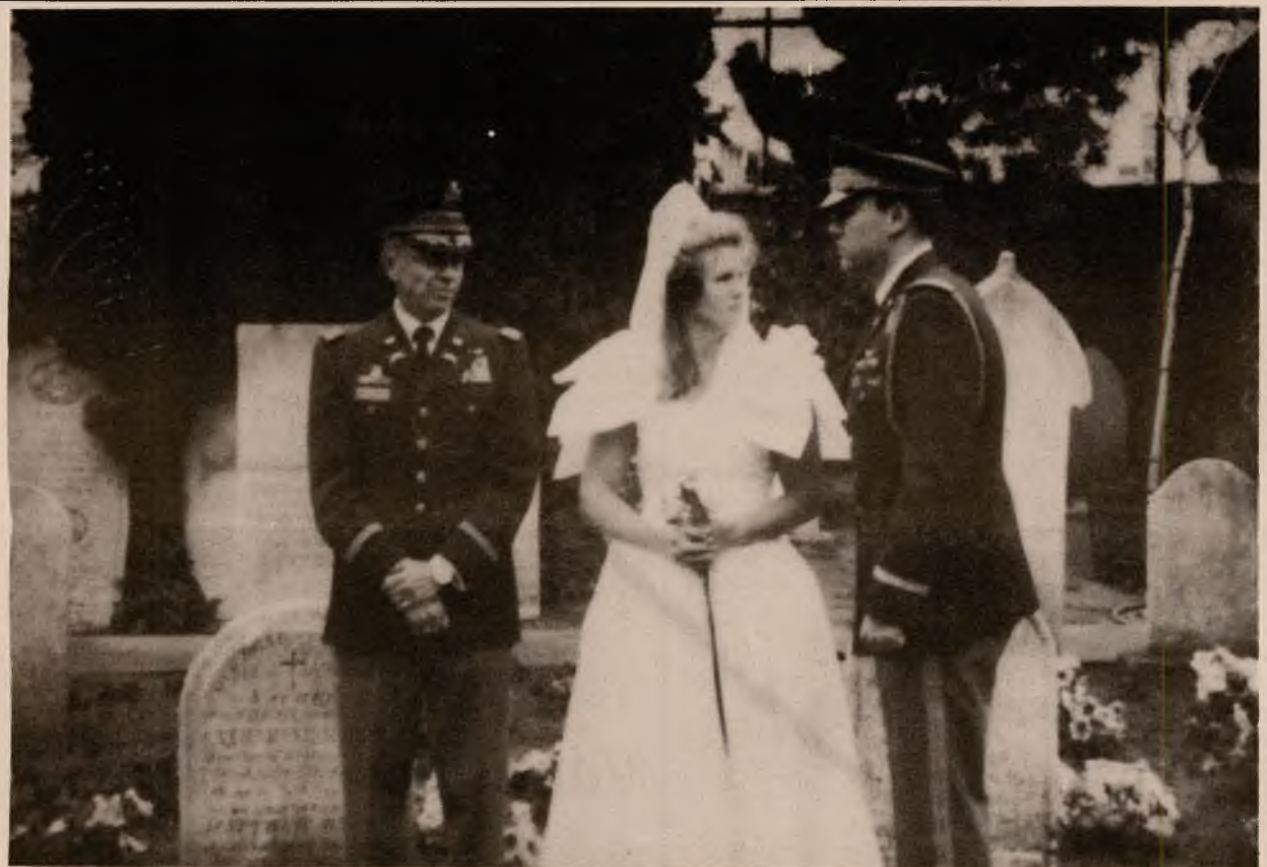
There will also be a 10 kilometer volkswarmch and a 25 kilometer bicycle ride on Friday.

On Friday when Sunny Days, a contemporary variety show plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by

the Lebherz Festival German Band from 1 to 3 p.m. The Indian Bingo Rock Band will perform in the main tent from 3 to 4 p.m. At 4 p.m. the H Team DJ will perform for two hours followed by the American Youth Express at 6 p.m. The group from Southern California will put on an hour-long show. The evenings' entertainment will be by George Yamasaki and his trio of contemporary jazz musicians, along with Larry Shing performing from 7 to 10 p.m.

On Saturday July 13, the Nova Escola de Samba, a group of ten, will be on stage from 3 to 4 p.m. Starting at 5 p.m. the Indian Bingo Rock Band will perform for an hour, followed by Tiare Otea Tahitian and Polynesian dance company of 20 performs from 7 to 8 p.m. The headline act of the evening will be Jimmy Price and his Dixieland Band, who for years played in the New Orleans Room of the Fairmont Hotel.

Sunday, July 14th, designated as "Family Day," will feature the Toledo Performing Arts, Inc., singers and performers of the popular music who will be on stage from 3 to 4 p.m. The performers for Sunday will also include the Reitenbach Institute of Taekwondo.



Col. William D. Swift and Capt. John Dumoulin escort San Francisco La Favorita to the San Francisco Birthday Celebration June 27.



Lt. Col. Russ LaBelle presents a farewell gift to Maj. William Wolfe June 27.

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Holiday parking restrictions

As our annual Fourth of July celebration approaches, the Presidio Office of the Provost Marshal is gearing up for the expected heavy flow of traffic. All gates will be open. However, certain gates are recommended for exiting, and parking will be allowed in certain areas only.

The primary parking areas will be the main parade ground and Mason Street parking area. Parking in PX, Commissary and Shoppette lots will be allowed with DoD sticker only. Only residents will be allowed into residential areas for parking. If you are not physically using the Letterman Hospital facilities or conducting business there, parking will be restricted.

The Military Police have a few suggestions to make everyone's life easier. Since the Presidio is only about four miles square, many people could leave their cars at home or off-post and walk. Another possibility is either carpooling or public transit.

Once the fireworks are over, the mass exodus begins. Those on foot or bicycle will get out faster. If you're driving, please use Marina, Lombard, Arguello or 35th Street gates.

Whichever road or mode you travel on the Fourth, please do it safely and carefully.

Army Days volunteers needed

Approximately 50 volunteers are needed for Army Days. Food servers, Volksmarch volunteers and clean-up volunteers are needed July 12 for an organizational picnic. For more information, call Jeanne Mote at 561-4147.

Yacht Club barbecue

The Presidio Yacht Club will host its annual Fourth of July barbecue beginning at noon and running until 4 p.m.

With a valid military I.D. card, admission for adults is \$3 and kids from two to 10, the charge is \$2 while anyone under two is free.

The price of admission includes hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, beans, cake cookies and one beverage. Tickets for additional beverages will be available.

There will also be free boat rides on the bay if the weather permits.

In addition, there will be games for the kids. All Presidio personnel, military and civilian, their families and guests are invited.

There is no fireworks because of the high fire risk involved in high grass but attendees are urged to return to the Presidio after the barbecue and enjoy the *San Francisco Chronicle*-sponsored fireworks which will begin at sundown.

The admission fees are to be paid at the gate.

Surplus sale

A Nonappropriated Fund surplus sale is scheduled for July 15 through 20.

Active and reservist personnel and their family members will have priority for the first three days of the sale and retirees and Presidio civilians will be permitted to make purchases the final three days.

All divisions of the DPCA will be participating in the sale, according to Floyd L. Terry, Jr., Chief, Service Division, who is in charge of the overall effort.

Calling number creates hazard

Don't call ext. 5656 to ask about the post's water condition! That's the Presidio Fire Department's emergency number. Tying up that phone line poses a safety hazard to others. There is a sign by the fire station that posts the Presidio's water condition. Look for it as you pass the fire station.

Women in combat MOS's—an opinion

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Women are being denied the opportunity to enter combat-related positions because of their gender, not because women are incapable of doing the job.

How can anyone say women are not capable of holding a combat MOS? Women and men complete the same Basic Training. Technically, all soldiers are combat trained—women and men.

I see many women in the Army who are physically and mentally capable to hold a combat MOS. I also see many men who aren't, but because they are men they have that opportunity.

Being excluded from combat MOS's, women's potential for advancement is affected, but their chances to be in combat aren't.

In many combat MOS's promotion points are lower. Administrative specialists (71L) promotion points for E-5 are 998. Most female soldiers hold administrative and health care MOS's.

Female officers are effected because their promotions are based partly on their past leadership assignments.

Keeping women out of combat MOS's doesn't shield them from combat situations.

Women have served in the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict, Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. They have proved themselves worthy of combat MOS's, but because they are females they are considered unworthy.

Some women even gave their lives during battle. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said women should be excluded specifically from infantry units, armor units and field artillery units in the Army.

Women serve in these units without holding a combat MOS.

Excluding women from combat MOS's doesn't keep them out of war, infantry units or from dying for their country.

This is an equal opportunity Army—for men, maybe, but women are still fighting for what they deserve—a fair shake.

As civilians women work in factories, coal mines, on construction sites. There are policewomen and fire women. There are women astronauts, and women who work in nuclear plants.

In the military women can not become pilots, drive a tank or hold the 11B MOS, infantryman.

Women carried the same M16 men carried in basic, wore the same uniform, dug the same foxholes and lived in the same barracks. The Army makes sure you train like "men" and makes sure you are as qualified as "men."

In basic training at Fort Jackson, SC., 94 percent of the soldiers in my company qualified at the rifle range the first time. My company, all females, shot 11 percent better than an all male company. We had 13 soldiers shoot expert compared to the male company with 9 experts.

I'm not convinced men are more combat qualified because of their gender.

A female soldier was captured during Operation Desert Shield. She survived.

I don't believe the standards should be dropped for women, but if they can meet the standards they should be given the chance. There are plenty of female soldiers who can run as fast, do as many push-ups and sit-ups as male soldiers.

Women are being discriminated against. They have time and time again proved themselves. What will they have to do next?



Vuono backs status quo on women in combat

By Army News Service

Making one of his final appearances on Capitol Hill as the Army chief of staff, Gen. Carl E. Vuono voiced stiff opposition to any legislation that would require the Army to put women in direct combat positions.

Vuono, the other three military service chiefs and Assistant Secretary of Defense Christopher Jehn testified June 18 before the Senate Armed Services Committee's manpower and personnel subcommittee. The subject was the repeal of laws restricting women from direct combat duties, and Vuono left no doubt about his views on the matter.

"My position is very clear on this," he said. "I don't want you to change the law, nor do I want the Congress to direct us to make any policy changes that would inhibit the policy that we have now."

Unlike the other services, the Army is not prohibited by law from assigning women to combat duties. However, the Army's combat exclusion policies are designed to be consistent with policies in the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Using the Direct Combat Probability Coding System, the Army excludes women from assignments that would likely place them in direct combat with enemy forces. More than 90 percent of Army occupational skills are open to women.

Immediately at issue is a provision passed by the House of Representatives that would allow the services to assign women to fly on combat aircraft; Sen. William Roth of Delaware has introduced a similar bill before the Senate.

However, the service chiefs also fielded general questions about women in combat and military assignment policies pertaining to women.

Vuono told the committee that he does not believe the majority of women in the Army want combat

exclusion laws and policies repealed. He also noted differences between officers' and enlisted soldiers' opinion on the matter.

"Some of the (female) officers believe that we should open up more of our combat units to female soldiers," he said. "I don't get that same groundswell feeling among the enlisted soldiers."

Vuono extended the argument to the possibility of women soldiers being involuntarily reclassified into combat arms specialties. Under current policy, only men may be involuntarily reclassified into a combat skill or reassigned to a direct combat unit.

"Should you change it (the law) and open up all of those (combat) positions to women soldiers, then they would be involuntarily assigned to those positions," he said.

He also questioned whether a military with no restrictions on women in combat might require draft-age women to register with the Selective Service. "As we look at the near-term implications of the policy, we've got to look at the broader range, particularly as we go to a smaller force and we might need to expand it" during a major war, Vuono said.

The chief of staff was asked about a House of Representatives provision prohibiting a military woman with a child under six months old from being separated from her child by assignment or deployment, or from being activated in the reserve components, without her consent. Vuono opposes the provision.

"Combat readiness is our paramount business, and as we go to smaller forces, we've got to have every soldier as available as we possibly can make that soldier," he said. "Any further restrictions, by law or whatever distracts us from that, I have serious reservations about."

News

1394th Transportation Company returns from Gulf

story by Pleasant Lindsey III,

The 1394th Transportation Company arrived at Travis Air Force Base to a huge late-night welcome June 25 after spending three months in the scorching sands of the Saudi Arabian desert.

It was the 1394th's mission to aid other units that were redeploying from the Persian Gulf.

The 1394th mobilized April 5 and arrived in Saudi Arabia April 15.

SFC George J. Fisher said he expected to see a lot of sand dunes and other scenes that many would associate with the Saudi Arabian desert.

"I was picturing Lawrence of Arabia, with camels and caravans. That was my perception of the place," said Fisher, who is a manager for the U.S. Postal Service in San Diego, Calif. What he found upon the unit's arrival at the airport was somewhat different from the scenes painted in his mind's eye.

"The sky was grey; the place looked desolate," he said.

Fisher would eventually find those elusive dunes, but that would have to wait. There were a few soldiers waiting to redeploy back to the United States and other places, and the 1394th was there to help them get on their way.

The 1394th assisted the redeployment of the VIIth Corps, the largest corps the U.S. Army had ever put together. Some of its units were in southern Iraq and some were in newly liberated Kuwait.

The 1394th divided its members into Unit Mobilization Teams that consisted of six people—three commissioned officers and three NCOs. The UMTs went to the staging areas to make sure certain things were accomplished by the redeploying units before they could pack their equipment and head for home.

Fisher said the UMTs had a checklist of things to look for and inspect. These things came under one of three categories—documents, loads and maintenance.

Equipment had to be marked with bar codes, loads had to be compatible with the method of transporting them, and secondary loads—loads that were packed into vehicles, then shipped with those vehicles—had to be properly secured.

The UMTs worked alongside Military Police officers trained in customs inspections. Also, Department of Agriculture inspectors were involved with checking on the sanitation and cleanliness of any cargo that was destined for U.S. ports.

Vehicles had to be washed and cleaned of sand and dirt which could contain contaminants. Afterward, the UMTs made sure the cleaned cargo and vehicles were marshaled into sterile yards where they would remain free from any contaminants and could then be loaded for transport to the U.S.

It took a lot of work to get things prepared, and the heat of the desert didn't make things better.



photo by Rena Davies

Soldiers from 1394th are treated to dinner at the NCO/Enlisted Club June 25 after arriving from Travis Air Force Base.

At one of the camps that the UMTs worked in the temperature reached 130 degrees, according to SFC Fleet Palmer, a CalTrans employee from Poway, near San Diego.

"Sometimes you looked forward to the smoke. It made it cooler," Palmer said. The UMTs may have welcomed the respite from the heat because they had to work alongside the customs inspectors. The customs inspectors had a tendency to seal containers after they inspected them, so the UMTs would have to keep up with the customs inspectors or be forced to reopen containers so they could inspect them, too.

The work was not the only thing to provide stories for the friends back home. The 1394th will remember the irony of their living conditions while in the Persian Gulf region.

At one point, Fisher's team stayed in a warehouse in Kuwait. Because the teams moved from place to place, the living conditions constantly changed. Fisher reminisced about living in that warehouse.

"It was primitive," he said. It was constructed from wood, and the showers were fed by a water tank on top of them.

"If the water truck showed up, you had water. If not . . . well . . . you didn't," he said.

Another example of ingenious housing was the barge in Daman that was used by the oil companies to house the foreign employees and the soldiers.

Palmer said it was a five-deck barge with small rooms. The barge could hold from 1,000 to 3,000 people, depending on how many slept per room.

Referring to the foreign employees who stayed on the barge—and in general worked everywhere—Fisher said that the Saudi Arabians imported all of their labor. Workers came from the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, India, Somalia and other places.

SFC Arne Andressen, an architectural draftsman from Vista, Calif., told of meeting a Somali truck driver who was supporting his three wives and his children in three separate houses on the money he was earning in Saudi Arabia—\$800 per month. Apparently, a dollar goes a long way in the Persian Gulf.

There were other memories as well. It was not all work and no play for the 1394th. The unit's soldiers did get to see some of the culture and meet some of the people.

They also got a glimpse of the horrible aftermath of war.

One such place has come to be known as the "valley of death." This is the small stretch of road where so many Iraqi soldiers entrapped themselves and met the technological superiority of the allied forces.

The soldiers had gone there to see for themselves what had happened.

The remains of the vehicles, cratered roads and live rounds looked "pretty scary," according to Palmer.

"It was in a concentrated area of destruction, about two miles in length at the most," Palmer said.

"You had to zigzag down the road because there were so many vehicles and craters in the road," Fisher added.

They found uniforms, grenades strewn about, mortar rounds and civilian vehicles that had been stolen from the Kuwaitis.

Andressen said they could tell that some of the vehicles were stolen because they had been stuffed with items that would normally be found in a family's home, not on the battlefield.

Another event that made a lasting impression was the oil fires.

"They were spectacular. I counted 25 of them through the smoke," Palmer said. "Then as you got closer you could see flames shooting up about 60 feet high. The heat was hot as hell."

While driving back from the place, one of their captains had been riding with his arm out the window. When he pulled it back in it was covered with oil.

Not least of their memories was the sanitation conditions—they said the conditions were terrible.

"It's a good thing we got all those shots before we went over there," Fisher said.

When the 1394th finally arrived at Travis June 25, after making five stops on a 45-hour flight, the unit got a huge reception.

"We received a great welcome home when we got off the plane," Fisher said. "We were really surprised, because we had a long stopover in Dallas before we caught another flight here. The commanding general of MTMC was there to greet us along with a few colonels, some photographers. The press was there. It was a great feeling."



photo by Chuck Blancet

Sixth U.S. Army Commander Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison addresses the 1394th during its demobilization ceremony Saturday.

News

Presidio children enjoy Vacation Bible School

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Do you like Vacation Bible School?" "YEAAAA! It's fun," kids shouted with smiling faces.

"From my own experience, the kids seem to really enjoy it," Pfc. Alex R. Lehneis, chaplain's assistant, said. "They enjoy the bible verses. They are always saying them when they're going down the hall."

Lehneis is a teacher for the fourth grade Bible School students.

"I enjoy teaching a great deal," Lehneis said. "You see all the lives you touch."

"The kids really look up to the teachers to teach them about God," Lehneis added.

The Vacation Bible School began June 24 and will be held until July 11.

Ninety-four children are registered in the Vacation Bible School; however, more children register every day, according to Steve Miller, Religious Activities director.

Miller has been the Religious Activities director since 1980. In his years as director there has always been a Vacation Bible School held.

"So far we have not had many problems," Miller said. "We get good support from TMP and the MPs."

"This year we have an abundance of volunteers and a very high quality staff—they are great teachers," Miller said.

"The children look forward to it every year," Miller said. "They have their parents ask me when it's going to be."

There are many activities that keep the children excited about Vacation Bible School.

"There are so many things for the kids to do during the day—not just class studies," Miller said. "There's recreation time, music time, arts and crafts and Bible study."

"The kids really get a kick out of it," Miller said. "It's great teaching the kids," said Stephanie S.



Children play musical chairs during Vacation Bible School.

Bruttig, a volunteer for the Religious Activities Center. "The kids are a lot of fun."

Bruttig teaches children in Kindergarten.

"We tell stories about Jesus, His prophets, His sermons and parables," according to Bruttig. "The kids enjoy it because of the way the curriculum is set-up. The games and art projects are connected to whatever the story is for that day—this way the story is reinforced."

The kids have different views about the best part

of Vacation Bible School.

"I like talking," Nicole DeSaulners, 5, said. "It's real fun."

"Playing house is the funnest game," Nicole added.

Katy Blankenship, 5, disagreed.

"Singing is best," Katy said. "I like it 'cause it's fun."

All the children agreed that they learned a lot, had fun and Vacation Bible School is "GREAT!"

Make your Fourth of July happy, safe

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

The Fourth of July will be extra-special this year as many communities combine traditional fireworks and celebrations with Operation Desert Storm homecomings. Keep the holiday special by minding safety.

Safety experts suggest forgoing your own fireworks and watching your community's or installation's professional, public displays instead. Last year, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 12,446 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries. More than 40 percent of the injuries involved children aged 14 and younger.

National Safety Council statistics show most fireworks injuries are caused by firecrackers, bottle rockets and home-made explosives. Most injuries result from misuse, including holding the fireworks too long, picking up or standing too

close to lighted fireworks or throwing them too close to bystanders. Common injuries include burns and partial or total blindness.

Some installations have areas where family members can set off fireworks under professional supervision. They have medics available to take care of emergencies. If your installation has such an area, use it. But whether you are supervised or on your own, experts suggest the following guidelines:

- ☐ Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- ☐ Don't allow children to play with fireworks; sparklers, considered by many adults to be "safe" fireworks burn at temperatures up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit and can easily ignite clothing.
- ☐ Supervise closely older children when they use fireworks.
- ☐ Don't allow running or horseplay around fireworks.

☐ Read and follow warning instructions on the fireworks label.

☐ Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from buildings.

☐ Make sure people and pets are out of range before lighting fireworks.

☐ Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies.

☐ Never light fireworks in a container, especially one of glass or metal.

☐ Don't try to relight malfunctioning fireworks; soak them in water and throw them away.



Every 90 Seconds Counts...

Act now and you can help save a life!

More people may die **after** the war than **during** it. The horrors we have seen on television are reality for the more than 1,000,000 refugees from the Gulf war. As many as one thousand people may die every day—that's one person every 90 seconds! Your gift to the American Red Cross Gulf Crisis Fund can help save a life by providing warmth, shelter, food, and medical care.

Act now. With so many in urgent and desperate need, every dollar and every second counts.



American Red Cross

To 'Name withheld'. . . Find another windmill to tilt with

I read with interest "Name Withheld by Request's" tirade about pets running loose here in the June 13th issue.

Over the past few months several officers who work for me or in association with me have approached me with questions on how to handle a neighbor who seems psychotically bent on keeping all cats in the area from roaming as cats naturally do. Shortly after he started in on this a nearby cat disappeared and at least two others were brutally and sadistically injured.

My parents taught me as a child that a cat could not be kept on a leash, it was innately dangerous for the animal.

I came on active duty in 1956 and have served on 13 different posts. This is the first suggestion I've

seen that cats should also be on a leash. On two of the posts as commander of the medical facility I was also responsible for the public health of the post. Domestic cats were implicated in no health problems there. Likewise as a Division surgeon in combat I had public health responsibilities, and no domesticated cat caused a problem.

I would like to suggest that there are no shortages of serious problems confronting our post, our city, our state, our nation, our world, and that "Name Withheld by Request" find a more suitable windmill to tilt with.

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Letterman Army Medical Center

Recycling pays off for Morale, Welfare activities

by Dixie Porter
Star Presidian staff

Thanks to the efforts of those working and living on the Presidio, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund of the Presidio of San Francisco is richer by approximately \$32,000.

Floyd Terry, Chief, Services Division, Directorate, Personnel and Community Activities, said, "From September 1990 through May 1991, the Presidio Recycling Program recycled materials worth approximately \$32,000."

Terry added each ton of recycled paper represents a savings of 4210 KWH of energy or 2.5 barrels of oil according to the latest Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) statistics. In the last year, the Presidio has recycled 525 tons of paper for a savings of 1312.5 barrels of oil plus the profit to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund.

The recycling program, a branch of Services Division, DPCA, recently added the capability to handle files, regulations, newspapers, colored paper, and books. Don't throw out those outdated regulations, files, cardboard, or newspapers. Bundle them up in a box or a bag and leave them by your regular recycling containers for pickup. If you have a large amount of books, or newsprint, etc. Call 561-6140, and the recycling office will make a pickup from your home or office.

The recycling program started out taking only carbonless computer paper, computer data cards, high-grade white paper including Xerox, IBM and tablet paper. Now in addition to all of the above, the recycling office will even come pick up your packing boxes when you move on to post, or receive new equipment in your office and don't know what to do with all that cardboard.

The recycling center is located in Building 1244, adjacent to the Print Plant. "It used to cost \$7 a ton to haul off paper and other recyclable waste," said Vic Nadeau of the center, "and we now get \$100 a ton by recycling them through the program."

In the May 1991 *National Geographic* magazine, an article titled "Once and Future Landfills" states that less than one percent of trash in landfills comes from foam cups, containers, and packing material.

The article, written by Professor William L. Rathje, University of Arizona at Tucson, and his graduate students, called "Landfill Architects" is the result of a 17 year study of landfills across the nation. They



found that while the foam that everyone is so concerned about amounts to only one percent, ordinary paper—cardboard, newsprint, office paper, etc.—accounts for 15 to 20 percent of the material in landfills.

Nadeau mentioned that people complain it's too much trouble to take staples out, and take every paper clip off so they can recycle the paper. This is no longer necessary. Any ordinary staples and paper clips are considered a minor contaminant and are not required to be removed before you turn in your paper. All large plastic or metal clips and Acco fasteners need to be removed however.

Other contaminants which *should not* be placed in recycling containers are milk cartons, waxed paper, plastics, carbon paper, gummed labels, rubber bands, and ordinary trash.

By using the recycling center to get rid of our excess paper, we not only save room in landfills, we also help the Presidio soldiers and their families through the MWR fund.

"Presidians can make a bonus of 50 cents a pound for aluminum cans and 2 cents a pound for clear and colored glass bottles by taking them to Outdoor Recreation, Building 667, taking them in and having them weighed," said Nadeau. To take part in this program, one must have an ID showing you are part of the Presidio family, i.e., active duty military, reserve component, retiree, family member or Department of Defense PSF civilian. Outdoor Recreation does not take any paper products for recycling, that is done only through the recycling branch of DPCA, and only for employees and residents of the Presidio of San Francisco.

If you don't want to be bothered taking recyclables in, and weighing them, you can make a contribution to the MWR fund by dropping off glass bottles, aluminum cans and plastic soft drink bottles at the recycling igloos located in front of Outdoor Recreation. There are also igloos at the rear of the Officers' Club and at the NCO/Enlisted Club where you can drop off glass bottles.

Enlisted separation pay highlights transition benefits

by Army News Service

Enlisted soldiers forced out of the military by reductions in U.S. forces worldwide are now eligible to receive separation pay.

That much-anticipated provision is part of a package of transition benefits available to servicemembers whose jobs fall victim to the military drawdown, the Defense Department announced June 20.

"As we turn our attention from Operation Desert Storm to the reality of shrinking defense budgets, the Defense Department must reluctantly release many fine military and civilian personnel," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said in the announcement.

"These are valued members of the defense team who are well-trained and disciplined, a national asset in every sense. We must do everything we can to help them make a smooth transition into the private sector."

The total benefits package includes separation pay, extension of some privileges normally reserved for active duty soldiers and additional educational opportunities.

Separation pay, equal to 10 percent of a soldier's base pay at the time of separation multiplied by the number of years the soldier served on active duty, will be paid to eligible enlisted personnel and officers who are being involuntarily separated after at least six years' service. The DoD announcement marks the first time enlisted soldiers have been eligible to receive separation pay.

For example, a first sergeant forced out of the Army after 10 years would receive about \$18,000 in separation pay; a major after 12 years would receive about \$46,000.

The DoD announcement said that separation pay is intended to be a cushion for soldiers with more

than six years of service who are forced out before they become eligible for retirement at 20 years of service.

Soldiers on their first enlistment or first period of obligated service are not eligible for separation pay.



Christopher Jehn, the assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel, said the new transition package is as good or better than most offered in the private sector.

In addition to separation pay, servicemembers forced out of the military are entitled to:

- Extended health care for themselves and their dependents (60 days for those with fewer than six years of service, 120 days for those with six or more years).
- A two-year extension of commissary and exchange privileges.
- Use of military housing for up to 180 days after the separation. However, they must pay what installation commanders determine is a "reasonable rental rate."
- A one-time employment preference for non-appropriated funds jobs.
- Up to 30 days of excess leave or 10 days of permissive temporary duty while still on active duty for job hunting, house-hunting or other relocation activities.
- Priority in affiliating with National Guard or Reserve units for up to a year after the separation.
- Travel and transportation allowances.
- Extension in the DoD Dependent Schools System for family members.
- A last chance to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill before separation, or the opportunity to convert Veterans Education Assistance Program benefits to the Montgomery GI Bill.

In addition, involuntarily separated soldiers will be eligible for the services available to all soldiers leaving the military — counseling, employment assistance and workshops, and relocation assistance.

Presidio News

Provost Marshall's Office initiates Sobriety Checkpoint

by Michael J. Murphy
Command Information Officer

The Presidio Provost Marshall's Office initiated its first sobriety checkpoint June 26 on the Presidio.

According to Provost Sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Warren L. Brockenberry, nobody was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol during the checkpoint watch, which lasted from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

"There were a lot of violations that we could have given warnings for like not having children in careseats or failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. Some individuals evaded the sobriety checkpoint," added Brockenberry. "But by law we have to give people the opportunity of avoiding the checkpoint, once they see it."

Brockenberry stated, if an individual is stopped and fails the field sobriety test he is then taken to the MP station and given a breathalyzer test. If the test shows a reading of .08 or higher, the individual is charged with Driving Under the Influence.

The PMO plans to have a sobriety checkpoint every month. Brockenberry said, "The next time we have a one, it might come on a weekend night when most of the soldiers are off duty."

Brockenberry also pointed out that the checkpoint is used as a preventive measure, not a tool to catch people driving under the influence. The MP's did stop a few individuals who were under the influence



MPs stop vehicles to check for drivers under the influence.

photo by Rena Davies

of medication. Those people did pass the field sobriety test and no violations were issued.

A majority of drivers moving through California Highway Patrol checkpoints have indicated support for the program. Approximately 85 per cent stated

they approve of the checkpoints and believe they act as a deterrent. An equal number indicated that the checkpoints cause no significant delays, according to the Presidio Provost Marshall's Office.

What to do when expecting a RIF

By Robert W. Curtis

DOSPER Senior Personnel Management Specialist

On June 11, 1991, Lieutenant General William H. Harrison, Commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco, announced the upcoming transfer of Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army to Fort Carson, Colorado, with an accompanying downsizing of the headquarters staff. This announcement has caused, and will continue to cause widespread interest among employees in locating permanent employment elsewhere in the Bay Area, or, if possible, at another desirable location in the United States.

Looking for new employment under the current DoD hiring freeze may be distressing for some highly rated employees who may lose their jobs under a RIF, especially those employees who cannot "bump" or "retreat."

Each employee's career is unique and has to be individually reviewed for status and career tenure—i.e., title, series, and grade; career, career conditional, excepted service, and temporary employees; and ability to "bump" or "retreat," ability to retire, and eligibility to retire early (if offered by management).

Employee objectives may run the gamut based on personal desires and mobility, all the way from: filing under the Priority Placement Program (PPP), if mobile, in order to protect career status; staying on the job and hoping for a transfer of function; "bumping" or "retreating" into a secure position; retiring or requesting early retirement; to: staying on the job, doing nothing, and facing involuntary termination.

As an employee, your objectives will present several decision-risk scenarios, for example: protecting employment, remaining at the Presidio, electing retirement, or seeking early retirement.

This is a serious crisis for employees: not only are they facing a RIF, but also the DoD freeze on employment. Due to the freeze, employees do not even know whether there will be any jobs open in the United States.

Facing the future, therefore, you need reliable information to make decisions based on an analysis of both objectives and scenarios. You should first talk to a professional personnel management specialist who is an expert on this subject. Be careful: most personnel specialists, including this author, have only a general knowledge of RIF procedures!

You need expert advice and guidance since the issues involve tenure and continued Federal employment. CPO will review individual records (OPF) and will prepare RIF registers during the programmed "Mock RIF," to be completed before November 30, 1991.

If you are a temporary employee, you, unfor-

tunately, will be the first to go during a RIF; you cannot "bump" or "retreat" with career conditional or career employees. If you are a Career Conditional or Career Employee, you will be ranked based on your Service Computation Date (SCD) and performance appraisals over the last three years. You will have the opportunity to review your personnel data base for accuracy during February 1992. Be especially careful that the SCD and the three performance appraisal ratings are correct.

Once a retention register has been established and employees have been formally notified their positions are being abolished, you must decide whether to register in the PPP. The clock will start at this point and you will have from *sixty days to six months* until the time your employment is terminated.

Most employees will have a choice under several scenarios. Some employees are limited to a RIF because they are not mobile and will choose not to file under the PPP.

The Presidio CPO will advise employees to file under the PPP immediately, at this point prior to planned termination. Failure to file for priority placement within the specified period of time could result in your dismissal upon reaching your termination date.

If your job is being terminated, therefore, it makes sense that you should immediately file under the PPP. This is assuming you do not want to retire or to seek early retirement, and that you are mobile and want to continue employment with the Federal government.

If you do not exercise priority placement rights and are put under RIF, you may then forfeit other rights, such as collecting severance pay.

The first time you file under PPP, assuming you do so at the beginning of the termination period, you may choose one "zone"—i.e., you may pick a single installation to an entire state (e.g., Fort Lewis; California; Washington; Western United States, etc.) and your preference for that area could remain in effect for the first three months during the job search. The area will expand to two "zones" after three months (e.g., Western United States; East Coast, etc.). If you decline a bonafide offer in your chosen areas, you will be withdrawn from the PPP. This action, obviously, would seriously limit your employment options and you may have to rely on finding your own job.

So, again, filing for PPP early can save you a lot of "heartburn" later. Possibly, the worst action would be to delay taking any action and hope you will not be RIFed; the other worst decision would be complete inaction, as you would thus be facing termination.

The Commanding General has informed employees in a timely manner so you will have plenty of time to find another job. In keeping with OPM regulations, management is not delaying the decision making process, especially when many employees are highly satisfactory or exceptional, because mission accomplishment always needs good employees.

A RIF will determine who is the best to stay and the worst to go from a mission-oriented perspective. This is the fair way for employees, and the best way for the organization. Employees receive administrative justice and the gaining organization gets the talents, knowledge, skills, and abilities required to best accomplish the mission.

Under a RIF, time is of the essence for both employees and management. However, a lack of information within an office or section, rather than to be helpful, will deprive employees of needed days, weeks, and months in their seeking continued federal employment.

Employees deserve the very best advice and guidance available, tailored to their individual decision-risk scenario. Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army is dedicated to providing employees with the proper climate for good decision-making.

If you need detailed information on the RIF process, you should first discuss the issue with your immediate supervisor, though he or she may not know much more than you do, and may merely recommend you go to CPO for answers to any specific problems.

Under the best possible circumstances, though we know this is not always the case, it would be considerate of supervisors to be "up front" with employees and let them know if and how the RIF will be affecting them. For example, if a supervisor knows early that a position in the office is scheduled to be abolished, the supervisor should be fair with the employee and let him or her know what lies ahead. Keeping this information from the employee may be doing more of a disservice than a service, as the employee may already be in a state of stress without having to bear the additional stress of uncertainty.

But to you, the employee, remember, *the Presidio is going to close*. So, even if you transfer to another permanent or temporary job at the Presidio, or even if you "bump" or "retreat" on the installation, you will still, a few years down the road, be right back where you started, and will face the same inevitable situation, *base closure*, and you will be involved in the same RIF situation all over again. So, my advice is to plan now for your future.

My services are also available to Sixth U.S. Army headquarters staff on any unique management related questions or problems. Just call 561-6439 and ask for Robert.

Sports

Sports Briefs by Pleasant Lindsey Star Presidian staff

Soccer is coming

Presidio Youth Sports is accepting registration for the 1991 soccer season, September through December. Boys and girls will compete in V-8, V-10 and V-12 age divisions. The age groupings will be determined by the applicant's birthdate on or after August 1979 through July 1985.

To register, bring the following to the Gym No. 1, Building 63, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., before July 24:

- a. Completed PSF Sports registration form;
- b. Completed USYSA form;
- c. Proof of birth (copy of birth certificate, passport or national immigration card);
- d. Photograph, not to exceed 1.5 inches by 1.5 inches;
- e. \$20 per child registration fee, with a \$50 family rate for three or more in one family.

An instructional program will be offered for children under 6 years for a \$10 registration fee. For more information call Allen Posey at 561-3673.

Windsurfing lessons

Are you interested in learning to windsurf? Sign up now for the Aug. 10 class. The deadline is 19 July, but space is limited. For more information visit the Information Tours and Travel, Building 215, or call 561-3992. Outdoor Recreation reserves the right to cancel lessons due to insufficient registration by deadline date.

Youth Services activities

Jazz Dance classes for beginners and intermediates is being offered every Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. These classes are for youngsters 5 and older, and costs \$40 per month, per student.

Plus, Presidio Youth Services is offering ballet for beginners and intermediates age 5 and older at Fort Scott, Building 1331, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with beginners classes at 6 p.m. and intermediates at 7 p.m. For this and Jazz Dance, call the instructor, Debbie Cutshaw at 929-1205.

The Kwon Do classes for youth ages 6 through 19 are also being offered every Monday and Friday for \$40 per month. Call the Youth Services Office at 561-5143 for more info.

Tee-up for AER

The Army Emergency Relief golf Tournament will be held at the Presidio Army Golf Course and Presidio Golf Club on July 10 with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds from the tournament sustain AER's help to soldiers and their families with financial emergencies. The entry fee of \$50 includes golf cart, fees, prizes, lunch and your contribution to the AER fund of the Presidio of San Francisco.

AER is a private nonprofit organization which provides emergency financial assistance as interest-free loans/grants to all Army people, active and retired, and their families, in time of distress or misfortune. The AER also has an undergraduate loan and scholarship program for spouses and children of Army soldiers.

line up a foursome and join the tournament. Those who cannot arrange a foursome will be teamed by the Tournament Committee. Entries are limited to 120 golfers and will close on Monday—so hurry and don't be left out.

Sign up at the PAGC Office, Building 347, or AER, Building 103-B. Entry forms can be obtained at Gym No. 1, Building 63, and sent in by mail.

July 4th golf tournament

The Charles W. Davis Memorial Golf Tournament will be held July 4th with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will be conducted in a four man scramble format. Entry fee includes golf cart, continental breakfast and luncheon for \$25. Green fees are extra for non-members. Active duty, family members, reservists and retirees are eligible. The tournament is dedicated to all Medal of Honor recipients and those who engaged in and supported Operation Desert Storm. For more information, call Charles Hurd at 561-5032.



photo by Adrienne Sims

Co. B, LAMC takes first at bowling awards ceremony.

LAMC TWO sneaks past Park Police, 14-12

by Pleasant Lindsey III

LAMC TWO scored two runs on two singles and two sacrifices flies in the home half of the sixth inning to break a 12-12 tie before time ran out in their June 27 game against Park Police. Park Police had a 1-6 record going into that game, and sought to show their fans some improvement. Third-place LAMC TWO had other ideas.

LAMC opened the sixth inning with a single by Allen Proulx, who represented the winning run, a sacrifice fly by Mark Gordon and a single by Frank Armenta. Don Pierce then hit a sacrifice to right field to score the winning runs.

Park Police tied the game in the top of the sixth with four runs on a triple, three singles, a walk and two LAMC errors to pick themselves up from a 12-8 deficit.

Park Police had taken an early lead in the first inning, scoring four runs on two double, two singles

and two walks. They had a 7-4 lead going into the bottom half of the fourth inning. This is where LAMC TWO really turned the game around.

LAMC TWO scored seven runs in the fourth inning.

George Frame and David Hughes led off with singles and Elkins hit a double to score Frank. Kevin Cox hit a single to score Hughes, after which Larry Whalon got a hit and tied the game 7-7 when Elkins scored. Proulx then got the sixth base hit of the inning, Pierce hit a single to score two more runs and Payne batted in the seventh run of the inning for an 11-7 lead.

Both teams scored one run a piece in the fifth inning before Park Police tied the game 12-12 in the sixth.

LAMC TWO was not finished for the night, however. They ran into a dose of bad luck when . . .

DOL hands LAMC TWO defeat to win third

by Pleasant Lindsey III

LAMC TWO had a 13-10 lead going into the home half of the seventh inning when DOL's Jim Johnson hit a double to score the winning runs for a 15-13 DOL victory.

DOL's bats had been silent since the fourth inning when Moe Borden hit a two-run homer with Harry Curtis on first base for a 10-6 lead.

LAMC TWO answered in the top of the fifth with six runs of its own.

Ender and Brooks hit singles and Payne had an RBI double to score Ender. Pierce then scored Brooks with a single and Hughes added another run-scoring single to make it 10-9. Following a walk that loaded the bases with one out, Marlen hit a sacrifice fly to score Pierce, and Cox smacked a double to score two more for a 12-10 LAMC TWO lead.

In the sixth inning LAMC TWO added what could

have been the insurance run when Ender, who had singled, scored on a base hit by Payne. That 13th run did not seal the victory, though. Instead, it probably proved what superstitious sports fans have said all along—13 is a number to reckon with.

LAMC TWO went down 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh. DOL did not.

Borden lead off the seventh by reaching second on an error. Brian Rucker hit a single and Skip Harden walked to load the bases. Peter Ng singled to bat home one run and Stan Loungest doubled home two more for a 13-13 tie.

LAMC TWO had just beaten Park Police an hour earlier and was watching this game slip away.

With no outs, Larry Skufka walked to reload the bases. That's when Johnson stepped up to the plate to hit his game-winning two-run double.

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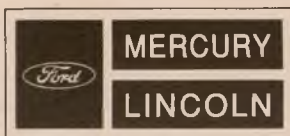
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by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

Opera offer

San Francisco Opera is offering a 50 percent discount on 1991 Fall Season tickets to Army active duty personnel, reservists and retirees. Discount prices are \$380 for nine operas, \$210 for five operas and \$170 for 4 operas. There is a limit of two discount subscriptions per person. For more information, call Carolyn Mason at 565-3261.

Thank you to Fairmont hotels

To those who have dined at the Fairmont Hotel during its special military rate, if you would like to send a thank you note send it to the following: The Fairmont Hotel, ATOP Nob Hill, 950 Mason Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94106.

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Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk tickets are available at Information Tour and Travel, building 215. The cost is \$12.50 for an unlimited ride pass. The regular price is \$15.95.

Universal Studios

Universal Studio tickets in L.A. are on sale at ITT. Price is \$16.50 for adults (regular \$22) and \$12.50 for children (regular \$15.50).

Great America

ITT has discount tickets for Great America. Tickets cost \$15.75 for ages 7 and older. Normal price is \$20.95. For more information, call Sandy Cornett at 561-3992. ITT is also offering a Great America Day, July 20. The cost is only \$19.75 for transportation and a full day at Great America. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Those interested must sign up by July 12.

Reno Getaway weekend

Plan now for a getaway to Reno August 24 to 25. The cost is \$55 per person, transportation and double occupancy lodging for one night. Sign up by August 1.

Hearst Castle weekend

ITT is offering a trip to Hearst Castle for \$66, including transportation, lodging and a tour of Hearst Castle. The trip is Sept. 28 through 29. Sign up by August 16.

ITT also has tickets for several events and theme parks.

Disneyland

Disneyland is saluting U.S. military personnel with free admissions. Every active duty member is eligible for one of these tickets. The tickets are available through Nov. 11.

Sea World

Sea World is admitting all active duty military, activated reservists and their family members free for one day until Sept. 2. Identification cards must be presented at Sea World.

Discovery Preschool

Discovery Early Learning is a preschool especially for children 2 to 3 1/2. Discovery offers a half or full day program Monday through Friday. Talented and experienced teachers staff this program of active play and learning. The preschool is held in a Pacific Heights Victorian at Broadway and Octavia streets. For enrollment information, call PJ Handeland at 929-8617.

Into the Woods

"Into the Woods," the award winning Broadway musical will be presented by the Young People's Musical Theatre Company at San Francisco State University's Creative Arts Building, July 24 through 27 at 8 p.m. and July 28 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$6.

Advance tickets may be purchased by sending a self addressed envelope to "Tickets," 50 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif. 94117. For more information, call 554-9523. The production is sponsored by San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and San Francisco State University Theater Department.

Wood scrap sculpture

Come to the woodshop at Randall Museum to saw, glue, stack or nail fanciful wooden sculptures from our wood scrap chest. Paint your unique creation to finish off. All ages are invited July 20 at 1 p.m. The fee is \$3. Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. For more information, call 554-9600.

Fine Arts Museum admission increase

The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco will initiate new admission fees. General admission for adults will increase to \$5, senior, 65 and over, to \$3 and children \$2. The action was taken by Museums' Board of Trustees to offset decreased funding from the City and other outside sources. This is the first fee increase for the museum in four years. Members of the Museum Society and the Asian Art Museum will continue to be admitted free.

Teen photo class

Basic photography, film developing and printing, finishing, and mounting will all be covered in this summer class for teens. The class is held on Wednesdays beginning July 10 through August 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$25. The Photography Center, 50 Scott Street, is part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. Cameras are available for loan. For more information, call 554-9522.

World masks youth workshop

Survey a broad selection of masks from other cultures then design and build your own plaster cast or clay mask. Children ages 9-14 years are invited to this six day class, held Tuesdays through Thursdays beginning July 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. The classes are held at Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way, on Corona Heights. Fee is \$15. For more information, call 554-9600.

Message to soldiers overseas

Families and friends of soldiers wanting to send a telegram may do so by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The message can be 35 words or less. Phone patches are also available, primarily to Germany, providing you have the phone number.

MS-DOS 5 demonstration

A representative from Microsoft Corporation will demonstrate the newly released MS DOS 5, July 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The demonstration will be held in the auditorium of building 603. There will be items raffled to those who attend. Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Phil Purrini at 561-2832/3287.

Leave donation

Laneva Sweet, a Presidio employee, is experiencing a medical emergency and has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate leave, may address any questions to the Civilian Personnel Directorate at 561-3780.

USO resume class and job club

The Presidio USO Resume class and job club meets Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, open to military members and spouses. Job placement and individual counseling are available by appointment. For more information, call 561-2436.

Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination will be given on August 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first test. The test must be ordered in person by July 10. For more information, call the Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

Silkscreen T-shirts

Liven up your favorite shirt with silk-screened birds and animals and sponge painted designs July 13 at a workshop held at Randall Museum. All ages are invited. The workshop fee is \$3. Bring your own shirt or buy one at the museum for \$4. For more information, call 554-9600.

Art in the park

Register now for summer classes at San Francisco Recreation and Park's Sharon Arts Studio in Golden Gate Park. Registration began June 15. Classes are offered for youths, teens and adults in jewelry, ceramics, leaded glass, glass fusing, print making, water color, drawing, Chinese brush painting and life drawing. For more information, call 753-7004/7006.

Lighting and portraiture

For the next step towards quality photography, learn tungsten lighting techniques, metering for correct exposure, lighting ratios and effects, and basic studio equipment. Emphasis is on control in simple lighting situations and fundamentals of portraiture. Class meets Mondays, July 1 through August 5, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Photography Center, 50 Scott Street. Fee is \$65 for six classes at the Recreation and Park Department facility. For more information, call 554-9522.

Effective Army writing

The Effective Army Writing class will be held August 5 through 21, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The course is free for military and civilian employees. To obtain the required enrollment form, contact a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center or the Letterman Army Medical Education Center. For more information call, 561-4445/3692.

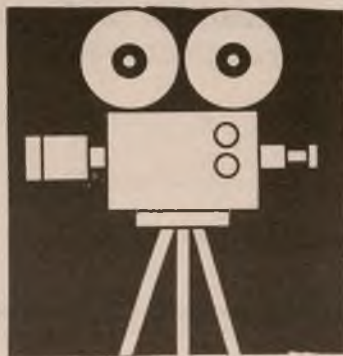
Exploratorium news

While San Francisco is not in the path of the totality of the upcoming July 11 eclipse, San Francisco-bound viewers can still witness the total eclipse live at the Exploratorium. An unusual eclipse watching program July 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offers the public an opportunity to enjoy the eclipse live through Exploratorium generated slow scan images from Baja, and enjoy 55 percent partial eclipse outdoors. For more information, call Linda Dackman at 563-7337.

At the movies

Presidio Post Theater

Fri, July 12: Mortal Thoughts (R), 7 p.m.
Sat, July 13: Wild Hearts Can't be Broken (R), 7 p.m.
Sun, July 14: The Doors (R), 7 p.m.
Mon, July 15: Switch (R), 7 p.m.



Environmental tip

by Elayne Werner
Facts compiled from the Eco Source Catalog

Electricity

Lighting uses 20 percent of America's total electrical output. We currently have 2.5 billion light-bulb sockets. Of these, more than one billion could easily use high-efficiency bulbs with a potential savings of \$30 billion a year. If we all used efficient lighting, we could eliminate the need for all the nuclear power plants currently operating in the U.S. through this one energy conservation practice.

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News Briefs

MOS/Medical Retention Board

All soldiers (except those with approved retirement, bars to reenlistment, or pending administrative elimination who have a permanent profile with a numerical factor of "3" or "4" will be mandatorily referred for evaluation to an MMRB.

Soldiers having these factors, who have not been referred to an MMRB must contact the Military Personnel Operations Branch Mr. Calica (DSN) 586-2151/3297 or (COMM) 561-2151/3297. The next scheduled MOS/Medical Retention Board will be held July 16 at 8 a.m. in the Sixth U.S. Army Conference Room, Building 35.

SATO closed for lunch

The Presidio SATO office for official travel and the transportation division will close from noon until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, due to a shortage in personnel.

Housing for E-3 and below

Soldiers with the rank of E-3 and below, who have dependents living with them are encouraged to apply for on-post family housing. Junior enlisted housing units are available at this time.

Closure

The Presidio Commissary will be closed tomorrow for the observance of Organization Day.

Motor Pool change of hours

As of July 1, the hours of operation for the DOL Transport Branch (Motor Pool) are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Drivers' licensing hours will remain Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For emergencies and after-hours breakdowns, call the Sixth Army Staff Duty Officer at 561-2780.

Calling number creates hazard

Don't call ext. 5656 to ask about the post's water condition! That's the Presidio Fire Department's emergency number. Tying up that phone line poses a safety hazard to others. There is a sign by the fire station that posts the Presidio's water condition. Look for it as you pass the fire station.

Paid volunteers

Healthy adult volunteers are needed for various studies at the Western Human Nutrition Research Center on the Presidio. This summer a study is being conducted to determine normal standards of body composition (fat to lean comparisons) in the Chinese population. Volunteers between the ages of 20 to 40 whose parents are both Chinese can earn \$25 for approximately four hours of their time, and learn about their health.

Starting in August, another study begins which will be examining why it is advantageous to exercise in order to maintain a "new" body weight after a major weight loss. Twelve non-smoking, healthy women between the ages of 20 and 40 will earn \$1,635 while participating in a weight maintenance/exercise study for 52 days.

Interested applicants should contact the Biometrics Recruiting Office, Western Human Nutrition Research Center, at 556-2174.

Army Days volunteers needed

Approximately 50 volunteers are needed for Army Days. Food servers, Volksmarch volunteers and clean-up volunteers are needed July 12 for an organizational picnic. For more information, call Jeanne Mote at 561-4147.

What's up, Doc?



photo by Adrienne Sims

Sherri Younkens, 6, plays her chimes during Arts and Crafts at Vacation Bible School. Sherri was one of many children who participated in "Dress-up Day" at the Presidio Religious Activities Center July 3.

Army Days event schedule

Today

4-10p.m.: Carnival open
7-9p.m.: DJ music in Fest Tent

Friday

9-9:30a.m.: Opening ceremonies and tribute to Desert Storm soldiers
9:30a.m.-3p.m.: 10K Volksmarch
Non-competitive bike ride
9:30a.m.-10p.m.: Carnival
10 a.m.-noon: Organizational games
11a.m.-1p.m.: Live band "Sunny Days" (contemporary music)
11a.m.-2p.m.: Picnic for Presidio staff
1-3p.m.: Live band in Fest Tent "Lebherz Festival Band (German Ompah)
3-4p.m.: Live band "Indian Bingo" (progressive rock)
4-6p.m.: DJ music in Fest Tent
6-7p.m.: Music/dance by "American Youth Express" in Fest Tent
7-10p.m.: Music in Fest Tent by George Yamasaki (Jazz)

Saturday

Noon-10p.m.: Carnival
Noon-1p.m.: DJ music in Fest Tent
1-2p.m.: Live Band "Indian Bingo" (progressive rock)
3-4p.m.: Latin music/dance by "Nova Escola De Samba"
4-7p.m.: To be scheduled
7-8p.m.: Tahitian/Polynesian Dance Company "Trare Otea"
8-10p.m.: Music in Fest Tent by Jimmy Price

Sunday

Noon-10p.m.: Carnival
Noon-1p.m.: San Francisco Park/Recreation Youth Symphony Orchestra
3-4p.m.: Toledo Performing Arts Company
4-5p.m.: Reitenbach Institute Tae Kwon Do exhibition
6-9p.m.: Music by DJ Douglas

Special Note:

Picnic on Friday is intended to be for all Presidio employees and military. Sunday is Family Day and entertainment will be directed toward children.

The Davis Carnival will designate one day Family Day for Families of Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion. Their family members will be able to ride free of charge.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians -

The 4th of July holiday period has come and gone and once again due to your safety consciousness we had no serious injury or loss of life. That always makes it a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place.

On 1 July I traveled to Salem, Oregon to witness the swearing in of the new Adjutant General of the state. Brigadier General Katke enjoyed a beautiful sun lit ceremony at the capitol. It was a gorgeous setting right outside the governor's office. Very impressive and made more so by the outstanding performance of our Oregon National Guard color guard. They really added HOO AH!

On Wednesday the 3d I attended a very touching and yet wonderful memorial service for Sergeant Major Mike Conrad and his wife (a valued civilian employee) Herma. Now some of you are saying — boy, he really used the wrong word this time—how can a memorial service be wonderful? Well, I used the word on purpose because it was wonderful. First, it was wonderful because of the outpouring of people who attended. I have been to many of these type services and I have never seen a larger, more completely volunteer group attend. The chapel was full and I am told we had almost as many outside. Obviously the Conrads were loved, respected and admired by many. That's wonderful. It was also wonderful because of the participants. Major Philip Hibbert delivered a very moving eulogy to Sergeant Major Conrad—his fellow soldier. Mrs. Sandy Coopridge, a neighbor spoke movingly of the Conrads as friends and neighbors. Mrs. Joyce Ridley, a fellow worker of Mrs. Conrad's, spoke intimately of the high esteem in which Herma was held by her fellow employees. And Deborah Gregg, representing the Enlisted Spouses Club, spoke eloquently of the Conrads as a couple, as fellow soldier and spouse and as friends. These folks did not read poems or prose written by someone else but spoke oh so sincerely and movingly from their hearts. It truly was the most wonderful memorial service I have ever attended. One could not help but feel some sadness; but as I departed I marveled that my heart was singing having witnessed such love, friendship and warmth. Truly the Conrads—Mike and Herma—touched many lives in a most wonderful way.

On the 4th we all celebrated the birthday of our great USA. I know many of you traveled, cooked out, picnicked, relaxed, visited fairs and ceremonies, etc. Mrs. Harrison and I entertained at home a large number of the folks who supported our troops in Desert Storm. They could not all come but a number did ranging from the Kuwait citizens who hosted the Christmas party for families of C/864th Engineers to the VA workers who adopted C/864th to the folks who sponsored the 18 May parade and on and on. It was a small way for us to say thank you to all those who gave so generously of their money, time, concern and general support. Unfortunately, the fog was so thick we didn't get to enjoy the fireworks but we could hear the

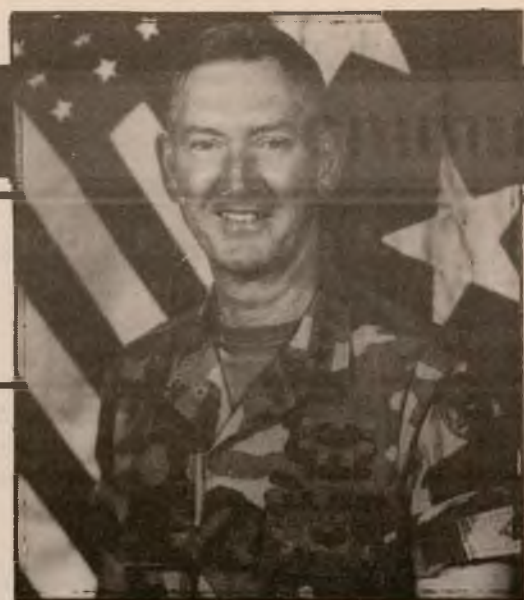
GREAT USASIX Band performing. Our USASIX protocol personnel, the Office of the SGS and my personal staff helped make it a memorable evening even in the cold and fog! Thanks to each of you who helped make it possible.

Speaking of C/864th Engineers—I hope my fellow Presidians have not forgotten that they are still serving in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. They have been there since last December and are not expected home until August or September. So let's continue to remember them—write them, support their families and fly our flags for freedom! These young people are doing great humanitarian work there now and richly deserve our continued support. So—once again—write them, support their families and fly a flag for freedom! today and every day!

Don't forget Army Days 11-14 July. Come out and celebrate yourself! That's what our Army Days are all about—a reward for the many jobs well done—by Garrison, LAMC, LAIR, ROTC, CID, our DA and Non-appropriated Fund Employees, Volunteers, Retirees, USASIX, et al.

God bless you one and all.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding



Dedicated to SGM Conrad and Mrs. Conrad.

As an NCO, your beliefs, values, and ethics are the foundation of your competence as a leader. They guide you as you lead.

—The Army NCO Guide (FM22-600-20)

P.S. I overlooked thanking a very important group for their work on 4 July. As you know, GGNRA hosts a big celebration on Crissy Field each year. Some estimate the crowd as big as 100,000. I don't know but it's a bunch of people! Handling the crowds during the day, and especially following the fireworks, is a monumental job. Our PSF MPs once again did a SUPER job. To each of them for their long duty day exceptionally well done—a big loud HOO AH! is in order. Ya' done good MPs—thanks.

And on Monday morning while I was visiting one of our clinics at LAMC a patient stopped me to thank and to compliment SFC Wendell Boykin for his courteous and efficient manner. That's always a HOO AH when our soldiers get recognized and appreciated.

Combat theft

by Maj. John M. Fowler, Provost Marshal

The Presidio Military Police are asking for help in combatting thefts. The Office of the Provost Marshal is instituting a "Lock It or Lose It" information campaign. The purpose of this announcement (and subsequent flyers to be distributed around the post) is to alert those who live and work on the Presidio to the danger of leaving valuables unsecured.

Bicycles are a prime target of these crimes of opportunity. Since Oct. 1, 1990, there have been 134 reports of stolen bicycles recorded by the Military Police. A large number of the bicycles had been left unsecured.

Sometimes it was just a matter of a garage door left open while the occupants were not at home. Additionally, the majority of victims could not give the police serial or identification numbers for the missing property. Help us help you. Record the serial or identification numbers of your valuables and secure them. Thank you for your support and assistance.

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Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"What do you want to be when you grow up and what has influenced your decision?"



Rian P. Tanner, 7: "I don't know. It changes every day."

Mariquita M. Hairston, 7: "I want to be in the Army. My dad was in the Army, and I'm proud of him."



Emily A. Sickatoose, 7: "A teacher. My teacher was a teacher."

Briana N. Howell, 6: "A doctor, 'cause I like 'em."



Michael A. Gladu Jr., 7: "A doctor, because I like worrying about things."



Roni L. Perry, 7: "A zoo farmer because the animals wouldn't bite."



Kara D. Vona, 13: "A lawyer. I would get a chance to help people."



Robin A. Perry, 16: "A pre-school teacher. I enjoy being with little kids."



Nikki M. Landals, 13: "An actress because I've studied drama, and I find it really interesting. Also because there's money in it."



Stephen M. Colvin, 8: "A pilot, 'cause it's fun to look down at the cities and lakes. I like flying."



Andrew A. Bokmeyer, 15: "I would like to be a Marine Biologist or just work in Biology itself. I like biology and dealing with animals. If not, I would like to get into the aerospace field."

Presidio Pulse



Sergeant Major and Mrs. Michael J. Conrad.

photo courtesy of DCST

Death hits home

by Dixie L. Porter

Sergeant Major Michael J. Conrad and his wife Herma were among six people killed June 30 in a plane crash in the California Sierra foothills.

Conrad, 37, was the Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical NCO for Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, Deputy Chief of Staff for Training. He was an expert in his chosen career field and spent a large amount of his time on temporary duty to assist the Reserve Component units throughout Sixth Army's 12 western states.

His most recent projects, said Major Hibbert, of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training Office, included the Armed Forces Day Parade, the Army Birthday Ball, assisting in the writing and publishing of a Sixth Army Circular entitled, "NBC Leaders' Handbook" and working on the forthcoming Army Days 10 kilometer Volksmarch. "Conrad was very meticulous when approaching any assignment," said Captain Sparbel, chief, NBC office, DCST, "and often worked beyond normal duty hours to complete it."

He was a leader of people who constantly helped his subordinates to reach their maximum potential. Conrad brought out the best in people and was a truly dedicated individual.

No matter how busy or involved in projects he was,

he still maintained his "can-do" attitude and sunny disposition. He had a smile for everyone and was always there if anyone needed advice or assistance.

Conrad completed Sergeants Major Academy in July of 1989. He had an Associate Degree in General Studies from the Georgia Military College. Most of his nearly 20 years in the Army was covered by three tours in Germany interspersed with tours at Fort McClellan, Ala.; Fort Gordon, GA.; and Fort Bragg, NC.

Among Conrad's awards are the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with three devices, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal for Loma Prieta (San Francisco Earthquake) relief.

Herma S. Conrad, a native of Germany, had worked for the Army, Air Force Exchange Services Command since November, 1975 at various locations. She was recently promoted to the position of Services Business Manager, in charge of all Post Exchange services, vending, and concessions at the Presidio of San Francisco, Oakland Army Base, and Onazuka Air Force Station, Sunnyvale, Calif.

She is survived by a son, Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Von Tomaszewski, U.S. Air Force, Fort Walton Beach, FL.



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Kara Vona, Alice Gascon, Phillip Acott, volunteers; with Lexa M. Meadows, Red Cross station manager; and Maire Daugharty, health and safety chairman, smile with satisfaction after the June 29 CPR class which certified 97 people at the main gym.

News

Environmental Committee ensures compliance

by Pleasant Lindsey III

The Sixth U.S. Army Environmental Quality Control Committee oversees and coordinates environmental policies and activities for the Sixth U.S. Army command.

The EQCC is responsible for making sure the Sixth U.S. Army and its subordinate commands achieve and maintain compliance with the pollution and environmental protection laws that apply to Department of the Army commands and facilities.

The committee is chaired by the Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff. Members of the committee are the senior staff officers within the headquarters. They accept the job as an additional duty as they get the word out to Sixth Army's subordinate commands as to what must be done to comply with federal, state and local environmental requirements.

Sixth Army Regulation 200-1 spells out how the environmental conditions will be monitored by Sixth U.S. Army's subordinate commands. Sixth Army Memorandum 200-1 specifically lists the responsibilities that the senior staff officers accept as their additional duties.

The Sixth U.S. Army EQCC is unique in that it is not required to exist by U.S. Army Regulations.

Army Regulations specify that each installation will have an environmental quality committee. However, the numbered Army commands aren't required to oversee these programs.

Sixth U.S. Army is the first Continental U.S. Army command to have an EQCC. The command sees the senior staff involvement as critical to implementing an effective program.

- The Deputy Chief of Staff/Training is developing an extensive environmental awareness and training program.

- The Deputy Chief of Staff/Operations is participating in major environmental crises response exercises.

- The Sixth U.S. Army Engineer is watching the subordinate facility management projects and ensuring environmental requirements are being met.

- The Deputy Chief of Staff/Logistics has increased inspection standards to make sure Reserve units are following environmental compliance procedures.

- The Inspector General is inspecting environmental systems, training and standards of operations within the command.

- The Staff Medical Advisor will function as an information resource that can respond to health related requests for assistance from subordinate activities.

- The Base Realignment and Closure Office monitors environmental matters that pertain to base closures, responds to the Command's questions regarding base closure environmental issues and oversees installation cleanup for the Presidio of San Francisco and Hamilton Army Air Field in Novato, Calif.

Though base closure is a major concern at the Presidio of San Francisco, the EQCC has no direct involvement with closure issues. Gilman said BRACO and the installation Environmental Office handle environmental issues related to the post's closure. However, the EQCC tries to remain aware of the post's environmental status.

Moreover, the EQCC has taken a stand on the post's environmental program by making its headquarters staff more aware of the installation's recycling programs, said Dave Gilman, DCSLOG's Environmental Officer.

All directorate chiefs are responsible for developing an office recycling program.

"When the program began people were still throwing recyclable white paper into the waste baskets by their desks instead of the white paper receptacles down the hall," Gilman said. "Our program encourages the effort to recycle. To make it easier we suggested offices use [cardboard] receptacles for white paper next to desks. Now all a worker has to do to recycle white paper is put the used paper into the cardboard container next to his desk. When the container fills up, the worker can take it to the larger recycling can in or near his office and return the cardboard container to his desk for future use."

Also, more aluminum can depositories have been set up showing an increase of environmental awareness within the Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters. But environmental awareness goes further than just recycling paper and cans.

Sixth U.S. Army will give its subordinates the opportunity to learn about all kinds of environmental hazards and what can be done to alleviate them.

As part of their training program the Sixth Army Deputy Chief of Staff/Training will include a film about environmental hazards.

Gilman said that Forces Command produced the film called "Every Little Bit Hurts." The film has been made available to installation Training Support Centers Army wide. The film shown within Sixth U.S. Army's area will soon include introductory comments by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco.

Gilman said the Sixth U.S. Army staff is to be congratulated on their participation in a program that makes for a safer environment for us all.

New AIDS vaccine trials at Walter Reed

Army doctors say vaccine appears to halt AIDS progress

American Forces Information Service

Armey researchers said they may have found an anti-AIDS vaccine, based on a 10-month study of 30 volunteer patients, but more tests are needed to be sure.

They cautiously emphasized that the genetically engineered vaccine, called glyco-protein, or gp 160, seems to stop the progress of AIDS, but it's not a cure and doesn't prevent infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The virus destroys the victim's immune system, which results in full-blown AIDS.

"What we've done is change the body's defenses against the AIDS virus and, according to our findings, prevents the HIV infection from spreading into full-blown AIDS," said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Robert R. Redfield of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C. "The patients were HIV-positive before the test began, and they're still HIV-positive. Their disease hasn't gotten better or worse."

Redfield, a world-renowned, award-winning AIDS researcher, said proving the feasibility of using a vaccine as therapy for HIV-positive victims is a promising finding. "For a long time, many scientists dreamed of using this approach to boost the body's defenses in a chronic infection," he said. "But many other people dismissed this concept, didn't think it would work. But it does."

On the other hand, he said, it's premature to conclude there's a definite benefit to patients, because the 10-month test was too short and too few HIV-positive victims were tested.

His colleague, Dr. (Col.) Donald S. Burke, Director of the Institute's Division of Retrovirology, explained: "We only used 30 patients, and the trial was designed specifically to see whether it was effective in boosting the body's immune defenses in people already infected with HIV. We're looking for a model that tells us what immune defenses are important to protect."

To do this, Redfield said, a longer, larger and even more careful test is needed to be sure. That study is under way with a new group of about 140 volunteers at three major military medical centers - Walter



Reed; National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; and the Air Force's Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. Researchers expect that number to eventually swell to about 350 patients.

Twenty-eight of the original 30 volunteers are continuing in the test program. One died of unrelated causes in an automobile accident, and the other dropped out of the program for personal reasons.

"Volunteers were recruited from among Department of Defense health care beneficiaries," Redfield noted. "They were referred by their doctors."

Of the more than 10,000 HIV-infected DoD health care beneficiaries, about 6,000 are in early stages of the disease and about 4,000 in the late stages.

Because DoD routinely tests service members, most victims are in the very early stages of the disease and would probably respond to treatment better than people in the late stages, Redfield said.

Those in the early stages have the antibody to the virus in their blood, but are otherwise healthy, he noted. Late-stage patients are not only antibody positive, but their T cell count is below 400 and they have other infections and symptoms of disease. AIDS isn't a disease, but a condition where the body loses its ability to challenge and fight off infections.

The original randomly chosen volunteer group consisted of 26 men and four women between the ages of 18 and 49. They included active duty members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and dependents and retirees. Fourteen were non-Hispanic whites, 13 were African Americans, and three were Hispanics. They received shots over an eight-month

trial period and were evaluated for two months after the injections.

The vaccine appeared to halt the AIDS progress in 19 patients, most of whom responded measurably to the six shots of gp 160 they received, Redfield said. The other 11 volunteers, who received only three shots, didn't respond as well; four who responded partially improved when their vaccine dosage was later increased. Seven had no detectable response; all had received only three doses.

Redfield said the first volunteers coincidentally matched the ethnic breakdown of HIV victims in the general public and the military. Researchers were pleased by this chance event because the broad sample helps assure they weren't seeing reactions specific to a gender or ethnic group. About 40 percent of the people with HIV infections are African Americans, 40 percent non-Hispanic white, 10 percent Hispanic and 10 percent women.

Only patients whose bodies maintained at least 400 T cells per milliliter of blood for more than three months were eligible for enrollment. They also had to have a normal, complete blood count with no evidence of an organ disease, no alcohol or drug abuse over the preceding 12 months and no other anti-AIDS drug therapy.

Researchers kept track of the number of T cells in each patient's body. T cells are important for immunity against viruses, fungi, parasites and certain bacteria," Burke said. He said T cells sound the alarm, activating killer white blood cells that hunt down and destroy invading germs.

Burke said the immune system may hold HIV in check for a long time, but eventually, the virus starts to multiply and becomes toxic. The balance then shifts in favor of the virus. After overwhelming the T cells, the deadly virus runs rampant throughout the body, eventually killing the victim. Why it may take years for this to happen is still unknown.

The loss of T cells seriously impairs the body's ability to fight most invaders," Burke explained. "The average number of T cells in the body is between 700 and 900 per cubic milliliter of blood. When they get below 100 or 200, the immune system is so weakened that the body can't fight off infections."

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Thrift Savings Plan update

By Elayne Werner
Public Affairs Office

One of the most talked about subjects today is finances - what to do with our money. Save? Spend? Budget? Invest?

There is confusion about how to enroll in savings plans, where to put money, when to take money out. . . and if you can get your money out - especially, if you are near retirement age.

We try to understand all the different programs offered, even to government employees, which brings us to the "Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees." The Open Season, now in effect, will continue until July 31, 1991. If you are a FERS or CSRS employee, with continuous service, and were hired before July 1, 1990, you are eligible to participate in the TSP.

New FERS employees who wish to contribute must wait a specified period for eligibility. If you were hired on or after July 1, 1990, your TSP eligibility begins as follows:

Open Season for FERS employees

If you were hired	Your Open Season:
July 1-Dec. 31, 1990	May 15-July 31, 1991
Jan. 1-June 30, 1991	Nov. 15, '91-Jan. 31, 1992
July 1-Dec. 31, 1991	May 15-July 31, 1992

Signing up for the TSP

You may pick up your election Form TSP-1 at CPD. This form allows you to select how much you wish to contribute each pay period, if you want to change the amount of your contributions, and, how to compute the percentage of your contributions into the three TSP Funds offered.

TSP benefits for FERS and CSRS employees

- Tax deferral on contributions up to 10% (for FERS) or up to 5% (for CSRS) of your basic pay each pay period before Federal and, in most cases, state income taxes are calculated.
- Choice of investment funds
- A loan program
- Portable Benefits Option if you leave government service.
- A choice of Withdrawal Options

FERS employees

Your TSP account is one of three parts of your retirement coverage. The other two parts are your FERS Basic Annuity and Social Security.

FERS employees receive:

- Agency automatic (1) contributions to your TSP account, whether or not you contribute your own money.
- Agency matching contributions on your own contributions (on up to 5% of your basic pay each pay period

choice of investment funds

FERS and CSRS participants can invest in any or all of the three TSP Funds without restriction. They are:

- The G Fund—Government Securities Investment Fund
- The F Fund—Fixed Income Index Investment Fund
- The C Fund—Common Stock Index Investment Fund

The G Fund contributions are invested in short-term U.S. Treasury securities that are specially issued to the TSP. The G Fund interest rate equals the average of market rates on U.S. Treasury securities outstanding with four or more years to maturity. The G Fund began in 1987; the 1990 G Fund rate of return was 8.90%. The TSP pamphlet advises that, if you want low risk, the G Fund is the most appropriate investment Fund.

The C Fund contributions, a Common Stock Index Investment Fund are primarily in Standard and Poor's 500 stock index. The C Fund gives you the opportunity to diversify your investments and to earn the relatively high investment return that stocks sometimes provide. 1990 C Fund rate of return was 3.15%. According to the TSP pamphlet, the risk of investing in the C Fund is that the value of stocks can decline sharply and the total return on the C Fund could be negative, resulting in a loss.

F Fund contributions are invested in a Shearson Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate bond index fund, consisting primarily of high quality fixed-income securities representing the U.S. Government, corporate and mortgage-backed securities sectors on the U.S. Bond market. The F Fund offers the opportunity for increased rates of return in periods of declining interest rates. The values of the longer-term bonds held in the F Fund should increase, unlike the short-term securities held in the G Fund. The 1990 F Fund rate of return was 8.00%. The TSP pamphlet says that the F Fund also carries credit risk and market risk which could result in losses.

If you choose to invest in the C and/or F Fund, You must sign a statement that you acknowledge the risks involved. Section III of the TSP-1 Election Form offers FERS and CSRS employees the option to divide contributions among the three funds by entering the percentage (in 5% increments) applicable to each Fund (no dollar amounts).

FERS employees must invest a certain portion (any amount they specify) of their contributions in the G Fund each year until 1992. If they wish to contribute to the F and/or C Fund also, the total of the three funds must add up to 100%. Example: 90% into the G Fund, 10% into the F Fund, and 0.0% into the C Fund. The amount they contribute/invest in the F and/or C Fund each year increases according to

whatever percentage TSP allocates for that year. Example: 1987=0% 1988=20%, 1989=40%, 1990=60%, 1991=80% and 1992=100% However, they cannot exceed the limit/percentage set for the year in which they are contributing.

Once an employee has made a contribution, he or she can change the previous investment. CSRS and FERS employees who wish to transfer money (any portion) into any one of the three funds, may do so four times a year, in any month they choose. They may also cancel contributions at any time.

Additionally, a federal employee who is currently enrolled in a retirement program may, in some cases, open a personal IRA.

If you earn up to \$25,000 annually you may contribute \$2,000, the full allotment, into an IRA each year. If you earn \$25,000 - \$35,000, you may contribute a percentage of your income, based on a graduated table. If you earn more than \$35,000, you cannot contribute.

Loans

Through the TSP loan program, you have access to money you have contributed to your TSP account. The money may only be borrowed for specific purposes.

Portable Benefits

If you should leave the government before retirement age, you may transfer/roll over the money in your account to a personal IRA, if eligible. Eligibility is based upon your income and your years of service.

Withdrawal Options

By law, you can only withdraw your TSP account when you separate from the Federal Government. If you are not eligible for retirement benefits (less than 5 years service) you may transfer the account into an IRA. You cannot keep it in TSP.

If you are eligible for deferred benefits, but not for immediate retirement, you may, in addition to the above, leave your money in the TSP, receive a life annuity, and, when you retire, receive a single payment or a series of equal payments. If you are eligible for an immediate retirement (including disability and certain workers' compensation benefits), you may, in addition to the above, receive immediately a single payment or a series of equal payments.

An information pamphlet is available at the CPD Office, Building 37. The pamphlet outlines the major features of TSP's investment options. However, this is an update only. If you want more details, pick up a copy of the "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees." In addition to the Summary pamphlet, the CPD provides the booklets, "Withdrawing Your TSP Account Balance," and "Thrift Savings Plan Loan Program," if you should need more detailed information on these programs.

Leave-sharing test well-received during first year

by Army News Service

Civilian leave-sharing got a warm reception during its first year of testing, according to a recent report to Congress from the Office of Personnel Management.

In the Army alone, 2,566 employees used 425,617 of 472,941 donated leave hours from April 30, 1989, to April 30, 1990.

Under the five year leave-sharing program, established by the Federal Employees Leave Sharing Act of 1988, workers without leave accrued but who need time off can make a "withdrawal" from a bank of donated leave hours. Participation in the program is voluntary.

The Army leads all federal agencies in the number of leave hours donated and the number of approved recipients, said Joyce Bridgeforth of the Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. Bridgeforth works in ODCSPER's civilian personnel directorate.

"Thanks to compassionate co-workers and the voluntary leave transfer program, Army civilians experiencing medical emergencies affecting them-

selves or members of their families have benefited to a great degree by being able to continue their income throughout their emergency," Bridgeforth said.

"For example, over 1,049 hours were donated to the mother of a young girl struck by a truck. Another mother benefited from donated leave while caring for her son, who had an emergency liver transplant. Still another used many hours of donated leave to care for her terminally ill child."

Bridgeforth provided these testimonials from leave-sharing recipients at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"Not being one to abuse my sick leave and carrying over 240 hours of annual leave, I felt I had a sufficient amount of leave in case of an emergency. I was wrong.

"Tragedy struck twice, back to back. My husband suffered from terminal cancer and, after a long, hard battle, passed away. Then my son was murdered. My annual leave was exhausted, and my mental and physical health required an extensive amount of sick leave.

"The leave transfer program enabled me, as a sole provider, to not have to borrow sick leave or be on LWOP (leave without pay)."

"The financial assistance we received from donated leave time from my fellow workers had a tremendous effect on my recovery time from a very, very serious surgery during which I had to have my right leg amputated.

"It was a great peace of mind for me and my entire family to know that the mortgage payment was made, groceries were bought, and the lights were burning bright in a warm house. Further, it renewed my faith in mankind; there are still a lot of wonderful, caring people left in the world."

Bridgeforth said that, to date, all reporting federal agencies have recommended the program be continued.

"We have often said that the Department of the Army is and will always be a concerned and caring employer," she said. "We believe the OPM report to Congress clearly demonstrates the concern and care Army civilians have for their fellow workers."

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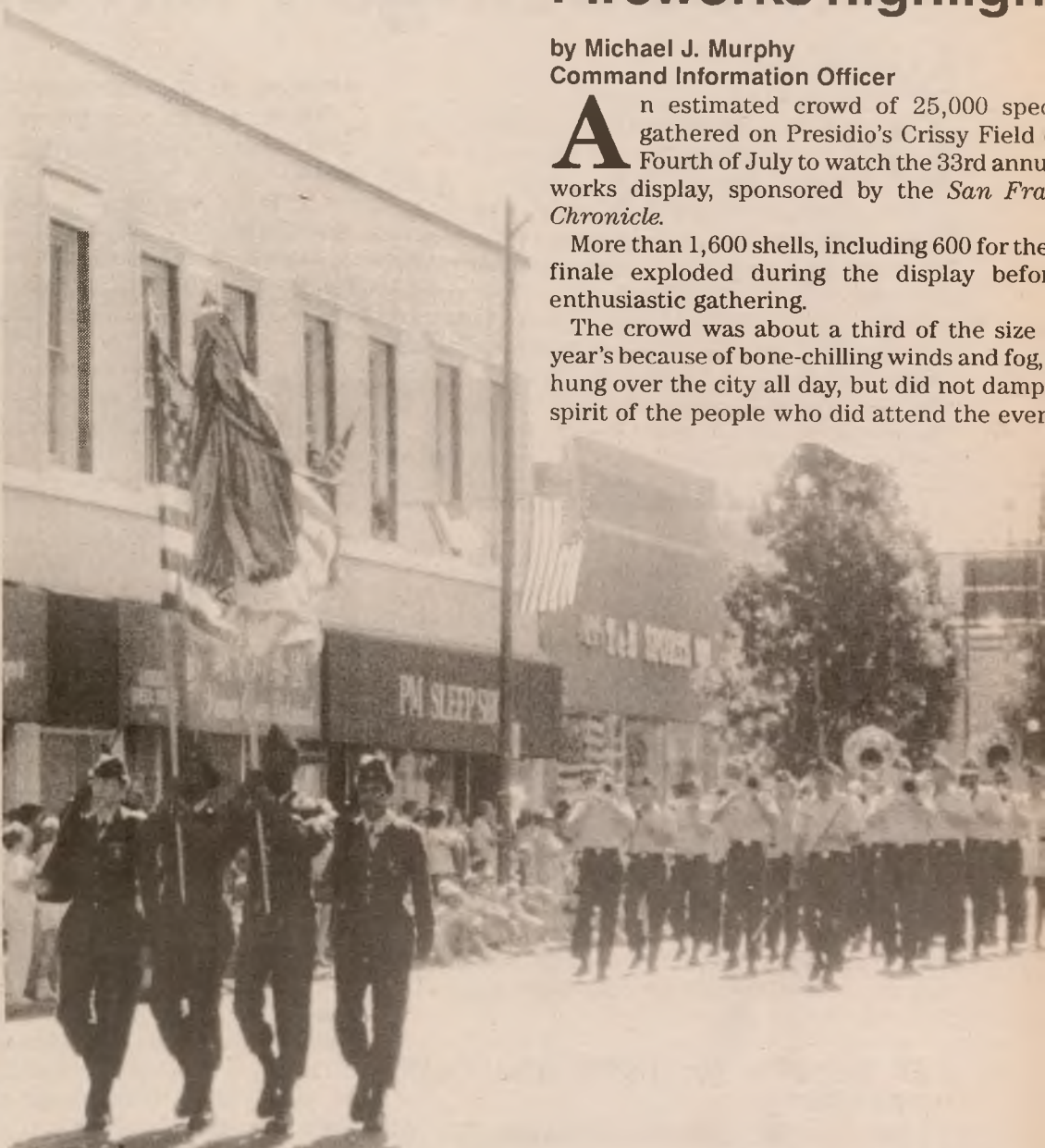


photo by Chuck Blancet
The cloud ceiling was far below the 700 feet needed for the full effect of the fireworks.

Fireworks highlight

by Michael J. Murphy
Command Information Officer

An estimated crowd of 25,000 spectators gathered on Presidio's Crissy Field on the Fourth of July to watch the 33rd annual fireworks display, sponsored by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.
More than 1,600 shells, including 600 for the finale exploded during the display before an enthusiastic gathering.
The crowd was about a third of the size of last year's because of bone-chilling winds and fog, which hung over the city all day, but did not dampen the spirit of the people who did attend the event.



The Letterman Army Hospital's Color Guard leads the Sixth U.S. Army Band through the streets of San Francisco.



Chief Warrant Officer Orville Gannon directs the Sixth U.S. Army Band during the July 4 festivities on Crissy Field.

photo by Chuck Blancet

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The fog did hamper the visibility for some of the fireworks. The cloud ceiling dropped to around 400 feet about an hour before the fireworks started, which was far below the 700 feet needed for the full visual effect of the display.

The festivities on Crissy started earlier in the day when bands and dance groups entertained the audience. The music was highlighted by the Sixth U.S. Band, who gave an hour-long concert honoring the nation and the 75th Anniversary of the Park Service.

The Sixth U.S. Band and Color Guard also marched in San Rafael's Fourth of July "Welcome Home the Troops Parade" earlier in the day.



streets of San Rafael.

photo by Jim Hudgins



photo provided by Brenda Foote

Spec. Keith Rohrs and Spec. Mark Ensinger enjoy a ride through San Rafael to the sound of cheering and applause.



remonial Platoon unleashes the concussive power of howitzers fired, in a salute to the nation.

photo by Chuck Blancet

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings

Quip of the Week: The only nice thing about being imperfect is the joy that it brings to others.

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Mize

Greetings from the Presidio Post Chapel staff. We hope and pray that your life here at the most beautiful base in the world is healthy and growing.

This article will begin a weekly column in the *Star Presidian*. We hope you will look to this column for Chapel news, programs, schedules, ponderings from the chapel staff and quips from famous and not so famous individuals.

We chose the heading "Chapel 'Pond'-erings" for many reasons. To ponder is "to meditate, deliberate, to reflect" according to Webster.

This is part of what we want to do in this weekly article. Another part can be described as we describe a pond. A pond holds many great memories and images for many of us. There was that still, deep pond down the street that we went to on those warm summer days in order to fish and swim. It was a very comfortable and safe place; it was a significant part

of the neighborhood. When we went there alone, it was quiet and still. We could hear many things at this pond that we could not hear in the quick, noisy world. We will strive to make this "Chapel Pond" that same kind of experience.

Some news . . . Vacation Bible School 1991 concludes a very successful three weeks on Thursday, July 11 with a Carnival and Picnic. We had a volunteer staff of nearly 20 individuals teaching nearly 90 children, ages 4 through 10, all about "Sharing God's Blessings." This is the best time of year for us here at the Religious Activities Center (RAC). On July 28 we will celebrate the United States Army Chaplain's Anniversary with a Potluck lunch on the grounds. Combined worship service will be held at 10 a.m. with the guest speaker being General Harrison, followed by the picnic at the Main Post Chapel at 11 a.m.

As far as scheduled events are concerned . . . We have Protestant Worship Services at the Main Post Chapel every Sunday Morning at 9 and 11 a.m. Catholic Mass is held at the Chapel of Our Lady, Building 45, Saturday evenings at 5 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9 and 10 a.m. Our Gospel community holds services at Letterman Army Hospital Chapel at 11:15 a.m. every Sunday morning. Our Jewish personnel meet every Friday at Letterman also. For further information on Jewish events, please phone Ruth Callmann at 561-2351. Protestant Sunday School will begin its summer quarter on 14 July at 9:30 a.m. at the RAC, Building 682. Catholic CCD classes will begin in September. We also have an ecumenical High School Fellowship Meeting every Monday night at the RAC at 7 p.m. For information on any of these events or any other questions you may have, please phone the RAC at 561-3535 or the Post Chapel at 561-4711.

Reflections of a Rest and Recuperation weekend in Sonoma

by Kim Stokes
Public Affairs Office

Maybe I'm too cynical. Perhaps I should let go of the painful memories of how America treated the military, to include its dependents, during the Vietnam era. Needless to say I was skeptical of the patriotic lather the country whipped itself into during Desert Storm. Working in the Public Affairs Office, I took a lot of phone calls, and received a lot of letters from companies and businesses that were looking to cash-in on this new found patriotism. Most were honest and sincere.

When the offer for two free nights in the wine country for returning troops came across my desk, I rolled my eyes and took a deep breath. "What's the catch on this one," I thought. Given the less-than-lovable attitude the Bay Area has for the military, I figured there was a hook somewhere — you know, like those Disneyland commercials — "Hey General Schwarzkopf, now that you've trounced the fifth-largest Army in the world, whatcha gonna do next?", to which the reply comes. . . "I'm goin' to the Wine Country!" I just knew the Sonoma county merchants had dollar signs in their eyes and less than an ounce of sincerity in their hearts.

I couldn't have been more wrong.

I had the opportunity to experience "Sonoma R & R" first-hand. I was ambivalent from the outset; not wanting to take that much time off for something that I expected to be somewhat cheesy. . . images of a Motel 6 and a Denny's off Highway 101 flashed through my mind. But after many conversations of

"Do you really want to go?", "I don't know, do you?", we headed for Sonoma county with mixed emotions.

Our destination for these particular dates was Healdsburg, and the Grape Leaf Inn bed and breakfast. We had gotten our confirmation through the mail some weeks before, but had had no other contact. When we arrived, our hostess was waiting with a bottle of wine, and the Inn's finest accommodations. This place was not a Motel 6. A two-room suite had gabled ceilings, and was stuffed with antiques, a whirlpool tub for two, the area's finest wines and cheeses every evening, and a huge country breakfast every morning served with a warm smile and a sincere "Welcome Home."

Included in the "Sonoma R & R" package was a free dinner at an area restaurant. The packet waiting for us at the B & B instructed us to show up at the La Gare restaurant in Santa Rosa the second night of our stay. This place was not a Denny's. When we arrived for our meal, the owner greeted us and took us to our table, gave us our menus and said we could order whatever we wanted. This place wasn't cheap, and it didn't skimp on the portions either. The meal was pleasantly interrupted from time to time with both the owner and our waiter coming by to ask questions of my companion about his deployment, and to thank him for a job well done. By the time we were done with the main course, neither one of us could move, let alone order dessert. While I sat there contemplating if it would be impolite to ask them to

roll me out the door, the waiter came by with a plate that he sat in front of us and said, "the owner insists." What it was was an incredibly rich chocolate slice of something or other, with the words "Welcome Home" spelled out around it with chocolate syrup. It was wonderful.

Our last day in the wine country was partially spent on a private tour of my favorite winery that the owner of the B & B had arranged for us. Well, I should say it was semi-private; they "allow" for up to eight people on a tour, but to get on it, you either have to know someone in the industry, or be willing to grovel a lot. When we arrived for the tour, our guide pointed out to the others that there was a Desert Storm vet in the group. . . everyone looked impressed. When the tour ended and we were preparing to leave, one of the couples came over to shake my companion's hand and offer another "thanks for a job well done." I almost cried.

I've got some strong feelings about the Bay Area and the way it views its military men and women. Maybe I've lived here too long. My trip to the wine country, offered to thank and welcome home the Gulf veterans, made me realize that there are a lot of people around here that are trying to show their support of this most recent conflict in the only way they know how, and that's good. Hopefully, offerings such as the "Sonoma R & R" will make some of the old scars a little less painful.

Sergeant Major of the Army Gates retires

by Don M. Thomas

The Army's top enlisted soldier ended 33 years of service in June.

Julius W. Gates, hailed as a "great advocate for the improvement of the quality of life for soldiers," during his appearances before Congress, served as the sergeant major of the Army since July 1987. In that role, he was the principal enlisted advisor to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl E. Vuono.

Vuono, who also retired in June, described Gates as his "friend and right-hand man," and "the finest soldier I ever knew," during the sergeant major's June 20 retirement ceremony at Fort Myer, Va. It was Gates, he said, who understood that "the quality of

life of soldiers must be equal to that of the society which the soldiers have sworn to defend."

"Bill Gates was instrumental in embedding the Army vision in the NCO Corps. . . our NCOs translated that vision to victory in Iraq," said Vuono.

Gates played down his role as a soldier when he took the podium, and thanked the organization for the "opportunity to have been in its family."

"I know I always wanted to be a soldier," said Gates. "Something special makes a soldier go where others fear to go and do what others fail to do."

Gates' career included two combat tours in Vietnam. His decorations and awards include the Com-

bat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger tab, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars with "V" device, the Purple Heart and five Meritorious Service Medals. He is noted for being the first American NCO to attend the British Army tactics course.

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Kidd succeeded Gates July 1. The new sergeant major of the Army served previously as the command sergeant major of I Corps, headquartered at Fort Lewis, Wash.

(Thomas is a staff writer with the *Pentagram*, the newspaper of the Military District of Washington.)

Soldiers, families save on hotels through MWR

by Army News Service

A little-known program operated by installation morale, welfare and recreation offices is helping soldiers and their families save money on hotel rooms.

Called the Army Hotel Reservation Program, it offers discount rates at more than 5,000 hotels nationwide to soldiers. In addition, installation MWR funds receive a 10-percent commission on every room booked through the program.

A partial list of accommodations available through the program includes Holiday Inns and Holiday Inn

Crowne Plaza properties, Choice Hotels (including Quality Inns and Suites), Comfort Inns, Clarion Hotels and Resorts, Sleep Inns, Econolodges and Roadway Inns, Days Inns, La Quinta Inns, Courtyard by Marriott, Universal Hotels (more than 100 east-coast Howard Johnsons), Treadway Inns, Chatwal Inns and Bradbury Suites.

Army officials say most of the hotels available through the reservations program are near major cities and resorts. Selections range from budget to deluxe accommodations.

Officials add that rooms booked through the program are discounted to government temporary duty rates or better.

Reservations through the program are available to active duty soldiers, reserve soldiers, Defense Department personnel, retirees, and their families or guests. Information about the program and reservations are available through installation Information, Ticketing and Registration offices or other MWR travel outlets.

Sports

Sports Briefs by Pleasant Lindsey
Star Presidian staff

Soccer is coming

Presidio Youth Sports is accepting registration for the 1991 soccer season, September through December. Boys and girls will compete in V-8, V-10 and V-12 age divisions. The age groupings will be determined by the applicant's birthdate on or after August 1979 through July 1985.

To register, bring the following to the Gym No. 1, Building 63, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., before July 24:

- a. Completed PSF Sports registration form;
- b. Completed USYSA form;
- c. Proof of birth (copy of birth certificate, passport or national immigration card);
- d. Photograph, not to exceed 1.5 inches by 1.5 inches;
- e. \$20 per child registration fee, with a \$50 family rate for three or more in one family.

An instructional program will be offered for children under 6 years for a \$10 registration fee. For more information call Allen Posey at 561-3673.

Windsurfing lessons

Are you interested in learning to windsurf? Sign up now for the Aug. 10 class. The deadline is 19 July, but space is limited. For more information visit the Information Tours and Travel, Building 215, or call 561-3992. Outdoor Recreation reserves the right to cancel lessons due to insufficient registration by deadline date.

Youth Services activities

Jazz Dance classes for beginners and intermediates is being offered every Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. These classes are for youngsters 5 and older, and costs \$40 per month, per student.

Plus, Presidio Youth Services is offering ballet for beginners and intermediates age 5 and older at Fort Scott, Building 1331, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with beginners classes at 6 p.m. and intermediates at 7 p.m. For this and Jazz Dance, call the instructor, Debbie Cutshaw at 929-1205.

Tae Kwon Do classes for youth ages 6 through 19 are also being offered every Monday and Friday for \$40 per month. Call the Youth Services Office at 561-5143 for more info.

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WARM REGARDS,

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
COMMANDING

Presidio Bowling Update

by Bobbie Gascon, Presidio Sports Branch

Hui O Hawaii Summer League

Mel Washington has been shooting like the pros, averaging 211 for his last six games to help his team 'Gaspars Darby' close to within 2.5 points within the first place team, 'Strike Force.' Washington was the highlight bowler of the week for the league, in one game bowling 235 and 201 one night and bowling 623 for a series. 'Strike Force's' Tony Lecroy finished his last evening in the league bowling 223 and 213 games, and 'Up Your Alley's' Marie Refuerzo lead women bowlers with a devilish 666 handicap series.

Other keglers who rolled 200-games include Robert Gascon, 209, and Dick Young, 201.

How the pins dropped

High game scratch (no handicap)

Women	Men
Penny Lecroy, 251	Tony Lecroy, 259
Marie Refuerzo, 248	Dick Young, 258
Joanne Harder, 238	Skip harden, 244

High series scratch

Women	Men
Marie Refuerzo, 624	Tony Lecroy, 664
Linda Law, 591	Mel Washington, 642
Joanne Harder, 567	Art Burford, 633

High game handicap

Women	Men
Marie Refuerzo, 262	Eugene harden, 258
Lucy Montalvo, 254	Willis Stout, 244
Karen Carr, 246	Skip Harden, 243

High series handicap

Women	Men
Marie Refuerzo, 666	Mel Washington, 657
Lucy Montalvo, 620	Robert Gascon, 635
Rhonda Stout, 615	Art Burford, 633

Hui O Hawaii Summer League

	Won	Lost
1. Strike Force	35.5	12.5
2. Gaspars Dary	33	15
3. Young Guns	29.5	18.5
4. Just Roll It	26	22
5. B.I.O.T.A.	26	22
6. Can't Touch This	26	22
7. Up Your Alley	24	24
8. Family Affair	21	27
9. High Rollers	19	29
10. FUBAR	19	29
11. Pathogens	15	33
12. Good Times	14	34

Scratch Singles Summer League

	Won	Lost	Avg.
1. Ray Palomarez	13	2	
2. Bobbie Gascon	11	4	175
3. Brian Kitching	10	5	187
4. Charles Kennell	9	6	168
5. David Langdon	7	8	182
6. Barry Sanders	6	9	163
7. Bruce Rennock	6	9	146
8. Robert Gascon	5	10	152
9. Calvin Derrick	4	11	169
10. Tom Law	4	11	138

Reno Summer League, week 8 results

Barbara Bagley continued her hot streak by bowling a big 234 game and a 577 high series to help keep her team, 'The Boomtown Darbys,' in first place.

High game scratch

Women	Men
Barbara Bagley, 234	Gary Schabert, 235
Valeria Dunn, 207	Joe Seabold, 228
Betty Larkins, 203	Jesus Paningbatan, 227

High series scratch

Women	Men
Barbara Bagley, 577	Joe Seabold, 651
Betty Larkins, 532	Gary Schabert, 636
Lynne Seabold, 514	Bobbie Gascon, 582

High game handicap

Women	Men
Jane Rusk, 232	Eugene Harden, 230
Jackie Schabert, 217	Joe Seabold, 228
Lynne Seabold, 217	Robert Gascon, 222

High series handicap

Women	Men
Jackie Schabert, 589	Joe Seabold, 651
Terry Satterfield, 577	J.B. Gray, 588
Norma Yusta, 570	Art Burford, 577

Reno Summer League

	Won	Lost
1. Boomtown Darby	23	9
2. Lab Rats	22	10
3. US	21	11
4. Keno	20	12
5. The Imported	17	15
6. Family Affair	17	15
7. Who Knows	16	16
8. Da Kine	14	18

Summer Singles League

	HDCP	Won	Lost
1. Sid Donnell	8	32	12
2. Rey Fajardo	7	31	13
3. Judi Charlton	11	30.5	13.5
4. Bobbie Gascon	8	28	16
5. Cleve Ashwood	9	26	18
6. Terry Sanders	56	21.5	20.5
7. Penny Lecroy	15	21	23
8. John Babauta	14	19.5	24.5
9. Tom Law	35	19.5	24.5
10. Lynne Hancock	32	17	27
11. Fran Malespin	53	15.5	28.5
12. Alice Fischer	57	13	31

PRESIDIO ARMY DAY ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PARADE FIELD IN FRONT OF SIXTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS

TIME	EVENT	TEAM COMPOSITION
10:30 a.m.	Guidon Relay	5 individuals
1 p.m.	Potato Sack Race	6 individuals
1:30 p.m.	Pass the Apple Relay	3 men & 3 women
2 p.m.	Tug of War	8 individuals

Teams may be formed by units, divisions, activities, directorates, or any group of people.

News

Walter Reed continued from page 4

The first trial, at Walter Reed Army medical Center, "was an example of the three services working together in a way they never have before," said Burke. "This is the first tri-service cooperative clinical research I know of. For those who were skeptics... it's really working. It's not just providing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard important information, it's got everyone pumped up."

Researchers are excited about the test results because this is the first time anyone has scientifically demonstrated that vaccines can change the way the

body defends itself, said Redfield.

"AIDS isn't like rabies, which kills the victim quickly. It may take up to 15 years to manifest itself, he said. Therefore, he continued, if the ongoing second test validates the first and proves that gp 160 strengthens the body's defenses against AIDS, "we make it so people get sick much slower... extend their lives much longer... if we start treatment during the early stages."

The medicine Retrovir, known as AZT, has been shown to prolong life in HIV victims suffering from

AIDS-related diseases - but not without major problems. AZT and other drugs are expensive and not readily available worldwide, Redfield said.

"The other problem with these drugs is that they're toxic and must be managed by expensive blood transfusion therapy," he added. "If our approach is shown to have clinical value, the advantages would be that it appears not to be toxic and it would be relatively inexpensive. Then the cost wouldn't prevent 10 to 20 million HIV-infected people around the world from getting treatment. That would be a real advance."

Commentary

HIV, AIDS and taking precautions

by K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

The HIV and AIDS vaccine developed and being tested at Walter Reed shows signs in the trials that it will stop the body from losing cells the virus would normally kill off. If that can be done, it could keep an infected person healthy, though that person would still be infectious, would still carry the virus, and would still be able to infect others.

HIV is the virus that destroys the body's immune system; AIDS is any of a number of diseases acquired because the body has no immune system to fend them off. HIV and AIDS may be with us for a long time—maybe forever some doctors and researchers contend. Although some day we may control the virus, we may never eradicate it.

The Walter Reed tests, however, are encouraging. They show, again, that the Army is in the forefront of research, discovery, medical breakthroughs and innovation—as it has been with other major, life-threatening diseases. And progress can't come fast enough to combat AIDS, as we face the spread of this devastating disease.

The World Health Organization at the Seventh International Conference on AIDS in Florence, Italy, which concluded two weeks ago, presented updated statistics on the dramatic increase of AIDS. It estimates that 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 adults and 1,000,000 children worldwide are currently infected with the HIV virus. It is predicted that, by 1995, 15,000,000 people, worldwide, will be infected, and, within less than 10 years, by the year 2000, that number will soar to 40,000,000.

In the United States, as of April 30, a total of 171,865 adult AIDS cases had been reported to the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC); more than 110,500 of the cases have resulted in death. Women infected with the virus now represent 10 percent of AIDS cases in this country.

The Army's official internal release on the new HIV and AIDS vaccine testing at Walter Reed, appearing in this issue of the *Star Presidian*, informs that there are "more than 10,000 HIV-infected DoD health care beneficiaries [members of the Active Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines; their family members; and retirees], about 6,000 [of whom] are in early stages of the disease and about 4,000 in the late stages."

Everyone today, military and civilian, should make a point to know the facts and to take precautions. All it can take to become infected is to have unsafe sex with one infected partner. Failure to become informed about the disease, or to talk about the disease and how it is spread, promotes ignorance; ignorance could lead to risky behavior.

Members of the military, especially young soldiers, should be aware of the reality of the situation, because, being in uniform, and knowing the military's meticulous HIV testing program, could lead to one's having a false sense of security. No country, race, gender, age, profession, social or economic group, or class of people are immune from HIV or AIDS, or from their effects.

Though the ratio of cases of HIV or AIDS in the military population does not approach that of the civilian population, it would be foolish to think the disease does not exist in the microcosm of the military, whatever the percentage. And 10,000 persons, per the DoD Release, is not insignificant.

Male and female soldiers should not think they are untouchable, therefore, just because they are in the military or because they may choose military instead of civilian partners. Just because someone is in uniform does not guarantee that person is 100 percent safe.

Also, someone who tests negative, could have been recently infected and could be contagious, with antibodies not manifesting themselves for up to six months later.

As a soldier, it is important that you be aware that even other service and family members—among them—could carry the virus and could potentially pass the virus on to you. If you are at all sexually active, take precautions.

If you already carry the virus, it is important that you take care of your health to maintain your quality of life until this disease is conquered. Stay abreast of the vast research programs underway, such as Walter Reed's new vaccine test program that may ultimately prove successful in controlling or curbing the disease, so you get the best, most current medical attention possible—and you *will* in the Armed Forces.

Your doctor, too, may know of test programs, such as Walter Reed's, for which you may volunteer, if you desire to do so and are eligible.

It is incumbent upon you, too, to guard the health of others; help prevent the spread of the virus by not putting others at risk.

And remember, generally speaking (for there are still people who find these to be touchy subjects), HIV and AIDS are *health* and *human* issues, and we're all in this worldwide fight together. "No man is an island..."

Again, get the facts. Learn about transmission. You *can't* get HIV or AIDS, for example, from casual contact, from food, from toilet seats, or from sharing a room or a tent.

But you *can* get it from having unsafe sex with someone who has the virus, and you *can* get it from sharing needles with people who have the virus.

Talk to your doctor. Talk to your friends who may be knowledgeable about HIV, AIDS, and disease transmission. Read the literature available on the subject. Become an expert and pass along the information. It is not in your best interests to stay ignorant when there's so much data out there to help you become intelligent.

But most important, *be careful* because, at least for now, once you get HIV or AIDS, you keep it.

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Community Calendar

Farewell Tea

Military spouses, are you looking for something to do during the summer? We would like to invite all military spouses to an afternoon farewell tea in honor of Mrs. Ginger Lash, wife of Brig. Gen. Peter Lash, chief of staff, Sixth U.S. Army. The farewell tea will be held Friday, July 19 at Quarters One, Muir Loop from 2 to 4 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to either Teena Larson at 931-7137 or Sherri Miller, 386-3003 if you will be attending. The Lashes are retiring in late July and will be leaving the Presidio.

The tea in honor of Ginger Lash will be co-hosted by several spouses groups on Post including the Enlisted Spouses Club, The Presidio Thrift Store, Sixth Army Wives, Officers' Wives Club, Commanders' Wives and the Retired Spouses Club. We welcome one and all military spouses to attend! Share an afternoon of socializing and saying goodbye! Please don't forget to R.S.V.P. before July 17 to either Teena Larson, 931-7137 or Sherri Miller, 386-3003.

Job vacancies

BARTENDER, NA-03, \$6.90 per hour, intermittent on-call, Camp Parks, Pleasanton, Calif;

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT, \$6.41 per hour, regular part-time and intermittent on-call positions;

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT LEADER, \$8.78 per hour, regular full-time, Child Development Center;

EDUCATION SPECIALIST, UA-07, \$22,705 per annum, regular full-time, Child Development Services;

GOLF COURSE ASSISTANT, UA-07, \$22,705 per annum, regular full-time, Presidio Army Golf Club;

RECREATION AID (LIFEGUARD), PS-03, \$6.61 per hour, intermittent on-call, Gym No. 1.

Submit applications (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, Building 37, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., 94129-5345, or call 561-5095 or 561-2947.

Teen photo class

Basic photography, film developing and printing, finishing, and mounting will all be covered in this summer class for teens. The class is held on Wednesdays beginning July 10 through August 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$25. The Photography Center, at 50 Scott Street, is part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. Cameras are available for loan. For more information, call 554-9522.

Discovery Preschool

Discovery Early Learning is a preschool especially for children 2 to 3 1/2. Discovery offers a half or full day program Monday through Friday. Talented and experienced teachers staff this program of active play and learning. The preschool is held in a Pacific Heights Victorian at Broadway and Octavia streets. For enrollment information, call PJ Handeland at 929-8617.

Into the Woods

"Into the Woods," the award winning Broadway musical will be presented by the Young People's Musical Theatre Company at San Francisco State University's Creative Arts Building, July 24 through 27 at 8 p.m. and July 28 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$6.

Advance tickets may be purchased by sending a self addressed envelope to "Tickets," 50 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif. 94117. For more information, call 554-9523. The production is sponsored by San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and San Francisco State University Theater Department.

MS-DOS 5 demonstration

A representative from Microsoft Corporation will demonstrate the newly released MS DOS 5, July 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The demonstration will be held in the auditorium of building 603. There will be items raffled to those who attend. Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Phil Purini at 561-2832/3287.

Fine Arts Museum admission increase

The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco will initiate new admission fees. General admission for adults will increase to \$5, senior, 65 and over, to \$3 and children \$2. The action was taken by Museums' Board of Trustees to offset decreased funding from the City and other outside sources. This is the first fee increase for the museum in four years. Members of the Museum Society and the Asian Art Museum will continue to be admitted free.

Estate claims

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Conrad, 384-58-6207, Headquarters, Sixth United States Army, should contact Capt. Ley, Summary Court Officer, at 561-2032. (AFKC-TR-E/2032)

Effective Army writing

The Effective Army Writing class will be held August 5 through 21, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The course is free for military and civilian employees. To obtain the required enrollment form, contact a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center or the Letterman Army Medical Education Center. For more information call, 561-4445/3692.

Message to soldiers overseas

Families and friends of soldiers wanting to send a telegram may do so by calling 561-3013/5121. There is no fee involved. The message can be 35 words or less. Phone patches are also available, primarily to Germany, providing you have the phone number.

Wood scrap sculpture

Come to the woodshop at Randall Museum to saw, glue, stack or nail fanciful wooden sculptures from our wood scrap chest. Paint your unique creation to finish off. All ages are invited July 20 at 1 p.m. The fee is \$3. Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. For more information, call 554-9600.

USO resume class and job club

The Presidio USO Resume class and job club meets Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, open to military members and spouses. Job placement and individual counseling are available by appointment. For more information, call 561-2436.

Leave donation

Laneva Sweet, a Presidio employee, is experiencing a medical emergency and has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate leave, may address any questions to the Civilian Personnel Directorate at 561-3780.

Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination will be given on August 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first test. The test must be ordered in person by July 10. For more information, call the Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

Parenting classes

No-fee parenting classes are now available at Army Community Services. Would you like to be able to handle the stresses of parenting and create closer relationships with your children? Learn how to have a happier family. Enroll in Parent Effectiveness Training for eight weeks. Sign up now for either a day or evening class which will be held at Building 103-B. The day classes will meet every Tuesday from July 30 to Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. The evening classes will meet starting every Wednesday evening, July 31 to Sept. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ACS classes

Classes addressing Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, Balancing Home and Work Demands and How to Deal with Change will be offered by Army Community Services. Are you feeling stressed because of staff cutbacks, relocations, Presidio's ultimate closure or other conflicts in your life? Learn how to deal more effectively. Sign up now for either day or evening classes which will be held at Building 103-B. Day classes will meet Mondays from 8 to 10 a.m. from July 29 to Sept. 16. Evening classes will be meeting Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m., from July 25 to Sept. 5. Space is limited. To enroll call ACS at 561-5155.

PMUG

The monthly meeting of the Presidio Macintosh User's Group (PMUG) will be held on July 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference Room, Building 1214. Everyone is welcome. Call 561-2528 for more information.

Art in the park

Register now for summer classes at San Francisco Recreation and Park's Sharon Arts Studio in Golden Gate Park. Registration began June 15. Classes are offered for youths, teens and adults in jewelry, ceramics, leaded glass, glass fusing, print making, water color, drawing, Chinese brush painting and life drawing. For more information, call 753-7004/7006.

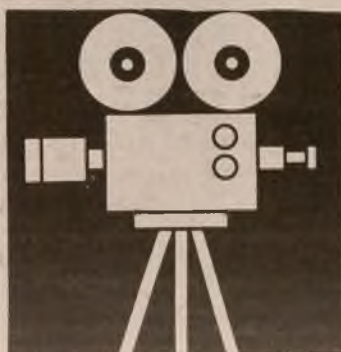
Exploratorium news

While San Francisco is not in the path of the totality of the upcoming July 11 eclipse, San Francisco-bound viewers can still witness the total eclipse live at the Exploratorium. An unusual eclipse watching program July 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offers the public an opportunity to enjoy the eclipse live through Exploratorium generated slow scan images from Baja, and enjoy 55 percent partial eclipse outdoors. For more information, call Linda Dackman at 563-7337.

Movie schedule Presidio Post Theater

Fri, July 12: Mortal Thoughts (R), 7 p.m.
Sat, July 13: Wild Hearts Can't be Broken (R), 7 p.m.
Sun, July 14: The Doors (R), 7 p.m.
Mon, July 15: Switch (R), 7 p.m.

Friday, July 19: Backdraft (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 20: Backdraft (R) 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 21: Mannequin II, On the Move (PG) 7 p.m.
Monday, July 22: Drop Dead Fred (PG-13)



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Chow time!

photo by Mike Murphy

Volunteers cook and serve barbecue and ice cream to Presidio soldiers, family members and civilians during Army Days festivities July 12.

RIF hits LAMC

By K.M.Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

A total of 217 RIF letters, which will affect 518 permanent positions at the Presidio's Letterman Army Medical Center, as well as at the Health Services Command Contracting Activity and the U.S. Army Health Clinic in Oakland, were carried to LAMC by the Civilian Personnel Office on Monday morning, July 15, according to Aleena Hampton, LAMC Manpower and Documents Branch Chief.

LAMC received authorization from the Health Services Command, San Antonio, Texas, to pass out the letters to employees. Delivery of letters began at 10 o'clock Monday morning. "Most employees will be notified by close of business on the 16th," said Hampton.

The 217 letters that went to LAMC will result in 96 separations with the remainder reassigned or affected by retreating and bumping.

"We've been discussing the impact of the RIF, and now it's finally occurring in the sense that the first letters are out," says Gary Stella, Technical Services Division Chief, CPO.

See RIF hits LAMC, page 2

New CSM: 'Training is name of the game'

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

At the apex of his reign as the undisputed and undefeated heavyweight champion of the world "Iron Mike" Tyson was asked to respond to his upcoming opponent's publicized plan to dethrone the fearsome champion.

Tyson brushed aside his opponents plan by calmly explaining, "Everyone's got a plan until they get hit."

On a much larger scale, Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army's new Command Sgt. Maj. Otto M. Copeland Jr. believes he has a plan that takes over after blows start flying.

"Training is the name of the game," the 29 year Army veteran said. "When the balloon goes up, realistic, demanding and challenging training is going to save lives."

"You don't give a soldier a false sense of security thinking he was trained because he spent the time in the field. You save his life because you've made him work and learn in the field."

Just as it is too late to learn counterpunching when you're in the ring with Mike Tyson, CSM Copeland stresses the time to learn basic soldier survival skills is not in the heat of battle.

"It is too late to teach someone how to shoot when you get out on the battlefield," he said. "You learn to shoot beforehand."

A comment by a soldier who was injured in the recent war with Iraq stuck in CSM Copeland's mind.

"There were two soldiers being interviewed after the battle," he said. "One of them told a reporter, 'When we got tired, the training took over.' To me there is no better compliment to training," Copeland said.

CSM Copeland comes to the Presidio from the 9th Infantry Division (Motorized) in Fort Lewis, Washington where he served as the division command sergeant major. He is joined here at the Presidio by his wife Patricia. The Copelands have three children: Brenda, 26, Jeffery, 24 and Tracy, 20.

After enlisting in the Army at Nashville, Tenn., Copeland served as a field artilleryman. He later served as a drill sergeant and later became an infantryman. His overseas tours include Germany, Vietnam, Korea and Panama.

(For more on CSM Copeland, see one on one interview on page 4.

Voices



Presidio View by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians,

I am again writing this article while airborne—at 21,000 feet returning to San Francisco from Portland, Oregon. It is a gloriously clear day and the forests of Oregon and California have never been more beautiful. Once again one is struck by the majesty of our great country. And once again one is happy to say—it's a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army—at the Presidio of San Francisco, A Very Special Place!

On Tuesday the 9th the Presidio of San Francisco/Sixth U.S. Army officers had their periodic Hail & Farewell. To all the departees—thanks for all your efforts on behalf of Presidio of San Francisco and God bless. To all our newcomers—Welcome! We're glad you're here!

The annual AER golf tournament was held on the 10th. Unfortunately, I couldn't play but my feed back is that it all went well. Thanks to all who participated and to the winners—HOO AH!

Army Days kicked off on Thursday the 11th. Unfortunately, I was away and did not get to participate but my feedback is that it was a great success. I hope you all got out and were able to enjoy it. To all those who participated, planned, organized, worked, my thanks, thanks, thanks! And a big HOO AH! to each of you.

I'm sure you all saw in the "Star Presidian" and the "Fog Horn" the closing of Eisenhower National Bank. We feel we have been well served here at Presidio of San Francisco by this fine institution and we regret their going. But we understand. So, on behalf of all Presidians, we say to the fine staff at Eisenhower National Bank a big thank you and a HOO AH! And to any of

you—soldier, family member, civilian employee, retiree—who does business there, please go by and see Ms. Gloria Lehman and resolve your business questions early on.

Another of those great letters this week. This civilian wrote our Installation Volunteer Coordinator and spoke movingly about our cannons at reveille and retreats and about our bugle calls. The letter concludes "I love that cannon! Thank you for Taps, it's such a peaceful sound in the night, and makes me feel safe. God bless the Army and the Presidio. You are all very special." Now that's HOO AH! And God bless that writer for sharing with us.

God bless to every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Discipline is the soul of an army. . . it makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak and esteem to all."

—G. Washington



Worth Repeating

"I am convinced that the best service a retired general can perform is to turn in his tongue along with his suit, and to mothball his opinions."

—Gen. Omar Bradley,
U.S. Army

"A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood."

—Gen. George S. Patton,
U.S. Army

"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."

—Will Rogers,
U.S. humorist

"Tact: the ability to describe others as they see themselves."

—Abraham Lincoln,
U.S. president

"Human history is in essence a history of ideas."

—H.G. Wells,
British author

RIF hits LAMC continued from page 1

The RIF will be effective September 28, says Hampson. LAMC also requested Voluntary Early Retirement (VERA) for the dates of July 15 to August 15, said Hampton, but believes the dates were changed by HSC to July 25 to August 25. "VERA is currently pending at the Office of Personnel Management," she said. "We anticipate approval or disapproval around the 22nd of July." If VERA had been anticipated for the earlier window of July 15 to August 15, she said, "we would have heard by now."

On July 17, at 9:00 a.m., a Priority Placement Program Zone Coordinator gave a presentation at LAMC on registration into the Priority Placement Program. Actual registration will begin today, the 18th, and will continue on the 19th and 22nd, for those employees to be released or downgraded.

LAMC, with the help of CPO, is scheduling another Job Fair, to take place at the NCO Club on August 28, says Hampton. The Job Fair will be open to all government agencies and civilian organizations interested. The *Star Presidian* will carry information on this subject in upcoming editions.

Editorial comment on the LAMC RIF

By K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

If you recall from my series of RIF articles, once you receive a RIF letter, and, if you are eligible for early retirement - that is, you are at least 50 years old with 20 years of service, or have 25 years of service at any age - you now qualify for discontinued service ("involuntary") early retirement. This means you can take the Lump Sum Option - the return of your retirement contributions, if you choose to do so.

If, on the other hand, you choose to wait for "voluntary" early retirement, or VERA (assuming it will be approved by OPM and offered to you), you will *not* be eligible to exercise the Lump Sum Option.

It is usually the procedure to offer VERA first to allow those interested in retiring voluntarily to do so, then for CPO to issue the RIF letters; in this way, fewer people would be affected by the RIF.

In this instance, it has not happened this way. In the current LAMC situation, the RIF letters have already been released and VERA still has not been approved. If you are interested in retiring

and getting your Lump Sum, too, you would be foolish to wait for a "voluntary" early retirement offer *without the Lump Sum*, when you can request "involuntary" separation now and decide for yourself whether or not you want to take the Lump Sum Option.

This is very important: If you have received a RIF letter which does not offer you another position, or if your RIF letter offers you a position more than two grade levels below your current position, and you are eligible for and want to take "involuntary" early retirement, then you should *act promptly* and file for retirement immediately. Because this RIF process is an evolving one, you could be offered a position at any time, which would then make you immediately ineligible for early retirement.

So, again, it's in your hands; this may be a lucky break for those who qualify, who are interested, and who act promptly.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"What values do you try to instill in your children and why?"

Cpl. Robert F. Martinelli, administrative assistant, Command Group: "The value of sharing and appreciating what they have. I grew up without a lot of things and I want them to appreciate the things they do have. I want them to think about the people that aren't as fortunate as they are and never to forget those people."



Capt. Diana L. Helsing, Headquarters Company United States Army Garrison commander: "Honesty more than anything. No matter how bad it gets, if you're honest you have it half licked."



Dianne M. Kirk, military wife: "Truth and respect for others and caring. It's important to teach children these values because they are our future leaders."



Staff Sgt. Larry Adams, supply operations NCO, Directorate of Logistics: "Responsibility and honesty. The reason for responsibility is if people take it upon themselves to do what they say they will things will turn out right. It's important to be honest."



Sgt. 1st Class Warren L. Brockenberry, Provost Marshall sergeant: "Basically self respect and respect for others and honesty. If they're honest and respect others, they'll have less problems in life."



Retirement

Brig. Gen. Peter Waller Lash, chief of staff, Sixth U.S. Army, retires July 24 after more than 33 years of active commissioned service. Gen. Lash has served here since March 12, 1990.

His retirement ceremony will be held on the parade ground in front of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters, Building 38, at 3:30 p.m. All Presidians are invited to attend.

Some of Gen. Lash's major assignments include Commander, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Carson, Colorado; Commander, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; Deputy Commandant of Cadets, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; Commanding General, First Reserve Officer Training Corps Region, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Chief, Joint United States Army Military Assistance Group, Thailand.

Gen. Lash has served in Korea and Vietnam and is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Meritorious Service Medal.



Brig. Gen. Peter W. Lash.

photo by TASC

Headquarters Company

Staff Sgt. Bill White of the Public Affairs Office and Sgt. Josie Morris of the Personnel Administration Center were recently graduated from the Master Fitness Trainer Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Staff Sgt. White was recognized for academic excellence, scoring an average 98.5. Also, he scored a 273 on his physical fitness test.

SSG Anthony Allen was selected as one of the grand marshals in a recent parade in Fairfield welcoming home the soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen who served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Kudos to Sgt. Cheryl Lee, Headquarters Company's Admin NCO. She is a member of the company's 300 club. To be a member, a soldier must score a 290 or above on the physical fitness test and as a reward can be exempted from some PT formations. Since her arrival ten months ago, Sgt. Lee has taken four PT tests, plus a test given while at BNCOC, and has scored a perfect 300 every time. The standard for scoring 300 points in her age group, 26 to 31 years of age, is 54 pushups, 80 situps and a 17-minute flat two-mile run.

Eric A. Brooks was promoted to Specialist on July 3. Brooks works for the Casualty Assistance Office.

Sixth U.S. Army

Congratulations and farewell are in order for newly promoted Maj. Phyllis R. Perry, BAT Chief, Branch Assistance Team for Ordinance, Readiness Group Presidio of San Francisco. Maj. Perry's promotion ceremony was July 1. She left the Presidio July 10 for a one year tour of duty in Saudi Arabia.

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M.P. Wayne T. Sanderlin was promoted to Specialist.



Children take a break to snack during the last day of the Presidio Vacation Bible School.

photo by Adrienne Sims

News

One on one with new Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army CSM

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

(Editor's note: The following is an interview with the new Command Sergeant Major for the Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio. CSM Otto M. Copeland Jr. recently came to the Presidio following a tour as the Command Sergeant Major for the 9th Infantry Division (Motorized) at Fort Lewis, Washington. He replaced CSM Robert A. Whiteford as the top enlisted soldier on the Presidio and within the Sixth U.S. Army.)

Star Presidian: How would you describe yourself?

CSM: "I'm a simple soldier. I believe in keeping it simple. I believe in survivability skills and teaching the basics—training is the name of the game. With a well trained Army we can do anything."

Star Presidian: Coming from the 9th Infantry Division to the Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army, what are some of the challenges or differences you see ahead?

CSM: "Fortunately I've had the opportunity to work with the National Guard before, and I don't see a major difference. With the total Army concept; the National Guard, Reserve and the Active components, necessity causes us to work together and support each other. I think the challenges are the same. We need to look at training in the the non-commissioned officer corps. To train soldiers to survive in combat and train non-commissioned officers to be the leaders of tomorrow."

Star Presidian: What do you expect from soldiers here on the Presidio?

CSM: "I expect soldiers to be soldiers. The standards are the standards of the U.S. Army. I expect the soldiers here to be professional and to do their job to the best of their ability, to train as hard as they possibly can and to seek greater knowledge on survivability skills. That's what I meant by saying I'm a simple soldier. I like to keep it as simple as possible. I don't have a lot of fantasies on bald heads and



photo by Duvel White

CSM Otto M. Copeland Jr. discusses his expectations of his tour at the Presidio.

News Briefs

Sobriety Checkpoint

A Presidio sobriety checkpoint will be conducted July 25 by the Office of the Provost Marshall.

The checkpoint represents part of the Military Police expanded use of anti-drinking driver techniques, which will be continued every month until further notice.

DEH Information Hotline

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing has established an information hotline to provide information on watering restrictions on the Presidio. The telephone number established is 561-2318.

Publication stockroom closure

The Publications Stockroom, Building 1182, will be closed for its annual inventory from July 29 through August 2. The telephone will be answered between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. each morning during the inventory for emergency only.

Job Assistance Orientation

Free Job Assistance Orientations for active duty soldiers, civilian employees, and their spouses will be held on the Presidio.

The orientations are designed to provide the job search skills, knowledge, and information needed to begin a successful career transition. Seminars are scheduled for August 6 and 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. The August 6 seminar is for military personnel only. Individuals within six months of leaving the Army who wish to attend a seminar must reserve a space by calling the Presidio Education Center at 561-2974 or 561-4445.

big muscles. You do the best you can. I think that's the key. If they are below the standards they will be talked to. If they meet the standards they won't have any problems with me."

Star Presidian: "What can soldiers expect from you?"

CSM: "I am here to serve them. Without soldiers I don't have a job. The sole purpose of my existence is to take care of and train soldiers. They can expect me to do everything I can to make their living conditions better within the limits that we have. I take care of soldiers. Use your NCO support channel first and if you still need to talk to me, my door is open. I would suggest calling to make sure I'm here. I work very closely with the garrison sergeant major and we have a good rapport. Soldiers are our main concern."

Star Presidian: What makes a good soldier?

CSM: "I say it's a combination of heart, determination, ability, desires. . . . A guy doesn't have to be an Einstein to be a good soldier. Discipline makes a good soldier. If a young soldier gets out there and does the best they can, who can ask for more? And that's how I work. I expect 100 percent from soldiers and I give 100 percent of myself. There is no compromise in that. I will not accept less and I will not give less."

Star Presidian: What makes a good NCO?

CSM: "Again, there is no magic formula to what makes a good NCO. I'm hard on non-commissioned officers, I expect them to be non-commissioned officers, to go that extra step. I expect them to counsel soldiers, both positively and negatively. I believe sergeants set the example and must lead by example within their capabilities. Many of the things that apply to good soldiers apply to good non-commissioned officers."

Star Presidian: What makes a good officer?

CSM: "One that will listen, take advice and then make the decision that he feels is called for. The officer/NCO relationship is like a pair of gloves, the left hand and the right hand, without both you can't do the things you're supposed to do. Most officers expect non-commissioned officers to be up-front,

honest, to voice their opinions before the decision is made and support that decision after it is made."

Star Presidian: What are your top priorities coming into the Presidio?

CSM: "I have two. Both of equal value. First, to maintain and make the Presidio a good place to work and live. As we all know the Presidio is going to close, but that is a ways down the road. It doesn't cost anything to police around our yard, cut our grass. . . . This is a beautiful post—let's keep it that way.

"Second, training to make ours the best fighting force possible. To keep the soldiers as trained and as ready as humanly possible. To make an NCO corps that is strong, well educated and knows its responsibilities for leading and taking care of soldiers."

Star Presidian: Motivation?

CSM: "Make the training interesting. This is a challenge to NCOs, to be innovative and make soldiers want to learn. Make the training realistic, demanding and challenging. Soldiers want to be challenged.

"The challenge is to the leaders. If the leader is down in the dumps, long in the face and gives the Humma-humma feeling, then that's how soldiers perceive it and that's how they receive it. If the leader is fired up, soldiers get fired up. It's human nature."

Star Presidian: Pet peeves?

CSM: "Lack of respect for the post and when people are disrespectful to others. Remember we are a family. Other things include being out of uniform and bad haircuts. Other than those, I don't have a lot of pet peeves."

Star Presidian: Any other topics you would like to cover?

CSM: "My family and I are glad to be here. I think we are going to enjoy our tour here. And I pass on to the soldiers of Sixth Army and the Presidio that I am here to serve them. I ask them to be soldiers. I have a lot to learn and I will learn it. But be patient with me. Also let's take pride in what we are doing."

News

Earthquake Preparedness

Are you ready for the next Big One?

by Michael J. Murphy
Command Information Officer

The Loma Prieta earthquake that hit the Bay Area on October 17, 1989 shook more than the ground. It rocked the very foundations of life for many Presidians who had to endure that experience.

Just beyond the Presidio gate, in San Francisco's Marina District, some of the trembler's worst damage occurred.

On the Presidio itself, earthquake damage totalled \$9 million. The quake also shut down power and water to many areas of the Presidio for hours. From lessons learned during that earthquake, the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization has developed the *Presidio Earthquake Handbook*.

The following information was extracted from that publication to help you become better aware of what to do, where to go and how to prepare yourself and your family in case another major earthquake hits the Bay Area.

Not every earthquake produces disastrous results. Every year in California there are literally hundreds of small quakes which go unnoticed except by scientists. Generally quakes are not felt by the public until the intensity produces a reading of approximately "3" on the Richter earthquake intensity scale.

A earthquake is considered to be "major" when it registers in the range of 7 to 8 on the Richter scale. Such a quake would be 10,000 times stronger than one with the intensity of 5. A quake of 8.3 followed by a major fire devastated San Francisco in 1906. The Loma Prieta quake, which was centered in the Santa Cruz Mountains, about 80 miles south of the Presidio, measured 7.1 on the Richter scale.

For all natural disasters survival depends upon preparedness. Earthquakes are no exception. Preparedness includes all the things a person must do before hand to minimize the effects of an earthquake. These things include educating - knowing

what to expect, family planning, preparing the home, and stocking provisions for up to one week.

In general, your preparedness includes planning all the things you can or should do before, during and after a major quake. Individual action is a key ingredient in preparation, because individuals, families, and small groups will have to rely on the quality of their own planned resources.

All Presidio personnel, organizations and facilities will be affected by any large earthquake. Full staffing of the relief organizations will not exist immediately; it may take hours or days to become effective. On-duty medical, fire and military police will be overwhelmed. The alternate for immediate aid is based on post-supportive self-help.

Assembly areas

The central locations and focus of post-supported organized self-help following a major earthquake are assembly areas. These areas are open locations to which individuals and families can report when their quarters have been damaged or destroyed. Assembly areas also will be the focal point for all earthquake survival assistance programs.

The following locations have been designated by building numbers for the various assembly areas:

Main Parade Field, PSF
Buildings 1, 299, 500-699, 900-950, 970-1199.

Paul Goode Athletic Field
Buildings 300-499, 700-899

Parade grounds, Fort Scott
Buildings 951-969, 1200-1399

Athletic Field behind Building 1599
For structures located in the Fort Baker (east) complex.

Old Fort Barry Small Arms Ranges
For quarters west of Baker-Barry tunnel

Fort Mason Officer's Club front lawn
for dependent quarters at Fort Mason.

A team of military personnel will be assigned to each assembly area. The team is the coordinating and screening unit for all activity and assistance. However, the primary purpose of the assembly area support teams is to account for personnel and to administer first aid treatment to the injured.

If your building is not seriously damaged, you may decide to remain there. **Caution** - even though the structure may seem to have suffered little or no damage, the first after-shock may cause serious damage. Therefore, it is advisable to vacate your premises and report to the nearest assembly area until the engineer personnel from DEH can determine if your office building or home is safe to occupy.

In the event a dependent family elects to remain at their residence, at least one member of the family is required to report to the assembly area and identify the family to the assembly area support team.

Children in the Presidio Nursery and Presidio Preschool or Kindergarten will be moved temporarily to the closest assembly area. Due to the age of the children and dangers of walking long distances, it is best that the children remain at the area until conditions have been stabilized, since the children will be under the care of responsible adults.

The senior officer or noncommissioned officer in a building has the specific duties assigned to him or her and will become part of the disaster relief team.

see Quake, pag

Lump Sum Option—To take or take not

By Gary Stella
Chief, Technical Services Division, CPO

The popular Lump Sum Option which allowed employees to withdraw their retirement contributions upon retirement was suspended by law for 5 years (with a few exceptions) in November 1991.

The alternative form of annuity or Lump Sum Option is still an option, however, for three groups of employees:

- People with life-threatening or critical medical conditions. When they retire, they can receive a single payment equal to their contributions as long as they are not retiring on disability.
- Those eligible to retire by last November 30, 1990, who performed essential support duties in Operation Desert Shield/Storm or were ordered to active duty in the Persian Gulf before December 1,

1990. They can receive a 50-50 Lump Sum payout.

• Employees involuntarily separated (*Editorial note: for example, when the Presidio closes and your job disappears/your position is abolished (Discontinued Service Retirement), or if you are offered a transfer outside your commuting area and you opt not to go and you are eligible for early retirement.*)

Many Presidio employees, due to the base closure, will likely find themselves at some point in a situation where the Lump Sum Option becomes a possibility.

However, is taking the Lump Sum then in your best interests?

The answer is not one-sided. If you receive the Lump Sum, your monthly annuity will be reduced by approximately 10 percent. In addition, you will

be subject to a Tax liability on the Lump Sum itself.

[If you chose the option,] what will you do with the Lump Sum and how much will it benefit you? Will you use it to pay off some outstanding debts which will lower your monthly expenses to the point where you can afford to retire? Will you invest it to increase your monthly income? Or maybe you will do a combination of the two.

In any event, taking the Lump Sum is a major decision with the right answer varying, depending on each individual's own situation.

Approximately 80 percent of Federal employees who were eligible have elected to take the Lump Sum Option.

PSF branch Eisenhower Bank to close

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Branch of the Eisenhower National Bank will close Nov. 1.

The closure is a result of a recent board decision. The bank was planning to stay open until 1993 or 1994.

"It wasn't feasibly possible to stay open," Gloria Lehman, Vice President, Branch manager, said. "We hated to do it, but it's time to pull out now."

The Eisenhower Branch would lose money if it remained open until '93, according to Lehman.

Although the bank won't be here it will still be able to serve Presidians, according to Gloria Lehman, Vice President Branch Manager. "The account will stay the same, the only difference is the customers can't walk in and talk to us."

Although the Presidio Branch is closing, customers who stay with Eisenhower don't have to do anything with their accounts. No transfers have to be made, according to Lehman.

"We want the customers to know that we are still here for them even though we aren't physically here," Lehman said. "Customers can continue to bank with us because we are a military bank and we're set up to serve the military. Many people keep accounts with banks that aren't in their location."

Thousands of customers from 43 states and 18 foreign countries currently do business with Eisenhower by mail, telephone and fax machine. With the

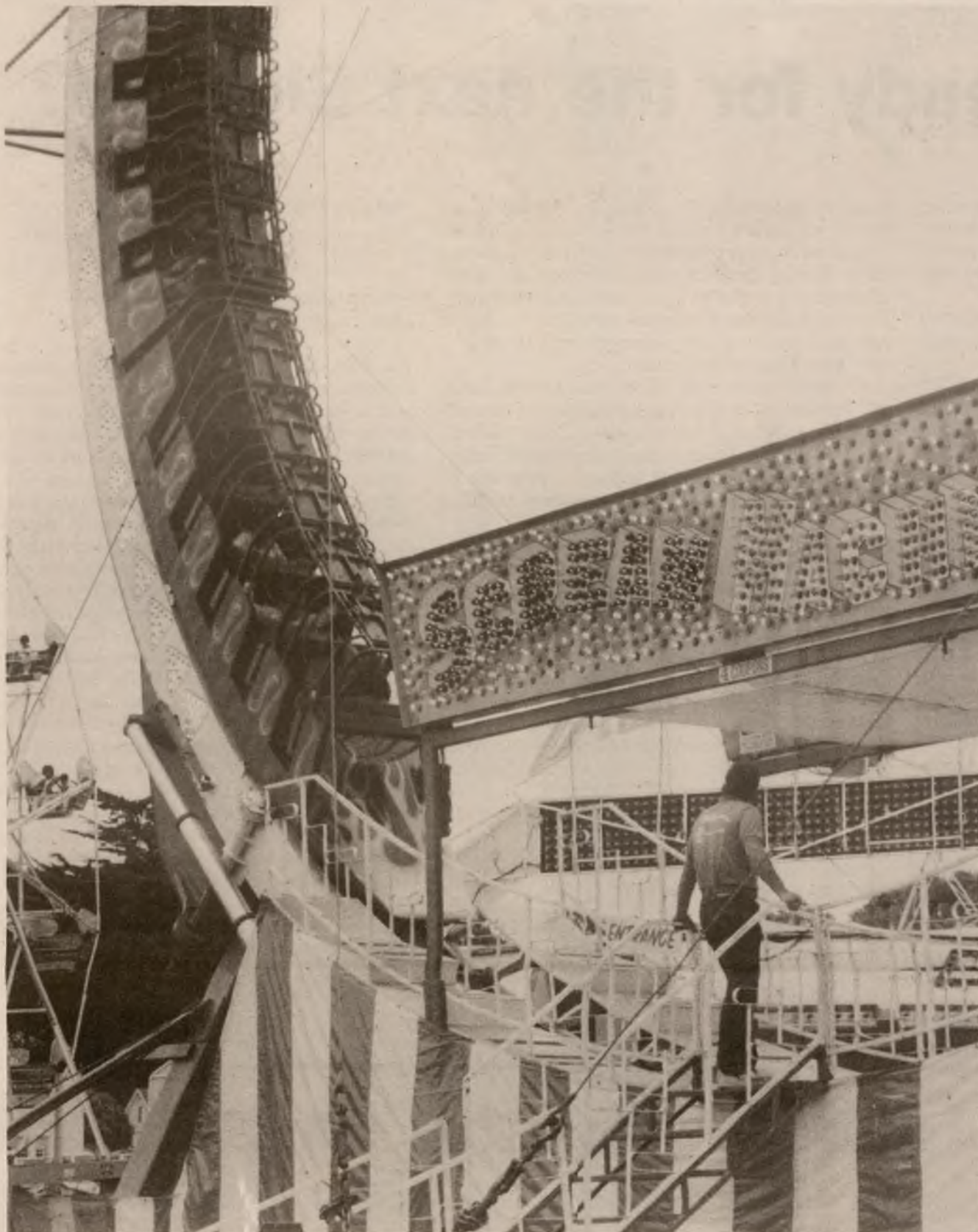
Allways Bank Automated Teller Machine Card customers have access to their accounts. There are 5,000 ATM machines located worldwide.

Customers can make deposits by mail and they will still have access to the Eisenhower toll free number in San Antonio, Texas. That number is 1-800-531-7334.

"We've known since '88 that the Presidio Branch would close," Lehman said. "It wasn't a surprise, the employees anticipated it."

The branch closing will not affect its customers, according to Lehman. "Some like to have a bank near them that they can walk into and they may decide to change banks, but we are still able to meet the needs of our customers."

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The Scream Machine provides a few thrills for young and old.

photo by Pleasant Lindsey III



Maj. Kenneth R. Matlock, director, Plans, Training, and Mobilization, shares a ride with Nadine Goldman, a Bay Area resident who organized a picnic for Sixth U.S. Army and offered assistance to family members of the Presidio during Operation Desert Storm. Another fine citizen.

photo by Chuck Blancet



Headquarters Company's tug-of-war team snags potato sack race. LAMC won the 5-mile guidon

Carnival, bands boos

by Pleasant Lindsey III

The Davis Carnival pitched its tents on the and offered thrilling rides and arcade games old July 11 through 14 as part of the Presidio's Army Days celebration.

Maj. Kenneth R. Matlock, director, Plans, Training, had worked with the Davis Carnival when to Fort Ord, Calif., and was able to get them to bring to the Presidio this year.

Nadine Goldman organized a picnic for the soldiers members of Sixth U.S. Army that lasted more than providing free hot dogs, salads and ice cream.

What made the picnic special was that Goldman



The Leberz Festival Band performs in the Fest



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

ches another victim across the line. They also won the relay race.

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tion to the military in any way. She is just a Bay Area citizen who wanted to show her appreciation to the soldiers at the Presidio. Throughout Operation Desert Storm she delivered baked goods to the post for the soldiers. What a citizen.

Live bands played during the weekend. Larry Thompson brought his band, "Indian Bingo," to play for three performances during the weekend. They are expecting to have their second album on the charts soon. Also, a German Oompah band, the "Lebherz Festival Band," played in the Fest Tent on July 12, as did Jimmy Price on July 13.

And to add to the excitement, the entire celebration was open to the public to be shared by all.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Tent.



photo by Sam Park

Brig. Gen. Peter W. Lash, chief of staff, Sixth U.S. Army officially opens the Army Days celebration.



photo by Charles Blancet

There were plenty of rides just for the children. The Davis Carnival designated one day as family day for family members of Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings

by Steve Miller

During these cold days of summer here at the Presidio, we sometimes take on a melancholy attitude. What with all the families moving out during these summer months, programs coming to an end, family members either stationed overseas or on TDY, we can get depressed.

During difficult times like these we find ourselves turning to God for some answers. God is there, although not always in a way we want. We are told from an early age that God helps those who help themselves.

There is the story of a man, a fine religious man, who was caught in a flood. When the water came up to his porch, a man drove up in a 4 wheel drive jeep and asked him to get in. The man said, "No, God will save me." The flood continued and the water rose to the roof. The man, now sitting on the roof, is approached by another man in a row boat who asks him to get into the boat. The man said, "No, God will

save me." The flood continued and the water rose. The man now sitting on the top of his chimney is approached by a helicopter and he gives the same answer. The man drowns. When he meets God face-to-face, he asks God why He had not saved him. God replies that He had sent a 4 wheel drive jeep, a row boat and a helicopter and the man did not take advantage of any of these saving devices.

Moral: Get involved and look for God's saving gestures in day-to-day events. They are there if we look.

There are many programs here at the Chapel as well as at other organizations here at the Presidio. We just need to get involved with these programs and sure enough, God will be recognized in many situations. Ponder that!

A few special events that are coming up for the Presidio Post Chapel: Sunday School is beginning its summer quarter and classes are available for all Presidio residents from age 3 to adults at 9:30 at the

Religious Activities Center (RAC). Just drop by the RAC, Bldg 682, to register. The Presidio Post Chapel will turn 60 years old on the 28th of July. We will have a special 10:00 worship service led by the Commanding General, LTG Harrison. This will be followed by one of those famous Chapel Pot-Lucks. If you have not experienced a Chapel Pot-Luck, you are in for a treat!

As for regularly scheduled events: Catholic mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5:00 in the evening and 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday mornings; Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel (for more information please phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397); Protestant Services are held every Sunday morning at 9:00 and 11:00; and we have a Gospel Meeting at LAMC every Sunday morning at 11:00. For information about any of these events, phone the Post Chapel at 561-4239, or the Religious Activities Center at 561-3535. We look forward to hearing from you.

Eclipse creates shadows over Bay Area

by Dixie Porter
Star Presidian Staff

How can you see something really special if you aren't allowed to look at it? In this case, by going to the Exploritorium, located in the Palace of Fine Arts, just outside the Presidio of San Francisco.

Between 2,600 and 3,000 people did just that on Thursday, July 11, taking advantage of the "slow-scan image TV" viewing of the Eclipse, according to the staff at the exploritorium. Although it was a total eclipse in Baja, California, it was only a 55 percent eclipse in San Francisco.

In addition to having two viewing areas inside the Exploritorium, there was an "Eclipse Walk" outside in the front of the building which held a number of different methods of viewing the eclipse without causing damage to the eye. Radio, TV and the newspapers all stressed DON'T LOOK AT THE ECLIPSE. It is not the eclipse that causes damage to the eye, but the SUN. People should never look directly at the sun for any reason.

It will be a little over 26 years before we'll get the chance to see a total eclipse again from North America, although there will be a number of partial and annular eclipses. The San Francisco-based Astronomical Society of the Pacific, states, "... the path of totality will stretch from British Columbia in the Northwest to the Carolinas in the Southeast ..." during the Aug. 21, 2017 eclipse.

"The total phase of the July 11 eclipse which lasted almost seven minutes in some areas was the third longest eclipse since 1898, and the longest event until the year 2132," says the Astronomical Society. "Most eclipses last only 3 to 4 minutes, and the August 21, 2017 total phase is expected to last only 2 minutes, 40 seconds."

There was standing room only in the two viewing areas of the Exploritorium long before the eclipse started at 10:11 a.m. The large screens featured eclipse viewing from Hawaii through parts of the United States and into Mexico. Excited viewers flowed into and out of the indoor theater rather rapidly as if they couldn't decide whether to watch this wondrous happening via the magic of modern science or by going outside and watching it actually happen.

"There was subdued, bluish light, and crescents everywhere," said Linda Dackman, Public Information Officer at the exploritorium, who saw both sides of this phenomenon—from inside and outside. "Normally there are thousands of little circles or 'sun' images outside under the trees, holes or spaces between the leaves act like a pinhole camera," Dackman stated, "we just don't notice them." "During the eclipse, those circles clearly became crescents and really highlighted something one normally doesn't see, she said."

People outside were shining reflections of the eclipse on the walls of the building so it was covered with hundreds of crescents. Those who had special

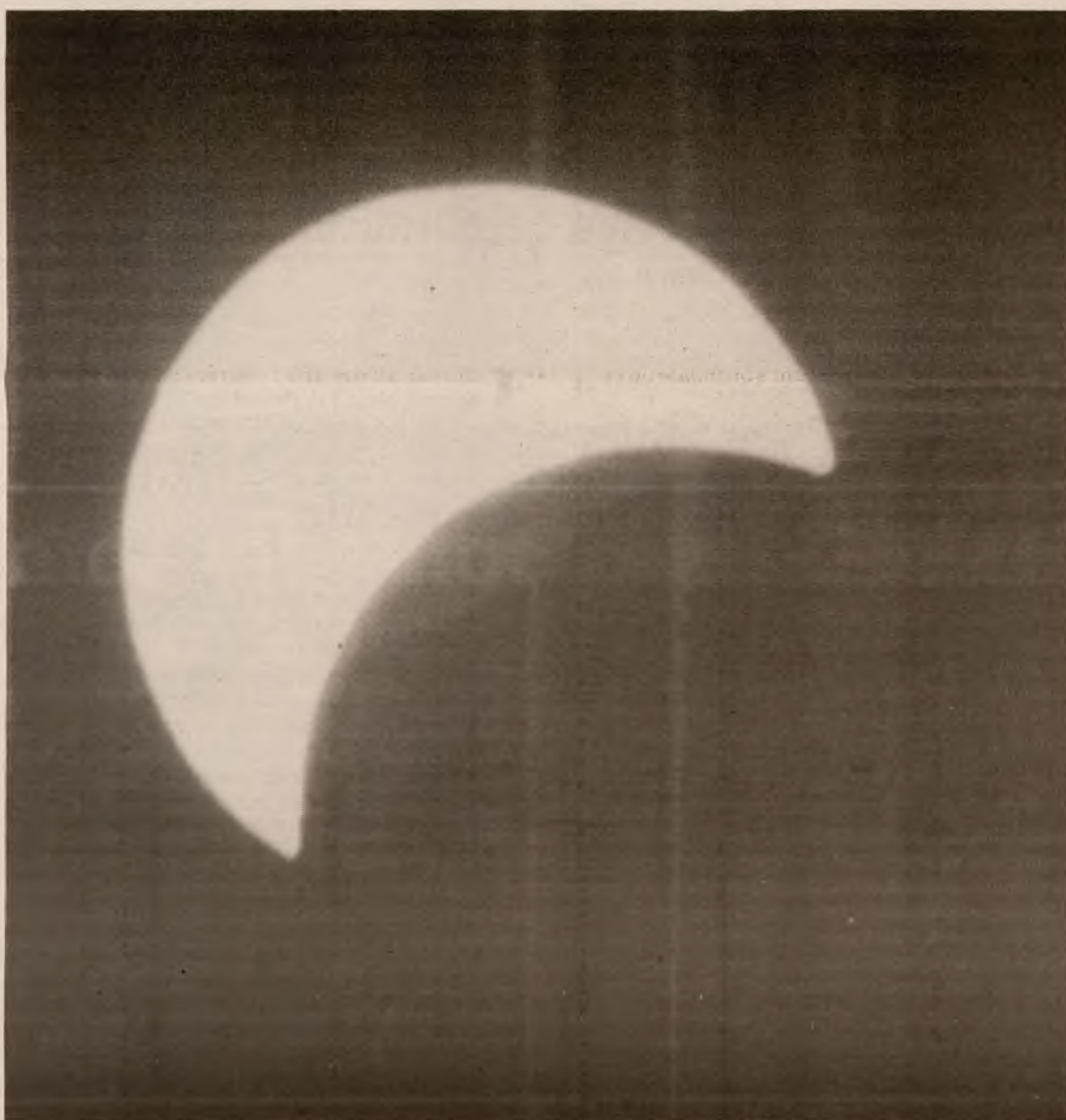


photo by Chuck Blancet

The moon covers 55 percent of the sun in the Bay Area during the July 11 solar eclipse.

glass or viewing material were sharing with those who had none. There was an excited, yet subdued feeling to the outside gathering as murmurs of awe and disbelief were heard. From inside, a loud clapping and cheers as a spectacular view from CNN TV was shown. Some inside viewers felt it wasn't safe to actually go outside and watch the show.

Dr. Paul Doherty, Planetary Physicist and Exploritorium staff member, said that it's perfectly safe to go outside or to view an eclipse as long as you don't look directly at the sun. He explained several methods of looking at an eclipse without doing injury to your eyes.

At the conclusion of Mother Nature's spectacular performance, Doherty presented a slide show and

lecture on this as well as other eclipses he'd been to view. He stated that people have been able to forecast eclipses for more than 2000 years B.C. and that England's famous Stonehenge is believed by some scientific minds to be an eclipse predictor.

Whether Stonehenge forecasts it or not, there will be a slight partial eclipse visible in May 1993 from the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada, says the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, as well as an annular eclipse on May 10, 1994 which promises to pass directly over Baja California to New York.

Get out the special glass and practice making different types of "pin-hole" cameras! It's not that long until we'll be able to see another one of the more spectacular treats of nature by "not looking" at it.

Sports

Sports Briefs by Pleasant Lindsey III Star Presidian staff

PSF Tennis Tournament

The Presidio is hosting its annual tennis tournament Sept. 9 through 15. Players can sign up at any Presidio sports facility. The tournament will be held after normal duty hours and on weekends.

There will be five divisions for players to compete in. For men there will be an Open Division for players 39 years and younger and a Senior Division for players 40 and older. The Women's Division will be open for all ages.

There also will be both Men's and Women's Doubles Divisions.

The tournament will be open to all Active Duty military, Department of the Army civilians, dependents 19 years of age and older and retirees residing within 50 miles of the Presidio of San Francisco.

The entry fee is \$5 per event, and the entry deadline is 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 28.

Again, players can sign up at any Presidio sports facility or call 561-5032 for more information.

Youth Services activities

Jazz Dance and ballet classes for beginners and intermediates is being offered every Tuesday and Thursday for youth 5 years of age and older at Fort Scott, Building 1331, starting at 6 p.m. For more information call the Youth Services Office at 561-5143.

Soccer is coming

Presidio Youth Sports is accepting registration for the 1991 soccer season, September through December. Boys and girls will compete in V-8, V-10 and V-12 age divisions. The age groupings will be determined by the applicant's birthdate on or after August 1979 through July 1985.

To register, bring the following to the Gym No. 1, Building 63, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., before July 24:

- a. Completed PSF Sports registration form;
- b. Completed USYSA form;
- c. Proof of birth (copy of birth certificate, passport or national immigration card);
- d. Photograph, not to exceed 1.5 inches by 1.5 inches;
- e. \$20 per child registration fee, or a \$50 family rate for three or more in one family.

An instructional program will be offered for children under 6 years for a \$10 registration fee. For more information call Allen Posey at 561-3673.

Softball Scores

July 11
5:30 p.m.
LAMC Two 18, DOL 11;
LAMC One 17, LAIR Two 2;
6:30 p.m.
USAG 2, Park Police 0;
LAIR One 7, AAFES 0;
7:30 p.m.
LEC 7, FBI 6.

July 9
5:30 p.m.
LAMC One 2, Park Police 0;
LAIR One 13, LAMC Two 7;
6:30 p.m.
FBI 14, LAIR Two 3;
USAG 31, AAFES 2;
7:30
DOL 12, ISC/INSCOM 9.

Standings	
As of July 11	
	Won-Lost
1. LAMC One	13 - 1
2. DOL	11 - 4
3. LEC	9 - 3
4. ISC/INSCOM	8 - 5
4. LAMC Two	8 - 5
6. FBI	7 - 7
6. LAIR One	7 - 7
8. USAG	6 - 7
9. LAIR Two	2 - 11
10. Park Police	2 - 12
11. AAFES	2 - 13

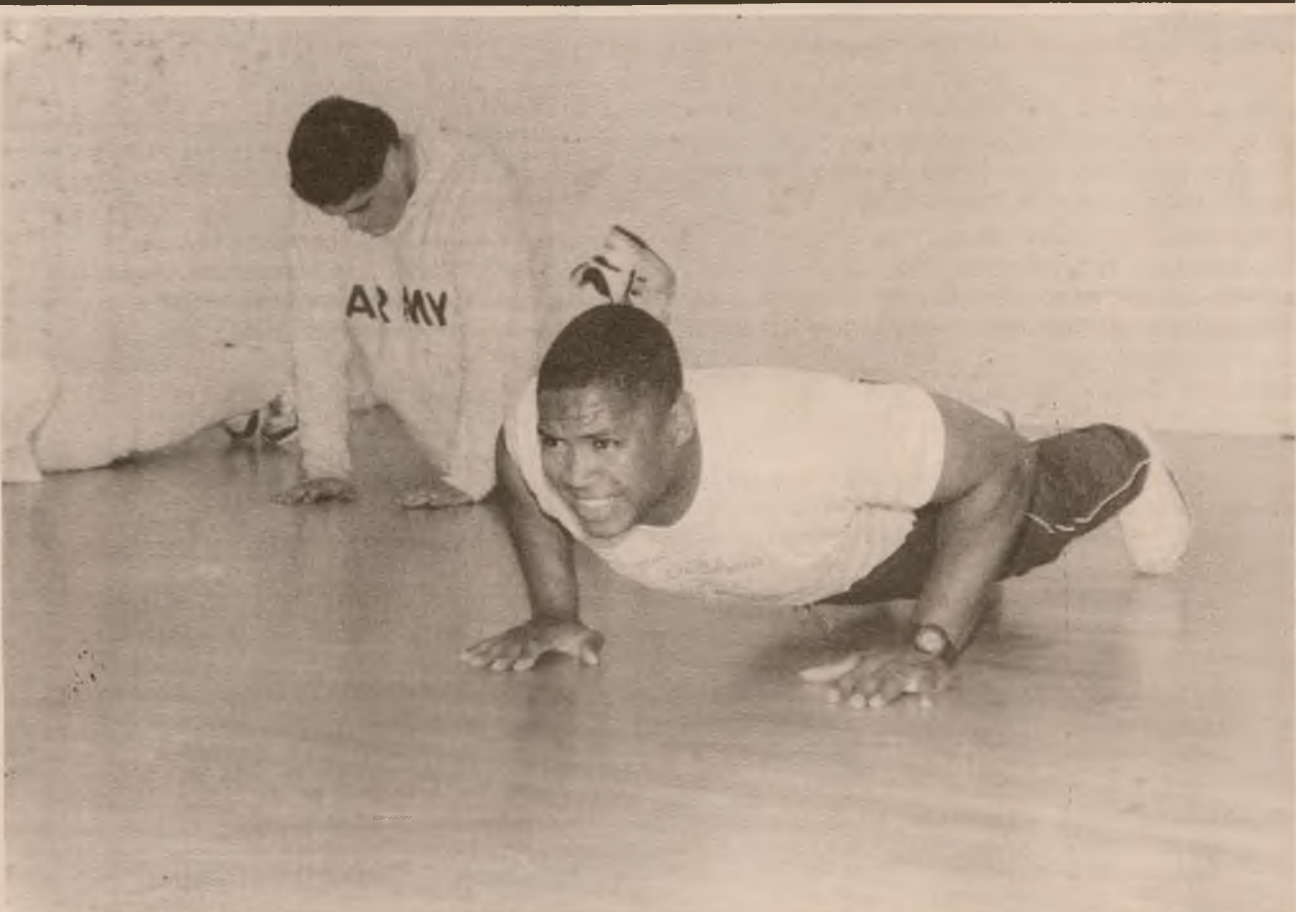


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Staff Sgt. Sheldon W. Martin, master fitness trainer, leads soldiers through the pushup improvement phase of his remedial PT program.

PT program challenges soldiers

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"I can run all day and I can run all night, come mornin' time I'm fit to fight"

Staff Sgt. Sheldon W. Martin is making sure that the soldiers who sing this cadence will live up to it.

Martin is in charge of the Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison remedial PT program.

Since he took charge in March, four soldiers who failed the PT test and seven soldiers who were overweight have graduated from the program.

"The program consists of challenges best described through the components of fitness," Says Martin. "These are the cardiovascular respiratory endurance, flexibility, muscular endurance and body composition. However, read in your bible first Timothy 4:8."

The program is tough, but Martin keeps the soldiers motivated and interested.

"We keep soldiers motivated by challenging them," Martin said. "The program offers a variety: aquatics, different types of runs, exercises to music and muscle failure."

Soldiers are improving, according to Martin, but he doesn't take full credit for their improvements.

"Whatever they put into it, they get out of it," Martin said. "They have to continue to challenge themselves."

According to Martin, the program is very important—not just to the soldiers on the program.

"It's importance is to assist and aid commanders

with a ready unit by retaining the most qualified soldiers," Martin said. "It assist soldiers who have failed a PT test or are overweight become qualified for retention and local promotions and also assists the commander on deciding who to advance by their points."

Since Martin has been in charge, all PT failures have increased their PT scores by at least 25 points within the first three weeks.

"All soldiers who are overweight have complied with the Army standards of losing three to eight pounds per month," Martin said. "There has been as low as two percent body fat to above six percent decrease and soldiers have graduated from the program."

Martin is assisted by Sgt. Melanie A. Ladra and Sgt. Keith Herigstad.

"The goal of the program is to retain the most qualified soldiers in Garrison," Martin said. "It's also to keep the body fit and keep a fit attitude."

PT is held every weekday morning from 6 to 7:30. Although Martin has to get up early every morning, he enjoys it.

"It's my job," Martin said. "Since being here, we've developed a sense of fitness and we get a chance to see the progress that is being made."

"The program works because it isolates individuals with specific fitness deficiencies," Martin says. "We get the chance to watch them, assist them and see the improvements."

USAG slaps AAFES around for 31 runs

by Pleasant Lindsey III

AAFES must have wondered, "Will it ever end?" It did end after three innings and 31 runs, a punishment that kept AAFES in the basement of the league standings, July 9.

USAG scored 15 runs in the third and final inning. Can you say 'skunked?'

Richard Nunemaker lead off the third with a double, Bill White followed with an RBI single, John Cook hit a double and then AAFES gave up three more singles in succession. John Dumoulin slapped a three-run homer for the seventh run of the inning. There was still only one out.

Next, James Williams got his fourth hit of the game (one of five USAG players to do so) and Richard Crisp, Nunemaker and Sheldon Martin added three more singles, the last two scoring runs. This was getting

pretty ugly.

With the score 26 - 2, White got his fourth hit of the night and Cook added a double to score Martin and Nunemaker for a 28-2 lead. There wasn't enough salt in this wound, so USAG substitute Edward Flowers hit another run-scoring single, and three hits later USAG had a 31-2 lead.

USAG scored 14 runs in the first inning, two runs in the second and 15 more in the third. Dumoulin had five hits, two home runs, seven runs batted in and scored four runs (AAFES problem may have been connected to this fellow), and Wade Matsuda had four hits and a walk. Other USAG leaders were as follows:

- Williams, four hits and two RBIs;
- Nunemaker, four hits and two RBIs;
- White, four hits, two doubles, three RBIs.

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Senior occupants should know how to turn off the gas and electricity outside their building and should do so immediately after the initial shock, or insure that is taken care of in their absence.

The senior occupant should also insure that all occupants are accounted for, they are prepared for aftershocks and have been directed to the assembly areas. At the earliest opportunity notify the assembly area support team or a military police patrol in your area of the status of your area.

Preparation

To better prepare for an earthquake you should identify danger spots (near windows, fixtures and tall furniture). Know the safe area in each room of your building (under sturdy tables, desks, inside doorways, inside hallways, and against walls).

You should develop a family plan. Decide how and where your family will reunite if you are separated. Choose a distant friend that family members can call after separation.

You could also conduct practice drills and rehearsals; learn CPR; attend the Red Cross First Aid course, develop a list of emergency numbers and learn the location of utility shut off controls and how to shut them off, if required.

Suggested non-food items that may be useful after an earthquake are:

1. Paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils
2. Pre-moistened wash cloths
3. Large, heavy duty plastic bags
4. Hand soap and liquid detergent
5. Paper towels and napkins
6. Toilet tissues, feminine supplies, diapers
7. Candles, matches
8. Can opener

9. First Aid supplies
10. Battery-operated radio, flashlight
11. Extra batteries
12. Crescent wrench

Suggested food items should include:

1. Canned or dehydrated fruits and vegetables
2. Canned or dehydrated meat or fish
3. Juices or ready-to-drink beverages
4. Sealed boxes of crackers and other food that do not require preparation
5. Water in hard plastic bottles
6. Pet foods, if you have pet(s)
7. Baby food, if needed

This list is only a guideline. The needs of each family will be different, and your supplies should vary accordingly.

During an earthquake

Unless you are in immediate danger as a result of an earthquake, stay indoors. Take cover under a desk, table, bench, in doorways, halls or against walls. Stay away from windows, mirrors, skylights, glass, furniture and objects that may fall over. In multi-story or crowded buildings, do not panic or run for the exits. Do not run outdoors - you may be hit by falling debris or falling electrical wires.

If you are outdoors, get away from high buildings, walls, power poles and objects that could fall. Do not run through streets or alongside buildings. If possible, move to an open area away from the hazard zone.

If you are in your car when the quake hits, stop in the safest place available (preferably an open area away from buildings, bridges, overpasses or other structures and remain in your car).

After an earthquake

After an earthquake there may be large aftershocks. Although these are generally smaller than the first shock, they may be large enough to cause additional damage.

Check your utilities. If your water pipes or gas pipes are damaged, your electrical wires are shorting, or your lights are flickering, turn off the utility at the primary control point. Do not smoke or use matches or other open flame objects. If you smell gas; open all windows and exterior doors so the gas can escape. Leave your building and do not re-enter until a representative from the post engineers arrives and makes repairs or tells you it is safe.

If you must leave your buildings, don't forget to take your personal items, i.e. dentures, eyeglasses and any special medications with you. If possible, secure your home. Post a note where you are. Tie a rag to your front door to let rescuers know you have left. The Military Police will be in the area, and all personnel should listen to instructions that will be announced over the patrol cars' public address systems.

Additionally, if some type of emergency service is required, the Military Police on the scene will summon it. Monitor your portable AM radio for earthquake instructions. These are located on your AM broadcast band and are:

KNBR 680 kc dial position 68
KCBS 710 kc dial position 74
KGO 810 kc dial position 81

For more information on preparing for an earthquake, you can obtain a copy of the Presidio Earthquake Handbook by contacting the Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization, Headquarters Building 220, at 561-3781.

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Community Calendar

'O' Club Member Appreciation Night

The Presidio Officers' Club announces its Member Appreciation Night on Aug. 9. Lt. Gen. and Mrs. William H. Harrison will host the evening. There will be a variety of entertainment with Susan Fourcade on Piano in the Moraga Room, the Johnny Staton Band in the Grand Ballroom, and a Jazz Combo in the Attic Lounge.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. This event is free to members and their spouses. Members' guests will be charged \$25 per person. Reservations are required so please RSVP no later than July 31 by calling 921-1612. Club cards will be checked at the door.

(To help prepare for this event the Moraga Dining Room will be closed for lunch that day. The Snack Bar will be available for lunch service in the Grand Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Job vacancies

BARTENDER, NA-03, \$6.90 per hour, intermittent on-call, Camp Parks, Pleasanton, Calif;

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT, \$6.41 per hour, regular part-time and intermittent on-call positions;

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT LEADER, \$8.78 per hour, regular full-time, Child Development Center;

EDUCATION SPECIALIST, UA-07, \$22,705 per annum, regular full-time, Child Development Services;

GOLF COURSE ASSISTANT, UA-07, \$22,705 per annum, regular full-time, Presidio Army Golf Club;

RECREATION AID (LIFEGUARD), PS-03, \$6.61 per hour, intermittent on-call, Gym No. 1.

Submit applications (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, Building 37, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., 94129-5345, or call 561-5095 or 561-2947.

PMUG

The monthly meeting of the Presidio Macintosh User's Group (PMUG) will be held on July 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference Room, Building 1214. Everyone is welcome. Call 561-2528 for more information.

Resume class and job club

The Presidio USO Resume class and job club meets Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, open to military members and spouses. Job placement and individual counseling are available by appointment. For more information, call 561-2436.



101 Dalmations returns

One of the largest and most colorful casts of all time is "spotlighted" in Walt Disney's animated classic, "101 Dalmations," now in Bay Area theaters. With a first time ever Dolby Stereo soundtrack and vibrant new prints, "101 Dalmations" returns better than before. It's family entertainment at its best.

'Into the Woods'

"Into the Woods," the award winning Broadway musical will be presented by the Young People's Musical Theatre Company at San Francisco State University's Creative Arts Building, July 24 through 27 at 8 p.m. and July 28 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are adults \$6 and children. Advance tickets may be purchased by sending a self addressed envelope to "Tickets," 50 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif. 94117. For more information, call 554-9523. The production is sponsored by San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and San Francisco State University Theater Department.

Information Hotline

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing has established an Information Hotline which will provide residents with recorded information on watering conditions (i.e. Conditions Green, Yellow, Red), unscheduled power outages, emergency water shut offs and other DEH information that may impact the community. The number to call to get the recording is 561-2318.

New admission fees

The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco will initiate new admission fees. General admission for adults will be increased to \$5, senior 65 and over to \$3 and children \$2. The action was taken by Museums' Board of Trustees to offset decreased funding from the City and other outside sources. This is the first fee increase to the museum in four years. Members of the Museum Society and the Asian Art Museum will continue to be admitted free.

MS DOS 5 demo

A representative from Microsoft Corporation will demonstrate the newly released MS DOS 5, Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The demonstration will be held in the auditorium of building 603. There will be items raffled to those who attend. Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Phil Purrini at 561-2832/3287.

Wood scrap sculpture

Come to the workshop at Randall Museum to saw, glue, stack or nail fanciful wooden sculptures from our wood scrap chest. Paint your unique creation to finish off. All ages are invited Saturday at 1 p.m. The fee is \$3. Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. For more information, call 554-9600.

Estate claims

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Conrad, 384-58-6207, Headquarters, Sixth United States Army, should contact Capt. Ley, Summary Court Officer, at 561-2032. (AFKC-TR-E/2032)

Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination will be given on August 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first test. The test must be ordered in person by July 10. For more information, call the Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

Parenting classes

No-fee parenting classes are now available at Army Community Services. Would you like to be able to handle the stresses of parenting and create closer relationships with your children? Learn how to have a happier family. Enroll in Parent Effectiveness Training for eight weeks. Sign up now for either a day or evening class which will be held at Building 103-B. The day classes will meet every Tuesday from July 30 to Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. The evening classes will meet starting every Wednesday evening, July 31 to Sept. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ACS classes

Classes addressing Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, Balancing Home and Work Demands and How to Deal with Change will be offered by Army Community Services. Are you feeling stressed because of staff cutbacks, relocations, Presidio's ultimate closure or other conflicts in your life? Learn how to deal more effectively. Sign up now for either day or evening classes which will be held at Building 103-B. Day classes will meet Mondays from 8 to 10 a.m. from July 29 to Sept. 16. Evening classes will be meeting Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m., from July 25 to Sept. 5. Space is limited. To enroll call ACS at 561-5155.

Commissary Council

The PSF Commissary Council meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. on July 26 in the Commissary Conference Room, Building 653. Guests are welcome.

Discovery Preschool

Discovery Early Learning is a preschool especially for children 2 to 3 1/2. Discovery offers a half or full day program Monday through Friday. Talented and experienced teachers staff this program of active play and learning. The preschool is held in a Pacific Heights Victorian at Broadway and Octavia streets. For enrollment information, call PJ Handeand at 929-8617.

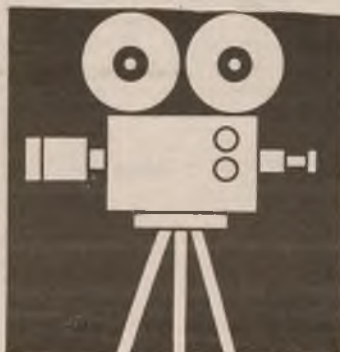
Summer science adventures

There's still room for your child at the Headlands Institute Day Camp/Residential Camp for youth ages 6 through 12. The camp is located along the Pacific Coast in the Marin Headlands near the Marine Mammal Center. This area is just northwest of the Fort Cronkhite Housing area. There will be science experiments, outdoor games and arts and crafts available for the children. Call 332-5771 for more information.

Movie schedule Presidio Post Theater

Friday, July 19: Backdraft (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 20: Backdraft (R) 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 21: Mannequin II, On the Move (PG) 7 p.m.
Monday, July 22: Drop Dead Fred (PG-13)

Fri, July 26: Thelma and Louise (R), 7 p.m.
Sat, July 27: Madonna: Truth or Dare (R), 7 p.m.
Sun, July 28: Only the Lonely (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Mon, July 29: What About Bob? (PG), 7 p.m.



Environmental tip

by Elayne Werner
Public Affairs Office

Wood

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News Briefs

Sobriety Checkpoint

A Presidio sobriety checkpoint will be conducted July 25 by the Office of the Provost Marshall.

The checkpoint represents part of the Military Police expanded use of anti-drinking driver techniques, which will be continued every month until further notice.

Publication stockroom closure

The Publications Stockroom, Building 1182, will be closed for its annual inventory from July 29 through August 2. The telephone will be answered between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. each morning during the inventory for emergency only.

Personal affairs presentation

There will be a personal affairs presentation at the post Theatre Aug. 6. This presentation is offered by the Army and Air Force Mutual Aide Association. Subjects discussed will include Estate Planning, Entitlements, such as Veterans, Social Security, Preretirement planning, etc. and Wills, Powers of Attorney and other personal affairs subjects. Officer presentation will be at 1 p.m. and the NCO presentation will be at 3 p.m. For more information, call Mr. Fleming at 561-2721.

No monthly pay deduction

Active duty military personnel are advised that effective Sept. 30. The Laundry monthly payroll deduction service will no longer be available, therefore, all individual laundry services at the post Laundry, building 1047, will be on a cash/check basis only.

Self Help Center

The Self Help Center is currently stocking glass covered diffusers and light fixtures to be available on a one time basis. These items will not be recorded. they will be given away on a first come, first served basis.

Due to the limited supply, if anyone has tools or painting equipment that has been signed out to the Self Help Center's main store toll room, they should be returned as soon as possible. The failure to return the tools has caused an inconvenience to other housing residents needing to use them. For more information, call the Self Help Center at 561-5127.

Schedule school physicals

by Capt. Keith E. Sickafoose,
LUSAH Pediatric Clinic

The staff of the Pediatric Clinic at Letterman United States Army Hospital would like to remind parents that even though summer vacation has just begun the time to schedule appointments for school physicals is now! The demand for these appointments is very heavy in the months of July and August and parents calling during the late summer may find it difficult to get an appointment before school begins.

Parents should also bring their children's shot records with them to ensure immunization requirements are met.

Lastly, parents are reminded to bring only the child with the appointment to the Pediatric Clinic. This will allow the clinic's doctors and nurses to devote their full attention to the child being seen.

To make appointments call 563-5324 or 561-5324. If calling from outside the area code dial (415) 561-5945.

To cancel appointments call 561-5945. This number is available 24 hours per day.



photo by Adrienne Sims

Zero

Soldiers check their targets to see if they have 'zeroed,' and are prepared to fire 20 rounds during the Headquarters Company, USAG squad competition July 17. See page 7 for story.

Utility landing craft sets sail

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Advisor
Public Affairs Office

How many people can say "my ship is coming in" and mean it literally? That's what Jo Harrison was telling all her friends last week, and she wasn't kidding.

The wife of Sixth Army Commander Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Jo Harrison christened the Army water vessel "Coamo" in Mississippi last July. And this past Saturday she got her first ride aboard the huge boat, called an LCU 2000, or utility landing craft.

Mrs. Harrison broke a bottle of champagne over the bow of the boat at a formal ceremony on July 28, 1990, and that was the last she had seen of it until Saturday when she and other invited guests sailed on it in the San Francisco Bay.

The Coamo is the first water vessel of its type to be assigned to an Army Reserve unit, and it is now on the property books of the 481st Transportation Company (Heavy Boat), stationed at Rough and Ready Island in Stockton, Calif. The unit is subordinate to the 483d Transportation Battalion and the 319th Transportation Brigade in Oakland, Calif., all belonging to the 124th Army Reserve Command.

The Coamo was built by a civilian contractor and completed a year ago at a shipyard in Moss Point, Miss. Because the vessel was scheduled to go to a unit assigned to Sixth Army, the commanding general's wife was offered the role of sponsor, which she graciously accepted.

"Most people never get to see the finished product of something they start," said Mrs. Harrison. Asked how she felt about being part of Saturday's events, she stated, "It's so exciting that they came back and let me be a part of it again."

The Coamo's first trip through the Golden Gate was May 25, enroute to its new home. The maiden voyage began May 2 and went from the Gulf of Mexico through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean to the San Francisco Bay and finally to the Sacramento River in Stockton.

On Saturday, July 20, the crew sailed the Coamo on two familiarization cruises, and it was a very special occasion for those involved. They had made sure the large boat was in tip-top shape to receive its special passengers, including Lt. Gen and Mrs. Harrison and the commanders and wives of the unit's chain of command.

To help make the occasion even more special, the unit prepared for the passengers a culinary spread that would have impressed even the most discriminating food critic.

The cook was Sgt. Sid Prior, better known as "Chez Sid." He began preparing the food the day before, and it all looked as good as it tasted. It included such delicacies as spinach quiche, boiled shrimp and finger sandwiches—not your typical mess hall fare.

Asked how he had gotten into the business of food preparation in an Army Reserve transportation unit, he explained, "When I first came on in 1975, there weren't any cooks on Army boats, so I started doing it as a hobby. Cooks were always a commodity we could never get."

So he went to the Army school for cooks, and the rest is history. He takes pride in his work and makes sure that the food is presented in an attractive manner. In the Coamo's state-of-the-art kitchen and dining area it all looked as if it had been prepared by an expensive, exclusive caterer, even down to the rose-shaped tomatoes and the swan-shaped apple.

Comparing his job as cook on an Army boat with that of most Army cooks who serve on land, he said, "I can't understand why anybody would want to work in a field kitchen when they could have this. No bugs, and away from all the dust and dirt." Prior passes on his cooking skills to the new cooks who get assigned to the unit, another job he really enjoys.

While many of the passengers enjoyed Prior's creations in the kitchen, others were given a tour of the remainder of the huge vessel. First Mate Sgt. First Class Rich Snyder beamed as he showed off all its fine features, from the engine room down below to the high-tech bridge area, from which the vessel is piloted. He explained how accurately the crew can plot and keep the vessel on course using maps and the latest in electronic navigational aids.

The other crew members gave the passengers a safety briefing that included a demonstration on using life jackets and made sure the vessel was properly prepared for its short cruises.

Once underway, the boat glided through the water with ease, passing the historic landmarks of the Golden Gate, including Alcatraz, the Presidio and Fort Baker. After sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge out to the edge of the Pacific, the Coamo headed back to Pier 32, just southeast of the Oakland Bay Bridge.

see LCU sets sail, page 4

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians -

Charlie Company is coming home! HOO AH! Hooray! Hallelujah! By the time you read this I am sure the dates will be firm and known to all. I know you all share with me our thankfulness that these great soldiers will soon be reunited with their great loved ones. It has been a long time since December—much has happened there and here but thankfully—they will soon be home. That, fellow Presidians, makes it indeed a GREAT day to be in or part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

I was again traveling last week. On the 15th and 16th I was in Washington on Army business. It was very pleasant there—one heat wave had come and gone and another had not reached D.C. But it was good to get home—it always is.

On Wednesday Mrs. Harrison and I attended the kick off of "The Main Campaign"—a fund raising effort for the new San Francisco public library. We were recognized and thanked on behalf of all the Presidio for coming to their aid following the '89 earthquake, when we stored a very large number of books for them because of damage to the library. I tell you all this because I worry sometimes about all the negative news coverage we get in the local press. We do try to be good neighbors and I wanted you to know that San Franciscans appreciate that fact.

Also on Wednesday I paid an unannounced visit to DCSLOG. I knew that Colonel Neck was making interoffice awards so I dropped by.

Colonel Neck and the DCSLOG office has done a great service for Sixth U.S. Army over the last two-plus years in the environmental area. So, I went by and recognized him for this great service. Congrats Dave and all your DCSLOG folks. HOO AH!

Thursday I was off to San Diego to visit the Naval Amphibious Base at Coronado. The 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry, 41st Infantry Brigade, Oregon National Guard was there training. The soldiers were having a great training experience. The soldiers were doing boot training in the surf, repel training and confidence swimming. The Marine instructors were super and much good training was taking place. The battalion and brigade staffs were in a staff planning course. That night I had dinner with the officer and NCO leadership. All in all a super great day—a HOO AH! day.

Friday was award day—to some fine chaplain's. Colonel Bill Harrison (yep, that's a fact! We are not related but sure share the same name) was returned to his civilian occupation after four and a half months mobilized and working here at Presidio of San Francisco. During this time Chaplain Harrison worked on chaplain recruiting and on mobilization of chaplains. We all thank him and wish him well.

And after five and one-half years here at Presidio of San Francisco Chaplain Dean Ruddle is departing to be chaplain for the 96th ARCOM

in Salt Lake City. Chaplain Ruddle's efforts at recruiting chaplains has resulted in Sixth U.S. Army being recognized as the leading CONUSA all these years. I know you all join me in wishing Chaplain Ruddle well in his new assignment.

Saturday was a really special day. Two groups of us—one in the a.m., one in the p.m., got to go aboard and take a cruise around the bay, under the Golden Gate bridge and back on the Army boat LCU-2014. This vessel belongs to the 481st Transportation Company (Heavy Boat) located in Stockton. The crew and vessel were here in the bay undergoing training by a team from Fort Eustis, Virginia. This was the boat Mrs. Harrison had the honor to christen last July in Mississippi. The crew was very professional and despite the overcast weather the U.S. Army provided a very informative and enjoyable day. Thanks to Chief Warrant Officer Rogers and crew.

God bless you one and all—remember, keep flying those flags, writing our soldiers and caring for our family members. Soon it will be all over, but as always, we must be prepared for any contingency.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"It's not the gale, but the set of the sail that determines the way we go."
—Anon

Letter to the Editor:

It was just another sunny summer Southern California afternoon. My high school buddy and I were leaning on his car with our backs to the street. All of the sudden we heard the squealing of tires on the pavement and then the unforgettable thud of the impact between a car and a human body. I spun around to see what had just happened and saw the young body come skidding to a stop. I immediately ran to the child, arriving in time to see his left eye turn smoke grey, swell shut, and blood begin to flow. We all did what we could to administer first aid until the ambulance arrived and took the child away. Of course we were all interviewed as to what had happened. I had to tell the police officer, "I don't know. My back was turned. I just heard the tires and impact." During that interview I watched the driver sitting on the curb sobbing, "I didn't see him." That

was the summer of 1962 and I remember that sight as if it were yesterday.

The speed limit in most of the housing areas on the Presidio is 15 miles per hour. If you have ever "hurried" up to the top of Quarry Road and exceeded the 15 mph speed limit, chances are you have heard that booming voice "slow that vehicle down." Judging by the reactions of the drivers it must seem as if the voice has come from nowhere because they look all around as if to say "Who Me?"

Let me pass on to you how I can be right 9 out of 10 times that you are exceeding the 15 mph limit. Most cars shift from first to second gear between 12 and 18 mph, so when I hear the sound of the engine change I know you have just shifted to second gear and are or are about to exceed the 15 mph limit.

Now I don't stand out in my front yard waiting for

speeders, nor do I get joy from exercising my voice. So why do I "holler" at speeders? Because there are 42 sets of quarters that line Quarry Road and at times it seems 142 kids between the ages of 2 and 10. My kids are grown and out of high school so I am not trying to protect them, I am trying to protect the driver from what has got to be the most nightmarish sight in the world. The sight of the impact of a child and your car.

The time difference between going a quarter mile at 15 mph and the same distance at 25 mph is about 23 seconds. Quarry Road is just short of a quarter mile long. Is the possibility of a lifetime nightmare worth 23 seconds?

Please slow down when in the housing areas.

Thank you,
SGM Ted Disney

Letters and input to the Star Presidian

By K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

The *Star Presidian* welcomes letters, comments, opinions, or questions on any subject or issue from our readers and, if submissions have applicability, we will publish them, just as we have in the past. However, there are two things to remember in submitting articles, stories, or personal perspectives to us:

1. You *must* provide your name, address and your telephone number so we can call you either to verify authenticity or for further details. Last week we received a hand-written obituary on "a former employee" who no one here had ever heard of. The

letter was unsigned and, although it could have been totally legitimate and submitted in the interest of a deceased friend, it could just as easily have been a hoax or an attempt to embarrass us or someone else. So, if you write to us, please tell us who you are and where you can be reached. If you request confidentiality, we will not print your name if we publish your comments.

2. Our deadline for all submissions to the *Star Presidian* is close of business each Friday, by which time we have held our editorial board and have decided what stories to run in the upcoming week's issue. We finalize, format, and transfer all those sto-

ries by modem to the printer on the following Monday afternoon. We do the actual layout of the paper at the printer's all day Tuesday. The paper is printed on Wednesday so we have it available for you by start of business each Thursday morning. On Thursday afternoon, we hold our editorial board to discuss major story projections, and, on Friday, the cycle begins again with all the articles and stories received during the week. So remember, we take stories all week long, but Friday is the last day for your input to us if you want to get into the following week's issue.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"Army Days celebration, your opinion?"

Staff Sgt. Terry L. Hammond, Redeployment NCO, Strength Management: "I had a lot of fun with my son on the rides—the merry-go-round, ferris wheel. I thought it was too bad that the weather wasn't better. A lot of people didn't turn out because of the weather."



Staff Sgt. Eric Underwood, Personnel Management NCO, Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel: "It was a good turn out. We just needed more sun. I had a good time."



Staff Sgt. Sheldon Martin, Personnel Records NCOIC, MILPO: "I thought it was great, however, it would have been better if the carnival had been free to Army personnel—due to the fact that the circus was from a civilian sector that came on a military post and made a profit."



Cpl. Cornelius Humphries, Personnel Records clerk, MILPO: "I thought it was great. We need more things like that to improve the morale."



Staff Sgt. Maurice C. Harlee, ammunition advisor, Deputy Chief of Staff for Training: "I thought it was nice to have the day off to get out and relax, ride rides and spend time with family and friends. It was chilly and foggy; other than that, I had a good time."



Spec. Melissa A. Washington, In-Out Processing specialist, MILPO: "It was all right. I had a good time. I think there should have been more rides. It was very expensive."



Pvt. 2 Jennifer R. San-nicolas, personnel management specialist, Strength Management: "There wasn't enough people there. It was OK though. I had fun the three times I went."



Soldier of the Month

Spec. Michelle A. Deeter was named the Headquarters Command Battalion Soldier of the Month. Deeter is a personnel information systems management specialist for the MILPO. She is shown here assembling her weapon during CTT skills competition July 17.



Headquarters Command Battalion

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Steven Broadway, Strength Management NCO, who will become the new first sergeant for Headquarters Company United States Army Garrison in mid August. Broadway will be replacing 1st Sgt. Mazie L. Brevington.

Spec. Ulysses B. Sherman and Spec. Michael A. Williams, personnel information systems

management specialists, MILPO, returned from Saudi Arabia July 19.

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion, will return approximately one month earlier than expected. There is a window open for their return between Aug. 14 through 18.

LEC

Cpl. Mark L. Bass, Military Police, won Battalion soldier of the Month for May then went on to win Sixth U.S. Army Soldier the Month for July. Bass also graduated from PLDC at Fort Ord, Calif. on June 20 where he made the Commandants List. Congratulations to Bass who has proved to be an outstanding soldier.



Chillin' out in the heat

Specialists Pat Najarians, James Anderson, Juan Heuzo and Tim Barron take time out from their busy day and pose for a photo in Kuwait City. These soldiers are part of Company C, 864th Engineers.

News

COMMENTARY:

Hatch Act reform

By K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

Once instituted, it is almost impossible to get a decision or judgment reversed, an obsolete policy eliminated, or an outmoded law or regulation changed to adjust to the needs, demands and realities of the times.

It is seemingly always more comfortable to maintain the "wisdom" of the past (in some cases, whether or not in truth "wise") and the security of the status quo, than to face the unknown territory of change—even if the time is ripe and that change is logically sound for those to whom it would apply—because change opens the door wide to a host of new potential and real questions and issues that those who would have to deal with them would rather ignore than confront.

And, the more severe, drastic or radical the change, the longer the period before its acceptance and implementation. Change painstakingly climbs the ladder of acceptance, one rung at a time—sometimes two rungs forward and one back—until it finally clutches securely at the top rung.

Great change, therefore, and thus, great progress, is neither easy nor rapid. Change comes only after much effort by, and weariness, frustration, and many upsets to those who seek the change. It often occurs only after the departure of those who rigorously oppose the change, fear it to the point of disallowing it, control the arena in which it would occur, or have staked their reputations on maintaining the status quo; because they can then no longer prevent the outcome that should have been accepted early in the realization of the need for, and negotiation of, the change.

Nor, unfortunately, are those who deny needed change often present to face embarrassment over having blindly denied the enlightenment of a new universal necessity.

History is full of examples of all the above.

And it is not one-sided; there are those who would benefit by the change—and ultimately may, often even professing to have supported it—but whose indifference and apathy when their support was most needed, merely serve as barriers to change. They block their own progress with their attempts to maintain the security of the status quo.

Such is the case with the Hatch Act, instituted in 1939, which restricts political activities of government employees. Unions have sought and fought for reform since the 1970's. Now, nearly 20 years later, the issue has climbed to, but still claws for a firm grip at, the highest rungs—those levels at which the change must be fully accepted in order to be implemented.

Hatch Act reform, says the *Federal Times*, has passed the House four times in the last 16 years, only to die in the Senate.

Senator John Glenn, Ohio, introduced a Hatch Act Reform Bill last year. Reaching the White House, it was vetoed and fell two votes shy of being overridden by the Senate.

Glenn reintroduced his reform bill in April, identical to the bill he introduced last year. It continues to be an issue of controversy and debate among legislators, unions, managers, and federal and postal employees.

Once a fair act legislated to keep unscrupulous politicians from improperly influencing selection of employees to government positions and other hiring corruption scandals, to protect government workers from political pressure, to try to establish a more "impartial government," and to prevent government from becoming what the *Times* calls "a vast political machine for whichever party is in power," the Hatch Act is today confusing, ponderous, and outdated, with more than 3,000 rules and about as many



advisory opinions on its various provisions.

Some advisories have gone so far as to even specify the dimensions of signs that employees can display in cars or on their lawns in support of a candidate, or the exact numbers of political letters to the editor that one can write.

But, "even letters to the editor of local newspapers can get you in trouble," the *Times* quotes Glenn as saying.

Some employees also "complained of conflicting or unintelligible advice from the Office of Special Counsel in response for their pleas for guidance," says the *Times*.

Hatch Act rules today are so incomprehensible, employees say, that they are afraid to participate in any political activity whatsoever, even supposedly sanctioned activity, lest they find themselves breaking the law and suffering the penalties. Spouses are equally reluctant to participate in anything political for fear of negatively affecting their husbands' or wives' government careers.

The maximum penalty for breaking the law is removal; the minimum, suspension for 30 days.

The Hatch Act may have long ago run its original course of usefulness as a law to control political influencing and pressuring, but maybe one that now, as union and other leaders claim, restricts individual rights and freedoms.

"It is ironic," says Sheila Velazco, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, "that at a time when democracy is sweeping across Eastern Europe and the world, federal employees remain locked in a political cage. The biggest problem with the existing Hatch Act is that it denies federal employees their rights as American citizens to fully participate in our democratic process. Nothing in OPM's [Office of Personnel Management] draft regulations changes this. Nothing is there to stop this injustice."

Kent Bradley, President, AFGE Local 2185 in Utah, writes to the *Times*, saying "The Hatch Act reform bill is trying to give us the benefits private citizens have. Just because we work for the government we can't enjoy the luxury our brothers and sisters have in the private sector. If this is not unconstitutional then I don't know what is. Out here in the Western Region everyone I've talked to wants their constitutional rights restored to them. The Federal employee will be the one who benefits."

"Under current law, if you are 'hatched' you may express your opinion about a candidate publicly, but you can't make a speech or campaign for or against a candidate," the *Times* quotes Glenn as saying.

"The fine line on this one became a serious issue in the state of Washington during the last presidential election," says Glenn, "when Navy shipyard workers were notified that they could not actively participate in the state's caucuses without violating the Hatch Act. You may wear a campaign button on the job and write a check to the candidate of your choice. But, you cannot give any kind contribution of your own time such as stuffing envelopes or circulating a nominating petition."

If the law were eased or underwent major revision,

you, as a government employee might be suddenly free of control and could go out and work hard to get your favorite political candidate elected, or campaign hard to purge from office those who do not support your best interests, without being afraid of getting suspended or fired.

"Unions and managers groups want Hatch reform to increase their clout with legislators," says the *Federal Times*. "Glenn's proposal would let them provide campaign workers and more money to help friends and hurt enemies in Congress. Reformers chide congress members about the hypocrisy of keeping political shackles on federal workers."

"This [reform] legislation," said Glenn, "would allow our nation's civil servants to participate voluntarily, as private citizens, in the nation's political process. I am re-introducing this measure. . . because I believe that federal and postal employees should be able to enjoy this basic constitutional right."

Included among the new reform proposals are provisions that would allow federal employees, says the *Times*, "to be politically active off-duty, but not at work. You could run for non-partisan offices but would remain barred from partisan candidacy."

The list of proposed changes, however, though they temper somewhat past restrictions on political activity, do not seem to meet the needs of many of those seeking much broader reform and much greater political freedom.

If passed, the reform would still contain major restrictions and "violators of the reform bill," reports the *Times*, "would face up to three years in jail and/or a fine of up to \$5,000."

Some politicians, eyeing reform with skepticism and uneasiness, seem to want to maintain their grip on federal employees' political activities, using outdated arguments to justify retaining the stricter provisions of the Hatch Act.

Other legislators, waffling on the issue, use the argument, says the *Times*, that they "are concerned that relaxation of the law will lead to subtle and raw coercion. They conjure images of Internal Revenue Service agents strong-arming citizens to vote for certain candidates or face tax audits. Senators say there's menace in the mere appearance of an off-duty FBI agent at the door on a harmless get-out-the-vote call."

How do employees generally feel about the need for Hatch Act reform?

On the general civil service front, the *Times* says that "Reformers must contend not only with administration opposition, but apparent apathy and even opposition among many employees. Soon after last year's veto, a Merit Systems Protection Board report showed only 32 percent of employees surveyed wanted more political freedom, while 41 percent didn't care. Twenty-seven percent of the nearly 16,000 employees respondents actively opposed relaxing Hatch restrictions."

Reasons for opposition to reform by that 27 percent, or about 4,300 civil service employees in the poll, were not given.

But the winds of change continue to blow. . . .

LCU sets sail continued from page 1

The Coamo has a sailing range of 4,500 nautical miles before it needs to dock for servicing, so Saturday's cruises did not begin to tax its capabilities. It was officially turned over to the 481st on June 1, and the crew has been learning its features since that time.

The 481st will eventually receive ten 2000-series LCUs to replace its 1400-series LCUs, which have

been in service since the 1950s. Originally purchased for \$175,000 each, the 1400s will probably be sold for at least \$250,000 each. At 175 feet long by 42 feet wide, the LCU 2000 is about double the capacity of the 1400 but requires a smaller crew because of its advanced technological features. The price tag for all ten boats will be about \$72 million, about 15 to 20 percent less than they would cost civilian customers.

With a mission of hauling personnel and equipment, the new boats have several special features, including a gourmet kitchen, a dispensary suitable for performing minor surgery, and a special system of purifying and processing sea water for personal use.

All passengers and crew members seemed to agree that the Coamo is an impressive addition to the Army's "Navy."

Health Matters

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

My recent journey through the Army Master Fitness Trainer Course leaves me utterly amazed at the "marvelous machine" we live in.

One of the MFT instructors, Dr. Tomasi, compared it to being given the most complex toy imaginable — one that can grow, learn, reproduce, heal itself, and perform a million other feats — without an instruction manual.

Instruction manuals aren't easy to come by. This column is designed to clear some of the fog surrounding physical fitness. Some suggested topics include: eating to lose weight, exercising to lose weight, good dieting, nutrition, training heart rate, training to increase performance, maintaining a fitness level, how to start a fitness program, smoking cessation, understanding food labels, and much more.

These are just ideas from my point of view. However, I need your input, your questions. I'll attempt to research, ask the experts, do whatever it takes to answer your questions and clear up confusion about physical fitness.

One point of emphasis before I get into trouble. I am not a doctor and don't pretend to be. What I am is an Army Master Fitness Trainer and an Exercise Leader recognized by the American College of Sports Medicine. Specific medical problems should be addressed by a doctor. General questions relating to physical fitness and exercise will attempt to be answered in this column.

Enough introduction. Let's dance. This first column is to strike a blow at food packagers and confusing labels.

"Low fat!" screams the large type on the ice cream carton. "Cholesterol free," or "high in protein," and "good source of complex carbohydrates," are all common claims blaring at shoppers pushing creaky carts down commissary aisles. These labels mean something, don't they?

Some advertisers may not want you to read any further than the large type. "Low fat" ice cream is low compared to what? A pound of butter? Ice cream is made from cream. To be labeled as ice cream it must contain more than ten percent fat. Ice cream with less than ten percent fat is called, ice milk. Fat free "frozen desserts" are not made from cream and that is how they can be fat free.

Advertising to confuse the casual shopper seems to be in vogue. But, there is hope. Knowing the three energy nutrients — carbohydrates, protein and fat — is a good beginning. These three nutrients are what your body uses to create energy.

These three energy nutrients directly relate to calories—the energy-producing properties of food. Trying not to get too in-depth:

- one gram of carbohydrate equals 4 calories,
- one gram of protein equals 4 calories,
- and one gram of fat equals 9 calories.
- alcohol provides 7 "hollow" calories per gram.

Carbohydrates, fats and proteins
Carbohydrates

Fruits, vegetables and grain products supply carbohydrates. Carbs should provide 50-70 percent of total caloric intake and are the preferred source of energy during exercise.

They can be divided into two areas complex and simple. Complex carbohydrates — from beans, whole-grain breads/cereals, pastas, legumes and starchy vegetables — are preferred over simple carbohydrates. Simple carbohydrates come from foods like sugar. A key difference between the two is that your body takes longer to break down complex carbohydrates and thus can use the energy over a longer period of time.

Carbohydrate is the preferred source of energy during exercise, according to the Army Physical Fitness School's "Nutrition and Physical Performance" pamphlet. Carbohydrates are broken down into simple sugars like glucose during digestion and glucose is the primary source of energy during exercise.

If the body breaks carbohydrates down into sugar anyhow, you may ask, "Why not just eat candy bars(sugar) and my body can break it down quickly into an energy source?" Sounds simple. But, simple carbohydrates are processed very quickly and you have a flash flood of energy. The wonderful machine we occupy has to do something with all that energy. It has two choices: Store it as glycogen, a long chain of glucose molecules; Or, if your body doesn't use it, change the glucose to fat and store the energy in fat cells.

Proteins

Next, proteins. Proteins come from the meat and milk and should supply 10-20 percent of total calories. The old school taught the more meat the better. If you were on a diet and wanted a hamburger, just throw away the bun and eat the meat alone. Wrong. Weight lifters and football players were supposed to eat lots of meat for protein to build muscles. The problem with the old way is that if you eat more protein than your body needs it is turned into fat and stored (usually around men's waists and women's hips and buttocks). Another bad side affect from too much meat is cholesterol.

Briefly, cholesterol comes from animal fat, dairy products and eggs. The connection is that these are also great sources of protein. Cholesterol has never been in vegetable oils, cereals or pastas. The Federal Food and Drug Agency recently made Best Foods' remove the "no-cholesterol label from the Mazola Corn Oil bottles because it never had cholesterol. It was just another marketing ploy to attract health conscious shoppers who only read the large print.

Fat

Finally, the thing that Americans get way too much of, FAT. Bad news for your body. Not only does it make your pants too tight, but it also clogs arteries, may be related to some cancers, and borrowing a line from Murph at the Union 76 station "It makes your body run sluggishly."

Americans get about 40 percent of their total calories from fat instead of the recommended 20-30 percent. According to Time Magazine's July 15, 1991 article, "The Fight Over Food Labels" one tablespoon is all the body really needs each day. Earlier I mentioned that each gram of fat equals 9 calories while one gram of carbohydrate or protein only equal 4 calories; this is because fat is a dense energy storage system. When your body has too much of one of the other sources of energy it is condensed and stored as fat.

A key to learning if a "low fat" product is really low in fat is to read the label. Take the total number of grams of fat and multiply it by nine. (Each gram of fat equals 9 calories). Now compare that number to total calories. This will tell you how much of the total calories come from fat.

One example, Louis Rich advertises its Turkey Bologna to be "82% fat free, 18% fat".

That is accurate. "It sounds perfect for people who are trying to keep their fat consumption below 30% a day," according to the Time article. "Yet each 60-calorie slice, which weighs 28 grams, contains 5 grams of fat. Since each gram of fat accounts for nine calories (total calories Vs. calories from fat, 45 of 60 total calories are from fat) 75% —not 18%- of the calories of a slice of Louis Rich Turkey Bologna come from fat."

Remember, read the labels not the headlines and love your body. It is the only one you get.

Hopefully this first column hasn't been too confusing and will give you a better understanding of food and nutrition. Please write or call me at the Star Presidian with areas of interest, concerns, comments or questions. Call 561-5465 or write MFT, Star Presidian, Building 38, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. 94129.

Serving Size		Minimum Recommended Number of Servings*					Comments
		Children 1-10	Teenagers 11-24	Adults 25+	Pregnant Women	Breastfeeding Women	
 Milk Group	1 cup	3 4 2 4 4					†Good sources of calcium such as milk, yogurt, and cheese are recommended daily. Cottage cheese, ice cream, ice milk, and frozen yogurt have about 1/4 to 1/3 the amount of calcium per serving as milk, yogurt, and cheese.
	1 cup						
	1 oz						
	1/2 cup						
	1/2 cup						
 Meat Group	2-3 oz	2 2 2 3 2					‡Eggs, dried beans, and peanut butter have about 1/2 the amount of protein per serving as meat
	1						
	1/2 cup						
	2 tbsp						
	1/4 cup						
 Fruit-Vegetable Group	1/2 cup	4 4 4 4 4					Dark green, leafy, or orange vegetables and fruit are recommended 3 or 4 times a week for vitamin A. Good sources of vitamin C such as oranges, strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes, and green peppers are recommended daily.
	1/2 cup						
	1 medium						
	1/2						
	1/4						
 Grain Group	1 slice	4 4 4 4 4					Whole grain, fortified, or enriched grain products are recommended.
	1/2						
	1 oz						
	1/2 cup						
	1						
 Combination Foods	1 cup	These count as servings (or partial servings) from the food groups from which they are made					Combination Foods supply the same nutrients as the foods they contain.
	1 cup						
	1/8 15"						
	1						
	1						
 "Others" Category	1 oz	There is no recommended number of servings for foods in the "Others" category					"Others" don't take the place of foods from the Four Food Groups in supplying nutrients. And they are often high in fat or calories
	2						
	1/16 9"						
	1 tsp						
	12 oz						
	1 tsp						
	1 tsp						
	1 tbsp						

*These servings provide the nutrients your body needs. They also supply about 1200 Calories. However most people need more than 1200 Calories. If you do, add more servings

News

What happens when a civilian has a long term illness?

Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian Staff

What happens to a Department of the Army civilian employee who has a long term illness or family medical emergency and uses all accrued sick leave and annual leave? Are they fired? Do they have to go on "Leave without Pay?" Do they have to work forever more with no leave? Do they have any way to help themselves?

There are some alternatives to the above solutions. One program in place to assist a civilian employee who has exhausted all forms of leave is the *Civilian Personnel Voluntary Leave Transfer Program*.

In 1988, a 5-year experimental program entitled "Federal Employees Leave Sharing Act of 1988" was authorized by Public Law 100-566. This program provides for the transfer of annual leave to employees experiencing a medical emergency of a personal or family nature. *Only annual leave, can be transferred, NOT sick leave.*

To enroll in the program the individual or a representative of the individual fills out an Optional Form 630 "Leave Recipient Application Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program." This form along with a certification or letter from a physician stating the nature of the emergency, the severity and the expected duration is given to the individual's supervisor for review and signature. If it is a recurring problem, the approximate frequency of the medical emergency affecting the potential leave recipient should be included in the physician's letter.

The supervisor determines that the individual has exhausted all earned leave; sick, annual or compensatory (or will have exhausted it before the emergency is over.) The potential leave recipient must be (or expect to be) in a leave without pay status for at least 80 hours or 10 working days. The supervisor then sends the paperwork to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, Management-Employee Relations Division, Building 37, PSF.

The MER Division then determines that paperwork is complete, approves the application and prepares notices to be printed in the Command's newspaper, and weekly bulletin. These notices state that the individual has an emergency, has exhausted all leave and requests donations of annual leave from anyone who might have extra leave.

An individual wishing to donate annual leave fills out an Optional Form 630-1, "Requesting to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Leave Transfer Program." The leave donor specifies the number of hours of his/her accrued annual leave to be transferred to a specified leave recipient. MER monitors donations, fills out the required paperwork and forwards the forms to Finance and Accounting, Civilian Pay Section, to ensure all records are properly annotated.

Leave donated under this program may be used to substitute retroactively for leave without pay or to reduce the balance of advance annual or sick leave granted on or after Oct. 30, 1986. There are some restrictions on donation of leave. An individual may not transfer leave to his/her immediate supervisor. A leave donor may donate no more than a total of one-half of the amount of annual leave he or she would be entitled to accrue during the leave year in which the donation is made.



In certain cases, annual leave can be transferred to another government agency, or leave transferred from employees in another federal agency to DA.

There are several ways the program can be terminated. When the medical emergency is over, the program ceases. If the leave recipient dies, the program ceases, and any leave not used is returned to the donors. When the medical emergency terminates, no further requests for transfer of annual leave to the leave recipient may be granted. If you are planning to donate leave to an individual, do it early, thus assuring they will be able to take advantage of your donation.

Advance annual or sick leave

John Sergeant, Chief, MER said "another program to assist employees who have exhausted their leave is advance annual or sick leave. This is not automatic and is authorized at the discretion of the employee's supervisor."

Annual leave

Annual leave may be advanced only up to the amount the individual would normally accrue for the balance of the leave year, i.e., you would get less advance leave if you applied in October than if you applied in March of the same year. It also depends upon the leave category one is in as to how many hours of leave could be advanced. If you accrue 4 hours a pay period of annual leave, you would not receive as much leave as someone in an 8 hour per pay period category. It is not necessary to have a medical emergency to be granted advance annual leave. To apply for advance annual leave, an individual submits a request to his/her supervisor stating why, and how much annual leave is requested, and that the individual will continue to be employed long enough to pay back the leave. If the supervisor approves this request, it is sent directly to Civilian Pay Section in Finance and Accounting.

Sick leave

Advance sick leave may be approved for up to 240 hours or not to exceed 30 days. Sergeant said, "This is only for serious illness or medical emergency, not just for a bad case of the flu or other minor illnesses." Another consideration is if an individual has abused sick leave before and does not have enough sick

leave now. Again, leave is granted *only* at the discretion of the supervisor. This is not an automatic action. Several factors enter into granting advance leave of any kind. The type of employee, how long they have worked, the chances for continued employment in the future, if they have abused leave previously and the circumstances of the emergency can all have an impact on the decision of the supervisor.

To apply for advance sick leave, an individual submits a request for leave, again stating the reason, the length of time needed and submits verifying documents from a physician. A Standard Form 52 is submitted to CPD, MER Division for approval.

They recommend to the supervisor based on the above factors whether leave should be granted, but the supervisor makes the final decision.

If an individual works for certain organizations that have bargaining units (unions), then the supervisor should consult the contract before considering granting advance annual or sick leave. There is additional guidance within contracts that needs to be reviewed.

Leave without pay

Even though a legitimate situation exists, advance sick and/or annual leave will only go so far. By regulation supervisors are limited as to how much they can do. As a last resort, an individual can take leave without pay (LWOP). The immediate supervisor/staff chief can approve LWOP up to 30 days. Over 30 days requires approval from CPD.

To apply for LWOP, much the same action is taken as before. A written request stating why, and for how long with verifying documents is submitted to the supervisor. If the request is for over 30 days, an SF 52 is filled out and submitted to CPD for approval. LWOP can be granted for up to 360 days.

While an individual is using transferred or advance annual leave or advance sick leave, he/she continues to accrue sick and annual leave. If an individual is in a LWOP status over 80 hours, he/she no longer accrues sick or annual leave. If an individual is in a LWOP status for more than 30 days, health insurance premiums must be paid by the individual through Finance and Accounting, Civilian Pay Section to ensure hospitalization and health benefits are continued.

For individual cases or more detailed information, contact the Management Employee Relations Division, at 561-3780.

Recycling marries mother earth, MWR's needs

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Mother earth and father MWR seem to have a marriage made in heaven.

During the last nine months the Presidio's recycling program saved the energy equivalent of 1,312 barrels of oil. Mother earth kept trees that would have been chopped to produce 525 tons of paper. If that isn't enough, the same used paper was combined with other recycling on post and sold to raise \$32,000 for Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

While all this marriage stuff is fine, the Presidio recycling team has new information on how to improve on recycling habits.

Recycling Program Manager Vic Nadeau thinks Presidians can do better. "We still see a lot of stuff in dumpsters that could be recycled," he said.

To help make recycling easier, white paper recycling no longer involves removing staples and paper clips before recycling, according to Nadeau. Ordinary staples and paper clips are considered minor contaminants and do not have to be removed.

Contaminants which should NOT be added to recyclable paper products are: carbon paper, milk cartons, waxed paper, plastics, large metal clips, gummed labels, adhesive and rubber bands.

Recyclable office products include:

- Carbonless computer paper
- Computer data cards
- High grade white paper (white bond paper, tablet paper, Xerox and IBM copies. . .)
- Files, regulations, newspapers and books. (These items should be put into boxes or bags and kept separate from the white paper recycling barrel.)

• Colored paper recycling. Keep mixed color paper separate. Nadeau suggests placing mixed paper in a RECYCLABLE cardboard box near the white paper recycling bin. Call 561-6140 for more information on paper recycling.

Glass, aluminum and plastic recycling

Recycling igloos are in front of Outdoor Recreation (Bldg. 667) where glass bottles, aluminum and plastic containers can be sold or donated to MWR. Outdoor Recreation's front desk is open for recycling weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays. Donations only can be placed in recycling bins behind the Officers' and NCO Clubs.

To learn more about recycling glass, aluminum or plastic call 561-4324.

Garrison soldiers train to win squad competition

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
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Sixth U.S. Army platoon, first squad marched and shot their way to victory during the Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison squad competition held July 17.

"It was very good competitive training," Capt. Diana L. Helsing, Headquarters Co. USAG, commander said. "The soldiers seemed to enjoy it."

The purpose of the training was to instill teamwork in the squads and improve soldier skills, according to Sgt. 1st Class William J. Gillihan, Training NCO.

"From what I've heard soldiers enjoyed the training," Gillihan said. "They were all motivated and did the best they could."

The competition consisted of a 2-mile road march, five Common Task Testing skills related to the M16 rifle, and firing in the indoor range.

"The most exciting part for me was the firing," Gillihan said. "Most the soldiers were trying to shoot well. There was a lot of rivalry."

"The training was a huge success," Helsing said. "The soldiers were learning and having a good time while competing against other squads."

Eleven squads participated in the competition. 2nd squad, 1st platoon placed second, and the first squad, 2nd platoon placed third.

"Congratulations to the winners and everyone for doing their best," Helsing said.

The commander's incentives for the soldiers included a four-day pass for first place, a three-day pass for second place and one day off (Tuesday or Thursday) for third place. The winners must coordinate their time off with their section leaders.

It took approximately three weeks to plan the



Sixth U.S. Army, first squad, studies their Common Task book before being tested on the five CTT skills. The Sixth U.S. Army first squad won the overall competition.

competition, according to Gillihan. "We accomplished everything we wanted to."

Helsing's only regret was that the training took most of the day. This kept soldiers from their duty

sections. It is her goal to have soldiers fulfill their primary duties as much as possible.

The training built up morale of the soldiers in keeping with the company's motto, "Soldiers First!"



Spec. Melissa A. Washington performs the task of maintaining an M16 rifle. This was one of the CTT skills soldiers had to complete during the squad competition.



Washington fires her M16 in the indoor range while competing against other squads.



Sgt. Christina Edwards marches hard through the fog during Headquarters Company's squad competition.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings

by Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities



Greetings from the Presidio Post Chapel staff. We hope and pray that your life here in the most beautiful city in the world is healthy and growing.

I'm sure that many of you, when you heard the news that you were headed for San Francisco, were concerned. After you heard the news, you probably walked down to the pond near your home and sat in silence and considered what is was going to be like. For some, San Francisco is the city where you must dress for dinner. Men needed to find that hat that had been in the closet for years and you women had to find your hat and white gloves that you had worn at some formal wedding sometime way back when. Others of you probably conjured up thoughts of Sodom and Gomorrah with nothing but evil and immoral practices going on in the streets. Others may have thought of the Golden Gate Bridge or Coit Tower or some other beautiful landmark that you had seen in magazines ever since you were a child. Still other may have seen it as an adventure out West. Whatever your initial thoughts were, sitting there next to that friendly, peaceful pond, you probably had some strong emotions about the change. We all do.

According to our friend Matthew in the New Testament; "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Mt. 6:22-23). We can read this passage in at least two ways. One, if we go

into Sodom or Gomorrah (or San Francisco, or anywhere), and just see the evil and immorality with our eyes, we will be plunged into darkness and our "whole body will be full of darkness." I don't believe Jesus' thoughts were this weak. Two, "the light" could be the words that our parents taught us as children and the beliefs and rules that we learned as adults in society. These two are empowered by our faith and relationship with God. Now, with this light inside of us, we go into Sodom or Gomorrah or San Francisco or anywhere, we will see the stark contrast between right and wrong. So if our eyes are good, i.e., if we realize and remember what we learned as children and what we have learned as adults in society, and if we have confidence in our relationship with God, then our whole body will be full of light. We will be able to accept this world and, in particular, San Francisco, as a very complicated, intricate, beautiful, spiritually rich, decadent, evil, cosmopolitan city. And we as people of God can love, grow, and learn from these things and people that are different than us. For this we thank God.

Some news. . . this Sunday is the Post Chapel's and Chaplain's Anniversary celebration at the Post Chapel at 10 a.m., followed by a community potluck. The worship service at 10 a.m. will host a guest speaker, Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison. The potluck will feature specialty dishes by members of the congregation. Like I said last week, if you have not experienced a Chapel potluck, you truly have missed a tastebud delight. Monday evening, the Post Chapel Ecumenical Youth Group will host a barbecue at the

Religious Activities Center, building 682, at 6 p.m. All Presidio high schoolers are welcome. The Protestant Sunday School has begun its summer quarter at 9:30 at the Religious Activities Center. We have classes for children ages 3 years to adult. Come by and see what we're about.

Catholic CCD classes will begin in September. What this column for more details. The Main Post Chapel Choir will rehearse every Tuesday evening at 7 at the Main Post Chapel. If you have any talent in that area, they always need good voices.

Catholic Masses are held every Saturday night at 5 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9 and 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Our Lady next to the Officers' Club.

Protestant services are held in the Main Post Chapel at 9 and 11 a.m. every Sunday (except the 28th, when there will be only one service at 10 a.m.). Also on the Sunday that we celebrate the chaplain's anniversary, we will not have a Sunday School. Please note this on your calendar.

Jewish Sabbath Observations will be every Friday evening at LAMC. For more information, call Ruth Callmann at 561-4397. Gospel services are also held at the LAMC Chapel at 11 every Sunday morning.

For more information about any of these programs, services or events, phone the Post Chapel at 561-4239, or the RAC at 561-3535.

DPCA broadens soldiers' lives within community

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Among installation directorates, the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities probably affects soldiers and family members more than any other directorate on post. The DPCA is in charge of most of the activities and operations that affect the quality of life on the Presidio of San Francisco.

The DPCA is subdivided into 13 divisions on the post. Each division performs a special function that affects the living or working environment on the Presidio.

These divisions include Community Operations, Services, Community Recreation, Family Support, Retirement Services and other divisions.

One of the services that have a direct impact on the quality of life is the Education Division. The Education Division provides opportunities for soldiers and civilians to obtain college educational opportunities.

The Education Division is responsible for providing opportunities for soldiers to continue their education while in uniform. At the same time, the Education Division provides education services for adult family members and civilian employees.

The Education Division operates the Education Center located on Fort Scott in Building 1216 and in Building 1040 at LUSAH. Here, soldiers and civilians have access to the Computer Based Learning Center, classes for word processing, spreadsheet and database programs and other subjects relating to personal computers.

"All of these programs are free to soldiers and they are right here [on the Presidio]," said Guidance Counselor George Dokes. "The classes for word processing, spreadsheet and other programs offer valuable knowledge that can be used in the job market."

Civilian employees and family members can take many of these same classes for a fee. Family members can attend classes for free on a space available basis.

Another program available to soldiers at the Ed. Center is the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, or DANTES. DANTES offers a number of ways for soldiers to earn college credit.

- The College Level Examination Program offers examinations based on undergraduate courses offered during the first two years of college. The general examinations are based on general education

courses, and the subject exams are the equivalent of college final examinations. The subject exams are offered in more than 40 subjects.

- The American College Testing Proficiency Examination Program (ACT PEP) tests subjects that would be found in courses that are only two semesters long.
- There is also the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) which cover technical and undergraduate college subjects and offer two to four semester hours of credit, and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), which provides tests for automotive repair courses.

"A soldier can take DANTES tests at any military installation," Dokes said. Passing these examinations count as college credit.

The Education Center has information on external degree programs that allow soldiers to apply their knowledge, experiences and previously earned college credits toward a college degree.

One such program is the Regents College Degrees program operated by the University of the State of New York. Regents College Degrees grants credit for some military education, enlisted job experience and MOS experience. The Regents College also accepts DANTES exam results as credit toward an associate or bachelors degree.

Other popular program are offered by Columbia University, City College of San Francisco, and San Francisco State University. They offer evening classes at the Fort Scott Education Center.

Then there's the AMEDD program, which offers the incentive of a commission as a lieutenant for enlisted soldiers who earn a degree in nursing. The program allows soldiers to attend school full time, and apply their MOS and job experience as credit toward the degree.

Eight soldiers from Letterman U.S. Army Hospital are currently attending the University of San Francisco and earning their nursing degrees.

But what about those who don't know what degrees are offered? For soldiers and civilians who aren't familiar with the schools, degrees and scholarships available the Education Division has a service with all or most of the answers.

In the Education Centers at Fort Scott and LUSAH are the Guidance Information Systems—computer assisted programs which list everything from financial aid to degrees available only at certain schools.

For instance, some fields of study are so specialized that only certain schools offer degrees in them.

The GIS database shows the listing of schools with that specialized degree.

Not only that, the GIS shows also the amount of tuition required, the number and types of courses required, sports scholarships available and the address and point of contact to send application requests to the school. The GIS includes a program for career decision making, salary ranges and a database listing hundreds of scholarships, grants and loans.

For instance, one such financial aid package listed on the GIS is the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Inc. Scholarship. The scholarship is available to secondary school seniors attending school in a Coca-Cola bottler's territory.

Fifty four-year scholarships of \$5,000 yearly are awarded to selected applicants, and four-year scholarships of \$1,000 are offered to all others. No specific academic program of study is required to apply.

"A lot of family members use the GIS for financial aid and scholarship information," Dokes said.

But even if a soldier or anyone else isn't necessarily seeking a degree, the Education Division has other programs to broaden one's horizons.

For instance, the CYBIS system (formerly known as "PLATO") is a computer based learning system run by Control Data Corp. Courses from colleges and universities across the country are available for study on the CYBIS system. The computer terminals are located in the Fort Scott Education Center on the second floor.

CYBIS systems are installed on many Army installations.

Also housed in the Education Center is the MOS Reference Library. The library includes field manuals and technical manuals for all Military Occupational Specialties, regulations, technical bulletins, training guides and Army Regulations.

Soldiers may sign out the books and pamphlets for temporary use. The MOS Library provides a vast resource for soldiers who are studying for promotion boards, Soldier of the Month competitions or just to improve their military knowledge.

The Education Division offers soldiers and civilians an opportunity to enrich their educational experiences. As a function of the DPCA, the Education Division has a positive impact on the post's quality of life.

Sports

Sports Briefs by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Physical fitness uniform

The mandatory possession date for the complete Physical Fitness Uniform ensemble has been changed from Oct. 1, 1991, to April 1, 1992. This applies to active duty personnel only.

All soldiers must currently possess one PFU T-shirt and one pair of PFU shorts. By April 1, all soldiers must possess a second T-shirt, a second pair of shorts, one sweat shirt and one pair of sweat pants.

Extending the possession date will enable the supply system to support requirements of the Total Army and will also allow sufficient time for soldiers who deployed to Southwest Asia to obtain the required items. By April 1, sufficient quantities will be available in Army Military Clothing Sales Stores.

Commanders may continue to allow physical training to be conducted in utility uniforms or individually purchased athletic uniforms until March 31. Commanders may also authorize commercially purchased items such as tights, leggings, biking shorts, and head and wrist sweatbands, for wear with the PFU. If worn, they must be grey, neutral, white, or skin-tone in color and cannot bear any distinctive markings or patterns. Soldiers will not be required to purchase any of these items. They are strictly optional purchase.

When and where the PFU is worn on an installation is the commander's decision. However, soldiers may wear any element of the PFU, at their discretion, when not on the installation.

The Physical Fitness Badge is the only insignia authorized for wear on the PFU. When worn, it should be placed on the upper left front side of the PFU T-shirt and/or sweat shirt.

Youth group 49er tickets

Any athletic educational, religious, or service youth group whose members are under 16 may receive up to 36 free tickets to a 49ers home game, thanks to Berkeley Farms, in cooperation with the San Francisco 49ers.

Group leaders should send requests to Berkeley Farms in care of the community centers listed in the nearest county. The centers and deadline dates are listed below. Requests must be received at least two weeks before the requested game.

Every community center listed will hold a drawing from the requests received for each game within two days after the deadline date. One group from each center will be chosen and notified immediately. There are ten games to apply for, ten chances for free tickets. But, a separate request must be submitted for each of the 10 games. A particular group can win only once during a given year.

For the Presidio of San Francisco area, entry requests should be sent to Berkeley Farms, care of:

- San Francisco Junior 49ers, Sunset Recreation Center, 28th Avenue and Lawton Street, San Francisco, CA 94122;
- San Mateo County Junior 49ers, Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame, Calif., 94010;
- Marin County Junior 49ers, San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street, San Rafael, Calif., 94901.

The games and entry deadline dates are:

Game	Game Date	Deadline Date
Denver Broncos	Aug. 7	July 24
San Diego Chargers	Aug. 19	Aug. 5
San Diego Chargers	Sept. 8	Aug. 24
Los Angeles Rams	Sept. 22	Sept. 7
Detroit Lions	Oct. 20	Oct. 5
Atlanta Falcons	Nov. 3	Oct. 19
Phoenix Cardinals	Nov. 17	Nov. 2
New Orleans Saints	Dec. 1	Nov. 16
Kansas City Chiefs	Dec. 14	Nov. 10
Chicago Bears	Dec. 23	Dec. 9

For more information call Diane Palacio or Sybil Boutilier at 666-7107.

ISC/INSCOM wallops LAIR Two 15 - 6

by Pleasant Lindsey III

ISC/INSCOM scored six unanswered runs in the top of the seventh inning benefitting from two walks given up to Troy Smith and Joseph James as well as one error enroute to a 15 - 6 win against LAIR Two at the Fort Scott Athletic Field July 18.

Jason Taylor and Jeff Menzies led ISC/INSCOM with three hits and James smacked a home run in the top of the fourth.

The seventh inning started with a hit by Taylor and the walks to Smith and James that loaded the bases. Then, Dwayne Hines, Menzies and David Jajczyk got run scoring hits, with Jajczyk scoring the winning run when Vernon Wagner hit a double that was misplayed by LAIR Two's defense.

ISC/INSCOM was leading 6 - 3 in the fifth inning when James hit a two-run homer that followed Taylor's second hit.

LAIR Two had attempted a rally in the bottom of the fourth inning by scoring two runs on a walk and two hits. LAIR Two's batters just kept hitting the ball to ISC's fielders.

ISC/INSCOM started blew the game open in the second inning with six unanswered runs. Sam Ramos opened the inning with a base hit and later scored



their first run. Menzies, Jajczyk, James Cole, Walter Burkhart and Taylor also scored in the inning, giving ISC/INSCOM a 6 - 1 lead. LAIR Two had scored a run in the first inning.

Desert Storm vet trains for Olympics

by Army News Service

An Operation DESERT STORM veteran from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., has been accepted into the military's World Class Athlete Program. This gives her a chance to train for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team.

Spec. Stephanie Thomas, a computer repairer with the U.S. Army Informations Systems Command, received attention after becoming a three-time gold medalist in the 100-meter hurdles last month. Her winning time of 14.52 seconds was at the Armed Forces Track and Field Championships at Camp Pen-

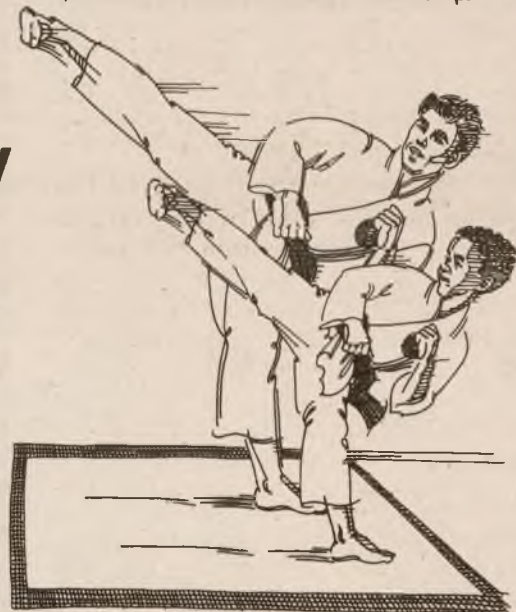
dleton, Calif. If she makes it to the trials in August 1992, she has a chance to make the U.S. Olympic Team and participate in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Thomas was actually accepted in the WCAP last year and was set to travel to the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., when Iraqi tanks rolled into Kuwait Aug. 2, 1990. As a result, she put her track career on hold and deployed to the Persian Gulf. The 27-year-old St. Louis native has been in the Army since March 1988. Reprinted from the Fort Leavenworth Lamp.

Hamilton hosts AAU Open Karate Tourney

An AAU sanctioned Open Karate Tournament comes to Hamilton Army Air Field Sunday in the Main Gym at 10 a.m. The tournament will be part of the selection process for membership on the U.S. team to participate in the 1991 World Tournament in Tokyo, Japan. The tournament will feature saprring, Kata and weapons exhibitions. The AAU tournaments have found a home among military installations in the Bay Area and have become annual events at HAAF.

For more information, call (707) 745-1859 or (916) 927-0294.



Sports Branch to enforce admission policy

by Bobbie H. Gascon, Sports Director

Admission to all Presidio of San Francisco CRD Sports facilities to include the swimming pool will be permitted only upon presentation of appropriate identification documentation to Sports Branch staff. This documentation includes one of the following; valid Active Duty Armed Forces, Reserve Component, retired military, family member, or Department of the Army Civilian identification card. Employees of other governmental agencies which have been authorized usage such as the FBI, GGNRA, etc., must also present valid identification. Active duty military personnel in uniform will not be required to present their edentification card. Family members will be required to meet established age requirements, specific to each facility.

Eligible personnel of the military community (ID cardholders) are authorized to bring one guest to a facility. All guests must be identified to Sports Branch personnel at the time of facility entry, and signed-in by their sponsor. Guests must be accompanied by their sponsor at all times, and are required to leave the facility in the company of their sponsor.

Guests will not be authorized during peak participation periods (11 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. and 4 'til 6 p.m. Monday through Friday). Guests will be required to provide their own workout clothing and appropriate footwear.

Eligible personnel will have priority on the use of all facilities, equipment, courts and lockers. Guests may be required to wait.

Sponsors will assume full responsibility for their guests and their actions, and will ensure they follow all facility policies and procedures. An individual identified as a guest will be permitted to use the facilities not more than one time per week. Sponsors may request a short-term exception to this limitation for visiting relatives.

Sponsors are not authorized to bring the same guest on a daily basis, i.e. guests cannot become regular customers. Sponsors who appear to be abusing the guest policy will be denied guest privileges.

(Note: The guest admission policy for Community Recreation Division Sports facilities is dated Nov. 1, 1990.)

News/Views

The King's English: Our language changes to 'fit the times'

by Bob Mahoney
Public Affairs Office

One of the things that really irks me is the misuse or abuse of the spoken word.

Language was created to help communication between people. There are big words, medium sized words, little words and even tiny, one syllable words. Some have their origins in ancient times; others are borrowed from another language; and others are still evolving.

People create and take verbal shortcuts. For instance, the military is big on the use of acronyms, some of which have crept into general use. Words have been bent, broken and invented and are now common. Words such as Jeep and snafu are extremely common and understandable.

And there are some that are now in the process of creeping into our language. Look at the following:

Deconflict — the act of removing a conflict between two existing actions, routing or positions

(Why not "resolve a conflict?").

Orientate — to get one's bearings (actually the dictionary says this really is a word but it just sounds wrong, especially when used in the past tense, i.e., orientated).

Build-down — This is a good one. It describes the act and art of reducing the size of the Army. (I think that I'll start to "build-down" my waist by going on a diet!)

RIFTed — This is a current one at the Presidio. It's not funny but the correct acronym is RIF (Reduction In Force). One is subject to a RIF (it's a noun, not a verb). One receives a RIF Notice or Letter (it's descriptive). But when used as a verb, people throw in extra letters, i.e. RIF-TED. Actually, "RIFTED" is a word. It's a geological term meaning "To split open; burst; break." I guess it does apply!

Another of my pet peeves with the spoken word is the use of an inanimate preposition for an animate

being. How many of us refer to a "person that" does something. People are not "that's". People are "who's".

One of my first bosses insisted that we use the principle of MISS/KISS (Make It Simple Stupid/Keep It Simple Stupid). Outside of the use of the word "Stupid," I wholeheartedly agree. He used to say things such as "Never use 'utilize' when you can utilize 'use' " (Say that one out loud).

He also hounded us on the fact that "over" and "under" meant a spatial relationship between objects, such as "going over (or under the fence." Numbers were expressed in terms of "more than" or "less than."

This article on the spoken word all started as a result of seeing a written reference to the Presidio "Chaplin's Office." Just for the record, it's C-H-A-P-L-I-N.

Let me see... it's also I before E except after C... or is it...

PG&E will winterize gas appliances

by Directorate of Engineering and Housing

Now that "summer" has arrived, it is time for Presidians to start thinking about and planning for the impending "winter" season.

For the benefit of any newcomers to the San Francisco Bay area, "summers" are generally fairly short and certainly not "hot" as you may be used to from having lived in the midwest or other areas of the country. Therefore now is the appropriate time to start being concerned about your heating system, well in advance of the "winter".

Changing the filter is a Self-Help item, so this would be a good time to pick them up at the Self Help Store in Fort Scott.

In addition, our local gas supplier, Pacific Gas and Electric has highly-skilled specialized gas service personnel who do house calls and assure that your gas furnace is working efficiently and safely. This service is free to all Presidio and Fort Mason customers.

Arrangements for the service call must be made individually by the occupant of each of the quarters. Service appointments are provided on a priority basis. Several days advance notification should be given, whenever possible, to allow time to make arrangements for one of PG&E's service people to meet you at your home to light, check and adjust appliances.

An adult must be present to allow PG&E entrance to a home. Same day service is available based on the situation and the service required.

Please call directly to PG&E, 974-1555, for this evaluation of the efficiency and safety of your heating system.

The PG&E technicians are *not* able to make repairs. If any repairs or parts are required, call in a Service Order to the DEH Work Reception Desk at 561-4505 during the regular work day, 7:30 a.m. through 4 p.m.

While the PG&E technician is there to check your furnace, he/she will also be able to check out your other gas appliances, including the gas stove and hot water heater. PG&E recommends that all gas systems be checked about every six months. Accordingly, it is recommended that each resident mark the calendar for a repeat about six months after each "checkup."

In case of an emergency such as a gas leak or loss

of pilot light, PG&E is generally able to respond within an hour. The chart beneath this article should be "clipped" and kept in your home along with other how-to-do-it instructions, including your personal copy of the Self-Help Handbook.

Please note, this service is not available to residents in Forts Baker, Barry or Cronkite—those residents should call the DEH Work Reception Desk at 561-4505.

PG&E Customer Services gas response schedule

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

- Asphyxiation
- Cannot shut off appliance
- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Dig-ins (lines broken by construction crews)
- Fire or explosion
- Gas leak
- Hazard - PG&E facilities
- Inoperative equipment (large commercial complex)
- Pressure trouble (high/low)

Note: Items listed under NORMAL RESPONSE will be scheduled "same day" if appointment time is available.

NORMAL RESPONSE

as schedule permits

- Appliance adjustment (clean, adjust pilots)
- Pilot is on, but:
 - there is no heat
 - there is no hot water
 - top burners and/or oven is inoperative
- Pilot turn-on (seasonal)

SAME DAY RESPONSE

- Inoperative equipment (small commercial complex)
- No gas—entire premises

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

PG&E 24-Hour Service, 974-1555

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Appointment times (Mon. - Sat.)
8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; 5 to 11 p.m.

EXCEPTIONS

Calls received after 3 p.m. will be scheduled between 3 and 11 p.m.

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Community Calendar

Home child care needed

The Family Child Care program is looking for loving people to take care of children in their quarters. To be a certified Family Child Care Provider, you have to complete a challenging course of professional training in areas such as child development, first aid and nutrition. If you want to run your own business while helping young children and their families, then consider enrolling.

There will be an orientation briefing explaining the Family Child Care program and its requirements on Aug. 27, from 8 to 10 a.m., in Building 103B. For more information, call Mary Anne Gianquento at 561-2251.

MPs deter drunk driving

MPs will give you a ride from your location to your quarters on post or to the MP station and call a taxi or someone to get you if you've been drinking. These actions are to deter driving under the influence of alcohol and risking injury or an accident. Better safe than sorry. For more information, call 561-2251.



Commissary Council

The PSF Commissary Council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Commissary Conference Room, Building 653. Guests are welcome.

Park Dept. jobs

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is accepting applications for temporary, part-time Recreation Directors and Assistant Recreation Directors for the summer.

Apply in person to Stefe Kamena, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McLaren Lodge Annex, Fell and Stanyan Streets, in Golden Gate Park. The deadline is Wednesday.

Applicants must have one of the following:

- 30 college units in P.E., Recreation, or Leisure Studies; or
- 4,000 hours of experience leading recreation activities; or
- 30 college units plus 2,000 hours experience; or
- 60 college units plus 1,000 hours experience.

Call 666-7037 for more information.

Beading workshops

Teens and adults are invited to participate in an all day Beginning Beading Class, Friday, 11 a.m. 'til 4 p.m.; or an Indian Beaded Earring Class, Sunday, 11 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. at Sharon Arts Studio in Golden Gate Park. The fee for either workshop is \$35, materials included.

Sharon Arts Studio, part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, is located on Bowling Green Drive, off M.L. King Drive in Golden Gate Park. Call 753-7006 for more information.

Field Day in the park

For a fun-filled day of clowns and carousels, art, and activities, face painting, circus workshops, and much more—come to the 19th Annual Children's Field Day, at Sharon Meadow and Children's Playground, in Golden Gate Park, on Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages are invited to come, and bring a lunch. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Recreation and Park Department. Call 221-1310 for more information.

Ceramic class

The Randall Museum is offering a ceramic sculpting class Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. Fee is \$3. The Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way, on Corona Heights. Call 554-9600 for more information.

Job vacancies

FOOD SERVICE WORKER, NA-02, \$5.53 per hour, intermittent on-call, Fort Baker (Marin County);

WAITER, NA-02, \$6.56 per hour, intermittent on-call, NCO/Enlisted Club;

Red Cross instructor course

Learn how to teach CPR with the Presidio Red Cross on Aug. 7, 14 and 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. Also, the Red Cross is offering Community CPR for infants, children and adults today and Aug. 13 and 15, from 6 to 10 p.m., and Standard First Aid on Aug. 6 and 8, 6 to 10 p.m. Plus, the Red Cross will later offer Infant/Preschool Aquatic Program Aug. 12 through 23, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. For more information, call 561-2141 or 561-2187.

Disaster survival

Learn to survive disaster. The American Red Cross teaches classes on how to survive and help others in a natural disaster. For more information call 561-2187.

Desert Storm vet needs marrow

William Wright, a 21-year old Desert Storm Veteran, is in need of a bone marrow transplant at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco.

Wright has Aplastic Anemia, a life threatening illness.

All of his family members have been tested but none of them are a genetic match. Mr. Wright's chances of finding a good match in the current donor pool are extremely slim because he is of African-American descent. There are relatively few African-Americans in the donor pool and the best chance of a match would be from another African-American.

Bone marrow donors are tested at their local blood bank. Any blood bank in the United States will draw the small amount of blood needed to make the genetic match test. The results of the test will be coded into the National Bone Marrow Donor Bank. You may become a donor for Mr. Wright or, as part of the pool, you could become a donor for someone else.

More information can be obtained from the VA Medical Center in San Francisco by calling Leslie Buchman at 750-2144 or Patricia Forsyth at 750-2141.

New Legion of Honor exhibits

A new gallery of 20th century European art is now on view at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor. The gallery includes both paintings and decorative arts including furniture, porcelain, glass, and sculpture.

Also, more than forty examples of 18th century French porcelain and faience including tableware, decorative and figural objects in blanc de chine as well as polychrome are on view in the exhibition Selections from the R. Thornton Wilson Collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The California Palace of the Legion of Honor is located in Lincoln Park at 34th Avenue and Clement Street. Admission fees and other information is available by calling the museum Hot Line at 863-3330.

Vet Clinic gives exams

The Presidio Veterinary Clinic provides routine immunizations and medical services by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled by calling 561-3744 between 8 a.m. and noon daily. Over-the-counter pet care products may be purchased at this time. Children under 10 years of age are not allowed in the clinic due to the potential for animal bites, etc.

Parenting classes

No-fee parenting classes are now available at Army Community Services. Would you like to be able to handle the stresses of parenting and create closer relationships with your children? Learn how to have a happier family. Enroll in Parent Effectiveness Training for eight weeks. Sign up now for either a day or evening class which will be held at Building 103-B. The day classes will meet every Tuesday from July 30 to Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. The evening classes will meet starting every Wednesday evening, July 31 to Sept. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ACS classes

Classes addressing Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, Balancing Home and Work Demands and How to Deal with Change will be offered by Army Community Services. Are you feeling stressed because of staff cutbacks, relocations, Presidio's ultimate closure or other conflicts in your life? Learn how to deal more effectively. Sign up now for either day or evening classes which will be held at Building 103-B. Day classes will meet Mondays from 8 to 10 a.m. from July 29 to Sept. 16. Evening classes will be meeting Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m., from July 25 to Sept. 5. Space is limited. To enroll call ACS at 561-5155.

Register pets

In accordance with PSF Regulation 40-1 all animals kept on the Presidio must be registered with Veterinary Services, Building 668, 561-3744. Owners must present proof of current rabies vaccination in order to register their pets. Animals must be registered after each subsequent rabies vaccination.



Stray animals picked up

Presidio MPs will pick up free roaming animals on the Presidio. The animals are turned over to Veterinary Services, Building 668, 561-3744. Owners of animals wearing I.D./rabies tags will be contacted as soon as possible, usually within 24 hours. Animals without tags are confined for three working days to allow the owners time to contact Vet Services. Prior to releasing animals, the owner must present proof of rabies vaccination. In addition, a fee of \$3 per confinement day will be assessed.

Movie schedule Presidio Post Theater

Fri, July 26: Thelma and Louise (R), 7 p.m.
Sat, July 27: Madonna: Truth or Dare (R), 7 p.m.
Sun, July 28: Only the Lonely (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Mon, July 29: What About Bob? (PG), 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 2: Don't Tell Mom—The Babysitter's Dead (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 3: Soap Dish (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4: Out for Justice (R), 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 5: A Rage in Harlem (R), 7 p.m.



Environmental tip

Compiled by Elayne Werner
Public Affairs Office

Chlorine in water

Chlorine is a chemical disinfectant that can also form chloroform and THMs in water, aside from making hair and skin dry and flaky. We absorb more chlorine taking a fifteen minute shower than if we drink eight glasses of water. We receive from six to 100 times more chloroform and trichorethylene (TCE) by breathing the air around shower, baths, dishwashers, etc., than by drinking the water.

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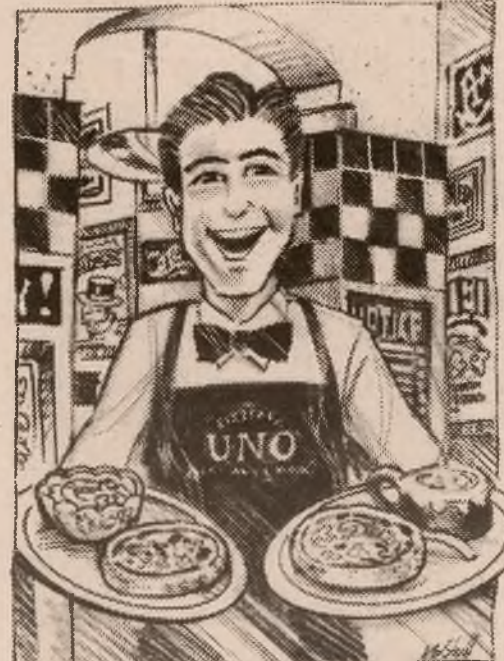
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News Briefs

SJA closure

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close on Friday, Aug. 2, at noon for the annual Law Day Picnic-Barbeque. For more information, call Rose Anne at 561-5593.

Updated signature cards

The Directorate of Contracting is updating their signature card file for persons who are authorized to sign purchase requests and commitments and funding documents. Each office or unit should provide a new card(s) to their office no later than Sept. 1. Your cooperation is needed to process your paperwork more efficiently. For more information, call Arnel Bautista or Susan Klypchak at 561-4565 or 561-4637.

Driver Accident Prevention Course

All military and civilian personnel who drive Army motor vehicles must attend a Driver Accident Prevention Course upon initial entry into government service and every four years thereafter. The next course is scheduled for Aug. 21 from 7:50 to 11:50 a.m. in Building 603, Auditorium, Training Support Center. There is a limit of 70 students per class. For registration and information, call the Directorate of Safety at 561-4424.

Computer problems

The ISC Information Center is available for all garrison, 6th U.S. Army, and tenant activities for computer related problems. This includes trouble shooting and installation of hardware, software and peripheral devices. ISC also provides training, trouble shooting and installation for Professional Office Systems (PROFS). For more information, call the trouble desk at 561-3287.

Motorcycle safety course

All military personnel, military family members and Department of Defense civilians who operate their motorcycles or mopeds on the installation are required to attend and satisfactorily complete an Army-approved motorcycle safety course. The next course is scheduled for September 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Building 201, Installation Safety Office. For registration and information, call the Directorate of Safety at 561-4424.

Supply purchases monitored

The Directorate of Logistics has issued a Commander's Policy to provide guidelines for preventing the abuse of purchasing expendable office supplies.

The Directorate of Logistics recently reviewed all authorized stockage list items and eliminated more than 400 "nice to have items" from the inventory, according to a commander's policy letter signed by Garrison Commander Col. William D. Swift on July 23. This reduction of self service items in no way inhibited anyone's successful completion of their mission needs.

According to the policy, the Army encourages a stock of no more than 15 days supply of expendable office items. Supervisors at all levels should become involved in not only what is to be purchased, but current inventory levels for office or unit stockage. The policy states that "purchases which could be construed as 'for personal use' must be avoided at all costs. With the ever tightening of Army budgets, we must ensure that every dollar spent is used wisely, prudently and only when a real need exists."

DOL is developing a monitoring system that requires supervisors to use shopping lists to purchase items. Only those items on the list may be purchased. The lists will be verified by computer and kept by post activities for review by the Inspector General, Internal Reviews and other auditing inspections.



photo by Adrienne Sims

Don Meynig, deputy director for Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management, presents the flag that flew over the Presidio July 24 to Brig. Gen. Peter W. Lash at his retirement party. The flag was a gift from Lash's staff. See page 7 for story and photos.

Presidio teen will meet president

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

A Presidio high school student, Kelly B. Jansen, does everything short of leaping over tall buildings in a single bound.

Kelly is one of 350 high school students in the United States selected for the Congressional Scholar award. These students will fly into Washington D.C. Oct. 29 to meet President Bush.

It wouldn't be too surprising if Kelly started his flight by changing in a phone booth.

Teachers and counselors submitted names of students they felt were outstanding to Washington D.C. The Congressional Youth Leadership Council picked students in the top two percent across the United States to visit the nation's capitol and learn first hand how the government works.

"I was pretty shocked when I found out," Kelly said. "It's like somebody up there knows I exist."

Kelly was not aware that his name was submitted. He didn't even know this award existed.

"I couldn't figure out where the letter was from," Kelly said. "It was all pretty exciting."

Kelly, who will be 18 in three months, has worked a part time job since he was 16-years-old. On top of

that, he maintains a 3.83 grade point average, participates in sports and is the president of his class. Kelly doesn't stop there. He's in the Drama Club. He tutors Math and Spanish students. He has taken three years of Spanish and next fall he will enroll in an Advance Placement Level college course for Spanish.

What motivates this extraordinary teenager?

"I like being occupied," Kelly said. "I like doing anything that keeps me on my toes."

Kelly credits much of his success in school to his parents.

"I owe a lot to my parents," Kelly says. "They really keep me on the ball."

"I really look up to my dad," he said. "I like to make my parents proud. It makes me feel good when I can see that they're proud of me."

Kelly's relationship with his father has helped him strive to be the best.

"My dad has been the biggest influence in my life," Kelly said. "He's just one of the guys—that really helps."

Kelly doesn't work hard just to impress his parents.

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"Class Act"

As one of the top two percent of high school students, Kelly B. Jansen was selected for the Congressional Scholar Award.

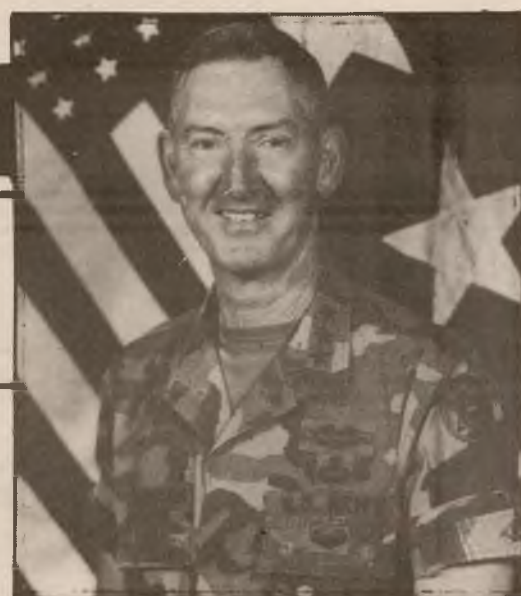


Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians;

Another GREAT day to be in the TOTAL ARMY at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place.

On Wednesday the 24th we had a super ceremony to retire and farewell Brigadier General and Mrs. Pete Lash. Brigadier General Lash has been the Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff for the past 17 months. Both he and Mrs. Lash have contributed much to the Presidio and USASIX. I know you all join me in wishing them well in their new life.

The Headquarters Command Battalion Commander and staff, HQ Company, USAG, the USASIX Color Guard, the Salute Battery and the USASIX Band all performed beautifully. In addition, the flag platoon added much color and class—in very windy weather. To all the participants my thanks and HOO AH!

The following day, the 25th, we had our monthly retirement ceremony. This time LAIR Company was Honor Company with the USASIX Band and the Color Guard from HQ Command Battalion. Again all performed flawlessly and provided the retirees and their families a lasting remembrance. Our heartiest congratulations to Colonels Corby, Truesdale and Neck, to Lieutenant Colonel Meyer, Major Simonsen, Sergeant Major Tyquiengco, First Sergeant Tuialuuluu and Sergeant First Class Jared and their families. All the best to each of you in your new careers.

Also on Thursday I had the honor of presenting Maintenance Excellence Awards to three of our great USAR units. The 801st Engineer Company (Part Construction) from Oakland/124th ARCOM won 1st place in the Intermediate category. This was at the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army level no less! They are the best in their category in the entire U.S. Army! That's HOO AH!

In addition, the HQ Detachment, 49th Medical Battalion, Los Alamitos, CA/63d ARCOM won second place in the light category and HQ Company, 3d Battalion, 87th Infantry won second place in the Heavy category. That means USASIX won 50% of the total FORSCOM/DA Maintenance Awards for FY 90. Now that, too, is HOO AH! Congrats to *all* the members of all three units. It takes the entire unit to win such a prestigious award. We're proud of all of you.

On the 26th the Letterman Army Institute of Research had a change of command. Colonel Don Corby relinquished command to Colonel George Brown. The LAIR troops again performed in a super manner and the LAMC Color Guard was very professional. All the best to the Corby's as

they move to the Denver area and a hearty welcome to Colonel and Mrs. Brown and their son.

On Friday I had a surprise visit from Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Gause from the Charlie Company, 864th Engineer family support group. They brought me a locally designed T-shirt the group had made up and a very good letter I want to share with all of you. I quote:

"We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize a few other Presidians who have contributed to the continued success of our support group:

Family Support staff

Gloria Hartsough
Anna Rodriguez
Genie Mote
Bart Porter
Maura Bockrath

This staff has epitomized 6th Army's commitment to supporting Desert Storm families. They have kept us abreast of resources available to us as well as offered assistance and guidance in many other areas. It is appropriate that their middle name is "SUPPORT" for that is what they have meant to us.

Presidio Enlisted Spouses Club (PESC)

This club does not know the meaning of the word "NO". During the formative months of our Support Group, The PESC was a tremendous guiding force. Their guidance, knowledge and financial contributions provided us with a foundation as well as a means to accomplish our goals. It is one thing to provide support as part of an organization's function, but this group of women have gone the extra mile. They have managed to combine support, caring and concern in all their contributions. The Desert Storm Picnic is only one example of how these spouses have given of themselves "personally" during these past months. To say "thanks" just doesn't seem sufficient to convey our true feelings.

Lt. Col. Vona

Headquarters Command Battalion
Presidio of San Francisco, California

It is very hard to describe the support from Headquarters Command Battalion. In my 15 years as a military spouse, Lt. Col. Vona takes the cake on being a Battalion Commander. In the past six months, he has been many things to include counselor, friend, and sometimes even our "PUNCHING BAG" (literally speaking) during

moments of frustration. Through all of this he still manages to maintain his self composure and friendly disposition. Both he and his staff have "bent over backwards" to meet the needs of Charlie Company families. LTC Vona's greatest contribution is that he truly "CARES" and is genuinely "CONCERNED" about each of us. To him and his staff we give PRESIDIO's highest compliment."

"HOO AH!"

I want to add my thanks to all these folks who aided and assisted them. And ladies—thanks for the Tee-shirt but more especially for your super, HOO AH! letter.

On Sunday we once again celebrated the birthday of the Chaplains' Corps—they are some 216 years young! It was also the 60th birthday of our Protestant Chapel. There was a special service at the Chapel followed by a "dinner on the grounds." The Chapel choir outdid themselves, John Wako performed outstandingly as always, and Susan Jaworowski sang a beautiful solo. And finally Chaplain and Mrs. Hunt led a great song fest. All in all it was a well organized and enjoyable day—*z* HOO AH! day.

Congrats to all our Savings Bonds key persons. We had a very successful bond drive with 164 new bond buyers signing up for an increase of 16.8%. These new bond buyers were civilian as well as military. And there were new personnel. Super show!

Some weeks ago I reinjured an old shoulder injury. It was very painful for a while but mostly it prevented me from running, swimming and working out. That is not HOO AH! But thanks to the very professional folks, enlisted and officer, at the Physical Therapy clinic at LAMC I am again Fit to Fight! Not only were these care givers professional but also caring, kind, considerate and very helpful. So to each of you who tested me, gave me ultrasound, ice or traction—thanks and a big HOO AH!

Keep flying those tags for freedom! God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

Again and again we have owed peace to the fact that we were prepared for war."

—Theodore Roosevelt

General officer announcement

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney announced Tuesday that the president has nominated Maj. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Jr. United States Army, for appointment to the grade lieutenant general and assignment as Commanding General, Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco. Maj. Gen. Mallory is currently serving as Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington D.C.

Mallory was born Feb. 10, 1939, in Natchez, Mississippi.



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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
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"Do you believe POWs are still being held against their will in Southeast Asia and what is your opinion on what is being done on this issue, good or bad?"

Lt. Col. Alan B. Bronstein, dental officer, Dental Clinic, Letterman Army Hospital: "I don't think there are POWs being held against their will. The government has investigated it thoroughly. There is no reason the Vietnamese would still hold American prisoners. The war is over."



Seaman Kimberly A. Stevens, radioman trainee, Alameda Naval Air Station: "I bet there are still Americans over there. Any effort the government makes is good as long as they investigate. What can they really do? If they stopped investigating it would be wrong. There are too many people that are still not accounted for."



Pvt. 2 John J. Olivri, truck driver, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison: "Yes, I still think there are prisoners in Vietnam. I think the government doesn't want to send people on a mission to Vietnam. They deny the photos are valid, although the families feel the photos are valid. The government just doesn't want to go there. They don't want to admit that they could be wrong."



Bernie M. Cousart, Sidpers analyst, MILPO: "There could be some people being held back as slaves. They should further investigate for the families of missing soldiers. They could send somebody there, some investigator."



Spec. David D. Zamlich, administrative specialist, Military Intelligence Battalion Counter Intelligence/Counter Espionage: "Yes, I believe there are. What is being done is as quickly as possible sweep everything under the rug and forget everything about Vietnam and the Vietnam era. Any prisoners left over there need to depend on someone other than the U.S. government to help with their release."



photo by Adrienne Sims
A surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. Jo Harrison, wife of Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander, in the Command Conference Room. Mrs. Harrison's birthday was July 26. Happy Birthday!

Cpl. Karen Perigram, Transition Point, received an AAM. Sgt. James Williams, SJA, received an AAM.

Spec. Michael Bunham, Staff Judge Advocate office, received an AAM.

Spec. Matthew Wireman, Transition Point, received a Battalion certificate for his performance during a funeral detail.

Scholarship awarded

Presidio Enlisted Spouse's Club awards their annual \$500 scholarship to Patricia R. Witty. The honored recipient is the daughter of Master Sgt. and Mrs. Roger L. Witty. Patricia hopes to attend Washington State University this fall. She graduated with 3.6 grade point average and several awards in track, cross country, swimming and oral speaking. Patricia plans to plans to major in both business and law. She spent her summer working as a lifeguard, saving money for future expenses.

Headquarters Company

Spec. Valerie Neck, rigger, was named honor graduated at Primary Leadership Development Course. Neck also received a Department of the Army certificate.

Dawn Lopez, supply clerk, was promoted to the rank of specialist. Pfc. David Rivera was promoted to the rank of specialist.

1st Sgt. Mazie Brewington received a Meritorious Service Medal before changing duty station.

Sgt. Levern Wilson, ceremonial platoon, received an Army Achievement medal before changing duty stations.

Spec. Norman Bryant received an Army Achievement Medal before he separated from the Army.

Spec. Julie Davis, MILPO, received an Army Achievement at Primary Leadership Development Course.

Spec. Michelle Deeter, MILPO, received a Department of the Army Certificate for being named July Battalion Soldier of the Month.

Staff Sgt. Raymond Nelson received a Department of the Army Certificate for doing an outstanding job while at the Basic Noncommissioned Officers' Course.

Staff Sgt. Byron Crawford, Transition Point, received a Battalion Certificate for doing an outstanding job on her SQT test.

Sgt. Richard Carroll, Sixth U.S. Army, received a Battalion Certificate for his performance during a funeral detail.

Sgt. Walter Kovach, Sixth U.S. Army, received a Battalion Certificate for scoring a 290 or above on his Physical Training test.

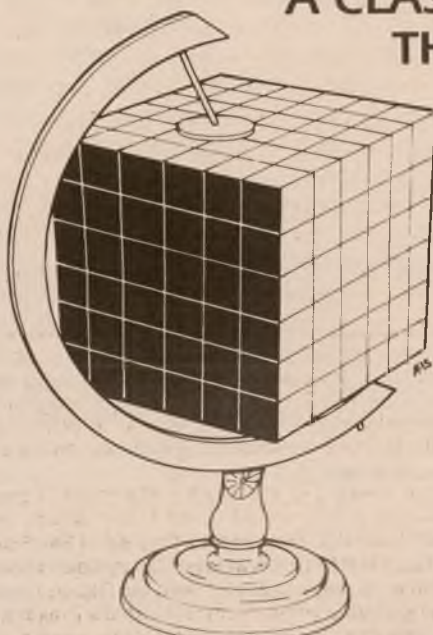
Spec. Clark Jukes, MILPO, received a Battalion Certificate for his performance during a funeral detail.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Sixth U.S. Army Commander Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison receives a T-shirt dedicated to Presidio soldiers and units serving in Operation Desert Storm, from Janette Cunningham and Arlene Gauss, "Charlie Rock" representative. Rock is the spouse support group for Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion. Janette's husband, Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, is "Charlie's" company commander.

SIGN UP FOR A CLASS THIS FALL!



(Maybe things have changed since you were in school.)

Law Enforcement Company

Staff Sgt. Jaime Flores received an Army Commendation Medal before changing duty stations.

Cpl. Jeffrey Jackson, MP, received a DA Certificate for making the Commandant's List at Primary Leadership Development Course.

Spec. Mardy Puntaney, MP, received a Battalion Certificate, for saving someone's life while on detail at the Officers' Club.

Spec. Mark Bass, MP, received an award from the Noncommissioned Officer Association for being named Battalion Soldier of the Month in May.

News/Views

COMMENTARY

Source taxes—an ongoing issue

By K.M.Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

The source tax issue continues to be a source of irritation.

"Source taxes," if you recall from my earlier article on the subject (April 25), are taxes that states are imposing on the annuities of retirees who once were residents of those states, even if the individuals being taxed retired long ago and moved to another state. The source tax law applies to public and private sector civilian retirees, not military retirees who have established permanent homes of record.

Source tax laws have long been on the books in many states, but until recently have not been rigorously enforced because retirees often tend to "disappear." Computers and national information networks, however, are making it easier to track retirees down. With many states experiencing budget crunches and declining revenue in this recession, states are viewing source taxes as another good source of revenue.

In that little publicity was ever given on the source tax law, most people didn't know the law existed until after retirement, when, if they happened to move to another state, they were suddenly confronted by their former states of residence (in some cases, by several states where they had lived and worked during their government and/or civilian careers) and were hit up for thousands of dollars in back taxes, as well as penalties.

As word spread of the taxes, and as more and more "former residences" of states are being affected, retirees have cried "foul" and sought congressional action to stop what they consider to be unfair taxation.

Senate Bill 267, bills HR 431 and HR 1655 (both introduced by Representative Barbara Vucanovich, Nevada) and HR 1531, all relative to the source tax and its elimination or modification, await action and are still pending, while hundreds of thousands of retirees continue to be pursued by former-state tax collectors and face paying back taxes as well as hefty penalties to their former states of residence.

As previously reported, California is the most relentless pursuer of former residents to collect source taxes on their retirement annuities, waiting at times for years, hiring collection firms to harass them into paying, placing liens on property, and assessing additional penalties of up to 55 percent of the tax bill.

The *Federal Times*, quoting Senator Richard Bryan of Nevada in his testimony seeking support to outlaw source taxes, says: "Perhaps the saddest case is that of 72-year-old Gertrude Eberly of Fallon, Nevada.

"Nine years after moving to Nevada," Bryan says, "she suddenly was hit with a bill for \$4,000 in delinquent California income taxes. Unable to pay it all out of her \$13,000 annual income, Eberly agreed to pay \$50 a month to California. If she lives long enough, she might be able to pay off the debt."

According to the *Federal Times*, "A May 1991 survey by the Federation of Tax Administrators showed 13 states have tax codes that would allow collection of source taxes. Five of the 13 do not impose the taxes on non-resident pension incomes. New York, California and Vermont have programs to track down non-resident pension recipients. Ohio and Vermont limit the type of non-resident retirement income they tax, and New York exempts the first \$20,000 in retirement income."

Among some of the key questions asked are:

- Should states be allowed to tax departed retirees who neither receive any benefits nor participate in a state's political or government process—"taxation without representation"?
- Does a state have the right to enact internal laws and then to enforce them on residents of other states to the extreme that even private property is disposed?
- Should former residents be forced to continue to subsidize governments and present and future budgets of all former states in which they worked and lived during their careers, and through which they may have rotated for career advancement reasons or, later, left upon retirement? These careerists

fully supported and subsidized their states of residence, paying taxes while residing therein; is it fair for taxation to continue indefinitely after they are gone?

And, in our cases, "once a California resident, always a California resident?" Most of us did not realize when we took a job in this state that by doing so we were relinquishing our freedom to live wherever we choose in the future. No one told us that if we came here, or moved to New York, Vermont, etc., in our jobs, we'd be thereafter shackled to the tax structure of each of those states for as long as we live.

It is every retiree's and every American's right to move to any state he or she chooses for health, family or personal reasons—or even to escape the high cost of living in a former state—without being held hostage by that former state.

And every civilian who works for the government or in the private sector here or anywhere could be affected.



If you accept a position outside of California as a result of the RIF, take a transfer of function position in Colorado or at the new U.S. Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, or take a job in another state, you will still retire somewhere one day. And, if you ever worked in the past in another state before you came to California and, if the law is still in effect, you, too, will be paying California, as well as all those other states' source taxes, too, sometime in the future by virtue of the fact that you once worked and lived here and there.

All the states enforcing source taxes continue to claim that retirees' annuities represent "deferred income" which would have been earned in that state, and therefore should continue to be taxed even after the retiree left.

According to the *Times*, the Federation of Tax Administrators, "a non-profit organization of tax agencies in all 50 states," agrees, saying that source taxing should continue and arguing that "states are allowed to tax the incomes of their citizens, and pensions are simply deferred income for services performed earlier in the state."

That argument on source taxes is not only unfair, it is based on faulty, illogical reasoning. For example:

What if every newspaper or magazine to which you once subscribed continued to demand payment after you cancelled your subscription "because your active subscription represented deferred income which the publisher would have earned had you continued to subscribe"?

What if every previous landlord from whom you rented, after you moved, continued to charge you rent "because the lease you were once under represented deferred income that each landlord would have earned had you continued to live there"?

What if every doctor you may have consulted over the years demanded that you continue to pay him for past medical treatment which may have saved your life or contributed to your well-being, "because you are now in good health due to his care and your sickness represented deferred income which he would have earned had you continued to be sick"?

What if the local DMV, to which you had paid fees for all the years you owned a car and drove in California, and after you stopped driving, continued to assess DMV fees on you "because your expected con-

tinuation of DMV payments represented deferred income to the DMV which you would have continued to pay if you continued to own a car?"

And, I'm sure, you can think of your own equally-silly examples.

However, is this not the same faulty logic that California and other states are using to justify source taxing former-resident retirees? Let me put it simply; this is what California (and every source tax state), using the same logic as above, is saying:

"If you ever worked in California—even for a brief period—and then moved away, California has the right to tax your retirement income as long as you live. Faulty reasoning: Because you lived here in the past and because the state will lose future tax income ("deferred income") as a result of your moving away, you are obligated to pay state taxes forever to compensate for leaving.

Even more illogical:

"If you worked in 5, 8, 10 states during your government career, each of these states (if they have a source tax) has the right to tax your retirement annuity forever; you must pay taxes to 5, 8, 10 different states until you die. Faulty reasoning: Because you chose to move away, you deprived all of your former states of the future taxes ("deferred income") you would have paid if you didn't move; therefore, you owe each of these states taxes for the rest of your life to compensate for not residing forever in all of them.

So much for logic, and so much for your well-deserved retirement.

Says Representative Vucanovich to the Senate Finance Taxation Subcommittee: "I feel that it is unfair that these people are being taxed by states where they receive no benefits and vote. Retirees who had their incomes taxed first time around while employed ought not be taxed a second time on their pensions by a state where they no longer live. Retirees on fixed incomes should live comfortably, without worries of being unfairly taxed by other states."

Yet, despite this, what seems to be good rationale, past efforts to outlaw the source taxes have faltered.

Bill Hoffman, a resident of Nevada, established and serves as president of a group called Retirees to Eliminate State Income Source Tax (RESIST). He founded his group in 1988 when, after he retired and moved to Nevada, California began harassing him, and demanding tax payments from him as a former Californian.

"Before the publicity that RESIST of America initiated, no one was informed, by either their state or employer, about non-resident taxation of retirement income," he says. "Why weren't we informed about this unfair tax that would lead to 'taxation without representation'?"

Perhaps, and hopefully, now that we are all familiar with this heretofore unpublicized source tax, with its questionable fairness and illogical premise, with the tactics some states are using to pursue collection, and with retirees petitioning for remedial action, true justice will be enacted on the national level to end the source tax practice.

The *Times* says that "The Senate bill [267] awaits subcommittee approval, while Vucanovich's companion measure, HR 431, has not been scheduled for hearings in the House Ways and Means Committee. A similar bill, HR 1531, also awaits House action. Hearings on HR 1531 could be held this year by the House Judiciary Committee. Vucanovich's other bill, HR 1655, awaits action in the House Ways and Means Committee."

Let's watch what happens. The outcome could be very significant to many of us—and maybe already is to you, depending on where you worked in your career, to date; if you are already retired, are you perhaps being sought out right now by some former state(s) of residence for back taxes and penalties? Don't answer the knock on your door.

If the source taxes continue, it could be devastating to our pocketbooks, to the quality of our retirement and to our peace of mind during our last years of life which should be free of bureaucratic harassment, and financial and emotional stress.

News

New time, attendance system effects civilians

by Richard Rankin
Deputy Chief of Staff
for Resource Management

Effective the pay period that started Sunday, civilian payroll functions will be transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. All civilian payroll checks will be issued by the Fort Sam Houston Finance Office.

It is recommended that all civilian employees have their payroll checks deposited directly to their bank. Direct deposit will be the most reliable way to ensure you get your paycheck. Due to check replacement policies at Fort Sam Houston, replacement of a lost check could take six weeks.

Due to the transfer of payroll to Fort Sam Houston

the following changes will go into effect:

- Employees will receive two W2's for 1991 — one from the Presidio of San Francisco and the other from Fort Sam Houston.
- Any changes to an individual's name, address or bank should be mailed to the following address:
Finance and Accounting Office
ATTN: AFKC-ZM-RM-FAO-Civ Pay
Building 102, Third Floor
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-5000
- Employees must use Standard Form 71, Appli-

cation for Leave, to document all leave. The new Time and Labor Report form that will replace the old time card does not allow an individual to initial his/her leave.

- Employees must have leave (sick or annual) on the books before they take it. If you take sick leave with no sick leave accrued, it will convert to leave without pay.

If you have any questions, contact your timekeeper, supervisor or Will Hanamoto at DSN 586-3498/3137 or commercial 561-3498/3137.

Suicide prevention: What you should know

by Lt. Col. Federico M.V. Tamayo

Would you know what to do if a relative, friend or co-worker was talking about suicide?

Most people may not really know how best to respond. There are many common myths or misconceptions about suicide. Some feel that people who talk about suicide don't commit it. However, most people who have killed themselves have talked about it or given warnings. In fact, most suicides do not occur without some kind of warning.

Other people feel that most suicidal individuals definitely want to die. Studies show that suicidal individuals are undecided about living or dying and may be reaching out for help.

Many people believe that only the mental health professionals (social workers, psychiatrists and psychologists) should deal with suicidal people. More often than not, individuals who were victims of suicide never made contact with a mental health clinic or other helping agency.

You may be the person that a distressed individual talks to about suicide. Thus, it becomes very important for everyone to know basic facts about how to evaluate and deal with potentially suicidal individuals. In this way, these people can be identified and helped.

Is suicide really a problem in American society and the military population? The answer is a definite "yes." Suicide has been considered the epidemic of the 1980s, and it can occur equally among all socioeconomic levels. Estimates indicate that one suicide attempt occurs in the United States every minute. In addition, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, and third for youths age 14 to 25.

Suicide is generally considered the third leading

cause of death in the military, behind motor vehicle accidents and heart disease. The rate of suicide in the military and in general populations tend to be relatively similar (about 15 per 100,000 people) and may be increasing.

Many believe that the increasing stresses of modern life may contribute to the suicide problem. In the military, active duty and their family members are probably faced with greater stressors (overseas assignments, forced separations, deployments) than the civilian population. However, the military in the past decade has taken a very active role in developing suicide prevention programs and community programs designed to reduce stress. This concern may explain why the suicide rates in the military are not higher. The development of effective suicide prevention programs among all services has received strong command support.

The fact remains that any death by suicide is a tragedy. You can learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide and provide basic "first aid." The following are the ABCs of effective suicide prevention:

AWARENESS of the indicators that increase suicidal risk are important. These risk indicators do not necessarily lead to suicidal acts. However, they do increase the possibility of self-harm and should be taken seriously. Contact a mental health professional for advice. These risk indicators include:

- Interpersonal crisis. Distress over marital strife, divorce, death of a spouse.
- Failure. Feeling of having failed in an important area of life or work.
- Inner conflict. Uncertainty about whether life is worth living.
- Feelings of hopelessness and depression.
- History of past suicide attempts.

- Any of the above in combination with increased drug or alcohol abuse.

The following are serious warning signs that indicate a high likelihood of a suicide attempt and require immediate attention:

- Talking about suicide.
- Unexpectedly giving away possessions, making a will, or other actions that suggest preparation for death.
- Excessive preoccupation with death and dying.
- Making specific and well thought-out plans to commit suicide and having the means available to carry out the plan (weapons, pills).

BE PREPARED to be with the suicidal person until a responsible authority, mental health or medical personnel take over.

- Never leave the suicidal person alone.
- Allow the person to talk about feelings. It is appropriate to eventually ask about suicidal thoughts and intentions.
- Talk to the person in a caring and understanding manner. Listen and ask concerned questions. Indicate that help and support is available. Do not attempt to criticize, challenge or argue with a suicidal individual.

CALL and consult your local mental health agency or medical treatment facility immediately if you feel someone may be suicidal. Even if you are not really sure, it is better to be cautious and get advice from an expert. Any action or talk that suggests the possibility of self-harm should be treated seriously until the individual has been evaluated by a mental health professional.

(Tamayo is chief of psychology service at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii.)

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He actually enjoys school.

"I like the challenge of school," Kelly said. "I want to try to stand out."

And stand out he does.

Not only does Kelly have all this going for him, but at 17, he already knows what he wants to do after high school.

Kelly does more than just think about his future, he's already working for what he wants to be.

One night a week for two hours, Kelly attends the Explorers Program Class. The class is held for teenagers who are interested in law enforcement.

Kelly has been interested in law enforcement for years.

"I wanted to be a police officer for many years," Kelly said. "I want to learn as much as I can right now."

"From what I know so far, I am 100 percent sure that working in law enforcement is what I want to do," Kelly added.

Kelly's been involved in the Explorers Program for eight months. The class meets each Thursday night, and he still finds time to play baseball and run cross country.

He's not sure what department of law enforcement he wants to work in. He doesn't care as long as he helps someone out.

"I want to make a difference," Kelly said, then asked if that sounded corny. Coming from him, it certainly didn't.

"I want to help others. That's the main reason I

want to get into law enforcement," Kelly said. "In law enforcement, there is a lot of contact with other people—that way I have a good chance of helping others."

The department of law enforcement that Kelly is interested in is the Drug Enforcement Agency.

"I'm a thrill seeker," Kelly said. "I don't want to go to work and do the same thing every day."

Although Kelly's father is in the military, he doesn't plan to join as a route into law enforcement.

"I've talked to MPs to find out if the military is the best way to go to get into law enforcement," Kelly said. "They said I should get as many years of college as I can first."

Right now, Kelly's main priority is getting to meet the president. He has to fly into Washington D.C. where he'll stay for six days. It will cost \$700 just for the conference. He also needs to buy a plane ticket. He's been working and saving so he can experience this chance of a life time. He'll need at least \$1,500.

Kelly says all the work is worth it.

Businesses and organizations can sponsor Kelly. He's also been working on that. He has sent out six or seven letters to businesses. Anyone in charge of an organization or businesses that would like to sponsor Kelly can contact him at 922-6502.

With support Kelly will be able to make that large leap to D.C.

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News

Army changes promotion system for junior enlisted

by Army News Service

Promotion point recomputations, suspended since February due to Operation DESERT STORM, resumed in July for soldiers on the promotion list to sergeant.

With the lifting of the suspension comes a switch from "annual" recomps to "anniversary" recomps, and a new 800-point worksheet for promotion to sergeant, according to a June 6 Total Army Personnel Command message to field units.

The Army's decision to scrap the Skill Qualification Test for junior enlisted soldiers may inadvertently force some corporals and specialists off the promotion list, said personnel officials at the Pentagon. The SQT meant as many as 200 promotion points for some of the soldiers.

SQT points will be deducted from promotion worksheets beginning with the July recomps. If a corporal or specialist fails to maintain at least 450 promotion points after the deduction, he will be dropped from the promotion list, said Sgt. Maj. Dennis Smith of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"There may be some soldiers who are dropped

from the list, but if they are it just means they haven't done much in other areas," he said.

Commanders and promotion boards can each award 200 points to corporals and specialists. Points can also be awarded for marksmanship, physical fitness, awards and attendance at military and civilian schools.

To offset the loss of points formerly awarded for SQT, soldiers will now compete for advancement to sergeant based on a maximum score of 800 points instead of 1,000.

"Soldiers (who remain on the list) will have lower scores, but their cutoff scores will drop as well," said Smith.

The July recomp will be the last annual recomputation for corporals and specialists. Sergeants on the promotion list to staff sergeant received their final annual recomp in May 1990.

After Sept. 30, soldiers on promotion lists to sergeant and staff sergeant will receive anniversary recomputations one year after the month of their last computation, according to the PERSCOM mes-

sage. Officials add that the anniversary recomp "may be conducted within a three-month window."

Under the new policy a soldier boarded in July 1991 will be eligible for the anniversary recomputation between June and August 1992.

If the same soldier submits a reevaluation in September 1991, his new anniversary recomputation date will be between August and October 1992. Soldiers can submit reevaluations anytime during the year, provided they have at least 35 points to add to their previous total.

Before the change, promotable sergeants were recomp'd each May, and corporals and specialists each February. Smith said the switch from annual to anniversary recomps would lighten the workload for local personnel offices during the two months.

"We needed to spread the workload over the whole year," he said. "This way, there will be less chance for errors because personnel offices won't be in such a crunch to get things done."

Preparation is key to successful evaluation appeals

by Army News Service

For reasons that vary from a misspelled name on a form to allegations of unfair rating practices, Army NCOs appeal about 150 evaluation reports monthly.

Half of them never make it past the first look.

That's not to say that the appeals process is a waste of time. Just the opposite, says Larry Hibbs of the Enlisted Records Evaluation Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Hibbs, chief of EREC's NCO Evaluation Report branch, says it shows most NCOs aren't spending enough time and effort preparing their appeals.

"A good 45 to 50 percent of appeals we return to NCOs because of insufficient documentation," Hibbs said. "Sometimes, all we get is handwritten letters on notebook paper from sergeants, explaining that they want this report taken out of their files because of . . . et cetera, et cetera."

That's just not good enough, Hibbs said. Both kinds of appeals — administrative and substantive — require that the NCO challenging an evaluation submit a specific list of documents. And, although the two types of appeal are quite different, the documentation necessary for both is almost identical.

"An administrative appeal is where they correct administrative data on an evaluation report," Hibbs said, citing name, MOS, duty MOS, PT test scores, and height and weight data among the kinds of entries that can be corrected through administrative appeal. "It's also where an NCO can declare that a rater or rating official was not qualified to render an evaluation on their portion of the evaluation."

Administrative appeals are decided at the EREC. Substantive appeals, in which NCOs challenge the content of an evaluation, must be forwarded to the Enlisted Review Board at the Total Army Personnel Command for decision.

"A substantive appeal is where an NCO alleges that the rating rendered on an evaluation report is

unjust or unfair," Hibbs said. "But all the appeals, whether it's administrative or substantive, are prepared the same way."

Appeals that are upheld can result in anything from a report being stricken from a soldier's record to a second look by a promotion board that may have been influenced by the invalidated report.

DA Circular 623-88-1 provides instructions on preparing evaluation report appeals. The requirements are quite specific, and Hibbs says the rules followed by officials deciding an appeal are not unlike rules of evidence used in a court of law.

For example, NCOs must submit statements from other soldiers or co-workers — preferably of equal rank or higher — offering evidence to support their claim that the evaluation report was incorrect or unfair. Any other official documents that might have a bearing on the NCO's case, such as reports of survey or commander's inquiries, should also be included.

There is also a standardized list of documents that must be included in any appeal package. Every appeal must be accompanied by certified copies of the appellant's DA Forms 2-1 and 2-A, available from the soldier's personnel service center. Every appeal must also include a copy of the evaluation under dispute.

"Often, the report the soldier has in his possession is not like the final report that was submitted into the soldier's records," Hibbs said. "We have to make sure that what's on the official file and what the soldier has (and is appealing) are the same."

All the appeal documents must be packaged with a cover memorandum and sent to the EREC. A sample cover memorandum is included in DA Circular 623-88-1.

EREC then screens all appeals to see that the necessary documentation is included. That's where half of all appeals fail the test. The remainder are judged on the basis of the evidence presented by the

NCO, and on additional research conducted by the reviewing body.

More than 90 percent of administrative appeals that make it to judgement succeed. Hibbs says that's not surprising, since those appeals generally seek only to correct administrative data.

Substantive appeals are another matter; three of every four that get to the Enlisted Review Board fail. Again, Hibbs cites insufficient documentation or evidence as the prevailing reason for the high failure rate.

"Sometimes we see appeals coming through that are just weak," he said. "We have to process them, because they contain all the documents required by the regulation. But the evidence they submit just doesn't address the issue."

"If those NCOs took the time and effort to prepare their case more thoroughly, they'd have much more success. In fact, when we see commanders getting the word out on how to properly submit appeals, we see the success rate rise."

Even a rejected appeal can provide new evidence for an NCO's case. Hibbs said NCOs whose appeals are denied but would like to pursue their case further should write to PERSCOM and, citing the Freedom of Information Act, request a copy of the case summary prepared on their appeal.

"That case summary will explain thoroughly the process that was used in reaching a final decision (on the NCO's appeal)," Hibbs said. "The NCO can get that case summary, read it, and resubmit the appeal with new evidence. In fact, they can resubmit appeals as many times as they want as long as they submit new evidence."

A court of last resort in challenging evaluation reports is the Army Board for Corrections of Military Records. However, an NCO must have first challenged the report through EREC and PERSCOM to go to the Board for Corrections.

Army ending laundry payroll deduction program

by Army News Service

After almost 40 years of continuous operation, the Army's laundry payroll deduction program is on its way out.

More popularly known by its former name, "Quartermaster Laundry Service," the laundry program ends Sept. 30. It began in the early 1950s.

Under the current version of the program, soldiers pay \$12 monthly for bundled laundry services. The fee, deducted from soldiers' pay, is intended to cover the cost of the program. However, says Don Stump of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics' Troop Support Division, the laundry program has not met its operating costs Army-wide since the service began closing its post laundries in the mid-1970s.

"The Army's been losing money (on the program) for about 20 years," said Stump, who heads the division's Field Services Support System branch. "This fiscal year alone, it's projected to lose \$1.7 million. Last year, it lost \$1.6 million. We can no longer make up that shortfall from appropriated funds."

A price hike from \$8 to \$12 monthly in 1989 failed to balance the Army's books on the program, which officials contend was never intended to be interpreted as a "benefit." The program was intended to provide a low-cost laundry program for soldiers, as long as it covered its operating costs.

Stump added that a factor in the program's cancellation is that it no longer serves the customers it was originally designed for, junior enlisted soldiers in the Army of old, when barracks did not have laundry

rooms and utility uniforms were starched. Only 7 percent of all soldiers now use the program — the majority of them trainees. Under an exception, the program will continue for basic and advanced individual training units on a one-time fee basis.

However, Stump said the remainder of participants in the program have been mostly senior NCOs and officers.

A July 2 message to major Army commands announcing the laundry program's cancellation urged MACOMs and installations to replace the service with a cash-per-bundle or cash-per-piece laundry program. Prices would be set locally to offset the cost of the service.



Ceremonial Platoon soldiers fire the cannons during Brig. Gen. Lash's retirement ceremony.

Sixth Army Chief of Staff retires

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Brig. Gen. Peter Waller Lash, chief of staff, Sixth U.S. Army retired July 24 after more than 33 years of active commissioned service. Lash had served at the Presidio since March 12, 1990.

The retirement ceremony was held on the parade ground in front of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters.

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, presented General Lash with a Distinguished Service Medal, his retirement lapel pin, and a personal letter from President George Bush. In the letter President Bush thanked Lash for his 35 years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Ginger Lash received a Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal that was presented by Lt. Gen. Harrison. Mrs. Jo Harrison presented a Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs. Lash. Mrs. Lash also received a bouquet of flowers given in appreciation by the soldiers and families of the command.

Some of Lash's major assignments include: Commander, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Carson, Colo.; Commander, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; Deputy Commandant of Cadets, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; Commanding General, First Reserve Officer Training Corps Region, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Chief, Joint United States Army

Military Assistance Group, Thailand.

General Lash has served in Korea and Vietnam and is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Meritorious Service Medal.

In his speech, Lash commented on the improvements of the Army since he had first joined.

"You have a good Army—it's proven itself," Lash said. "So look around, read the polls of all the institutions of the United States, your Army leads the pack, year after year after year."

Lash ended his speech with words from a song by Lee Greenwood.

"I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free and I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me, and I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today, 'cause there ain't no doubt I love this land. God Bless the U.S.A."

After Lash's speech the Sixth U.S. Army Band played and soldiers marched by for "Pass and Review." Lash's family was escorted on the parade field to join him during the "Pass and Review."

A retirement reception was held for General and Mrs. Lash at their home.

The Lash's were presented a photo of the Presidio

and the United States Flag that flew over the Presidio during the retirement ceremony.

The Lash's were joined with friends, family and fellow soldiers wishing them luck especially with the packers arriving the next day.



Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander, pins on Brig. Gen. Lash's Distinguished service medal.



The Sixth U.S. Army Band plays while marching at the retirement ceremony July 24.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings

by Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

Greetings from the Presidio Post Chapel staff. We hope and pray that your life here in the most beautiful city in the world is healthy and happy.

A few weeks ago, a very good friend of mine died. Coincidentally, he died on the sixth anniversary of the death of a sixteen year old who made a major impact on the Post Chapel Community. During that time of grief and reflection, I could not help but wonder, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" This week let us ponder this question.

There are two ways we can ponder this question: emotionally and objectively. When we lose somebody, it is natural to feel strong emotions. It is not abnormal for us to feel intense anger and even to direct that anger towards God. We may ask, "How could God allow this to happen?" For some, this may seem like an inappropriate question. When we are dealing with our feelings, we need to remember that there are no right or wrong feelings. What one feels is what one feels. It is not right or wrong, good or bad. Objectively, we know that bad things happen to everybody in this world. This world is set up in such a way that bad and good things happen. The question is how do we deal with this situation. I firmly believe that God is alive and active in our lives. I also believe that God is a God who cares. Does this loving God cause bad things to happen in our lives? Absolutely not! If not, then why do they happen? I don't know if anyone can emphatically answer that question. Consider this! When things don't go as we plan, we must have the maturity to accept the emotions that go with the events. Because God cares, we can know that it is okay to feel guilt, anger, depression or grief.

Some special events that are happening in the near future at the Post Chapel: Our Chapel Teen Group will be going on a special summer outing in August. If you are interested in joining this group, phone the

RAC at 561-3535.

We hopefully will begin our Junior High Group before school starts; watch this column for further information. We continue to have Sunday School classes at the Religious Activities Center, Building 682, every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for children ages three years old through an adult class. Catholic CCD classes will begin in September after a Parish Picnic at Hamilton Fields. Again, watch this column for further information on these events. Our teens have their weekly meeting every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the RAC. The Gospel Group will have a special Pot-Luck lunch on August 18. Phone the Post Chapel for more information.

Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturday at 5 p.m. and 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel (for more information, please phone 561-4397 and talk to Ruth Callmann). Protestant Services are held every Sun-

Quip of the Week: Life is fragile, handle it with prayer.



Community Operations—providing relaxing atmosphere for soldiers

by Pleasant Lindsey III

The Presidio of San Francisco's location offers soldiers a wealth of recreational opportunities, and the post itself provides ample activities for social entertainment.

The Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities looks after the post's morale through the Community Operations and Community Recreation Divisions.

The COD is responsible for promoting the well-being of the Presidio's soldiers, family members and others through recreational and entertainment activities.

Community Operations Division includes the Officers' Club, NCO/Enlisted Club, Package Beverage Store, Golf Club and Bowling Center.

The Officers' Club and the NCO/Enlisted Club serve commissioned and enlisted soldiers by providing places for them, their family members, civilian employees, retirees and their guests to socialize with their peers.

The clubs provide spacious dining rooms, live entertainment and special activities for members and guests.

Bowling Center Branch provides a clean, modern, well maintained professional bowling center and sells professional equipment in response to patrons' needs and desires.

The high tech automatic machinery is maintained to the standards and specifications of the American Bowling Congress (ABC). The lanes are certified by the ABC.

Intramural bowling teams use the facility year round.

Presidio Athletic Golf Club provides golf and golf related activities to all members of the military com-

munity. Facilities are clean, modern and well maintained. The golf course and related equipment is professionally managed to provide the best service to patrons.

The course follows the guidelines and standards established by the United States Golf Association (USGA). Rules of Golf apply to all play and to the determination of handicaps.

The PAGC hosts tournaments such as the Open Hands Tournament sponsored by Jack Tatum.

Package Beverage Branch is responsible for the store located beneath the NCO/Enlisted Club that sells sodas and other package beverages, snacks and other items for soldiers and their families.

Community Recreation Division

The Community Recreation Division also provides recreational activities for soldiers and family members. However, these activities are a little more physically involved.

The Community Recreation Division includes the Sports; Outdoor Recreation; and Information, Tour and Travel Branches.

The Sports Branch provides a sports program, trains soldiers for athletic competitions and schedules sports tournaments on the post.

For fitness, there are three gyms on post equipped with weight rooms, saunas and showers. Two of the gyms have racquetball courts and the third is located adjacent to the post swimming pool. The main gym includes a Nautilus weight room separate from the Universal Weight room.

Also, the Sports Branch hosts training camps for the All Army Basketball and Track Teams, as well as the Armed Forces Basketball Team. In fact, the

since the mid-'60s. According to Fitness Coordinator Bob Darling, the Presidio will host the All Army Soccer camp this year in October for the first time.

Outdoor Recreation Branch maintains, among other things, a series of condominiums and recreational vehicles. The condominiums are located at Lake Tahoe where Presidians can use them for \$60 per day during the week, \$85 per day on weekends and holidays. Reservations must be made early as the condos tend to be booked most of the year.

Outdoor Recreation rents out canoes and motor boats; boat trailers; a 15 passenger bus; pop-up tents; and a 24-foot recreational vehicle for those who can't fathom sleeping in a tent.

They provide as well equipment for camping, hiking, skiing and tennis. Outdoor Rec. loans out tents, bicycles, skates and archery equipment for the soldiers' use.

Information, Tour and Travel Branch provides a neighborhood link to amusement parks, shows and travel opportunities in the surrounding community.

ITT offers discount tickets to places such as Marine World, Disney Land and Great America amusement parks and provides information about tours in the wine country and the skiing areas of northern California.

ITT shares space with SATO Travel to provide an airline reservation service complete with travel agent and discount air fares.

For soldiers on the Presidio the DPCA's Community Operations and Community Recreation Divisions furnish plenty of opportunities for recreational and social enjoyment.

Sports

Sports Briefs by Bobbie Gascon, Presidio Sports Branch

Bowling update: G.D. takes championship

GASPAR'S DARBY did it all on "Position Night" by whipping the Winter League Champion STRIKE FORCE 4-0 to win the Summer League Championship. GASPAR'S DARBY was lead by team captain Robert Gascon's 235 game and 597 scratch series (263 handicap game and 681 handicap series) and Mel Washington's 204/201 scratch games and 594 scratch series. Betty Larkins and Alice Fischer contributed by bowling over their averages to help their team roll a team high series 2,343 with handicap.



1991 Scratch Singles League

week 7	Won	Lost
1 Ray Palomarez	25	10
2 Brian Kitching	21	14
3 Bobbie Gascon	21	14
4 David Langdon	20.5	14.5
5 Charles Kennell	20.5	14.5
6 Calvin Derrick	17	18
7 Barry Sawyer	15	20
8 Bruce Rennock	14	21
9 Robert Gascon	12	23
10 Tom Law	9	26

Reno Bowling League

week 11	Won	Lost
1 Lab Rats	33	11
2 Boomtown 'D'	29	15
3 The Imported	28	16
4 US	28	16
5 Keno	25	19
6 Family Affair	25	19
7 Da Kine	23	21
8 Who Knows	19	25

Hui O Hawaii League

Final League Standings	Won	Lost
1 Gaspars Darby	37	15
2 Strike Force	35.5	16.5
3 Young Guns	32.5	19.5
4 Can't Touch This	29	23
5 Up Your Alley	28	24
6 Just Roll It	27	25
7 B.I.O.T.A.	27	25
8 FUBAR	22	30
9 Family Affair	21	31
10 High Rollers	20	32
11 Pathogens	19	33
12 Good Times	14	38

1991 Handicap Singles League

Final Standings	Won	Lost	HDCP
1 Sid Donnell	43	13	6
2 Judi Charlton	39.5	16.5	11
3 Bobbie Gascon	39	17	8
4 Rey Fajardo	38	18	6
5 Cleve Ashwood	31	25	11
6 Tom Law	30.5	25.5	31
7 Penny LeCroy	30	26	14
8 Terry Sanders	25.5	28.5	56
9 Lynne Hancock	24	32	32
10 Fran Malespin	20.5	35.5	55
11 John Babauta	19.5	36.5	14
12 Alice Fischer	14	42	58

LAMC ONE bombards LAIR ONE

by Pleasant Lindsey III

LAMC ONE blasted out 20 runs and swamped LAIR ONE 20-8 July 29. LAMC ONE was lead by Yancy O'Daniel, Gary Fagan, Erik Hurst and James Conforti who had three hits a piece.

LAMC ONE scored 11 runs in the bottom of the fifth (and final) inning on two walks, a double and nine singles.

LAMC ONE opened the scoring back in the first inning when Conforti, Hurst and Steven Czerwinski all singled to load the bases. Decius Aaron batted some runs in and later scored when James Munn added a hit for a 4-0 lead. LAMC ONE got three more runs in the second and one each in the third and fourth innings.

LAIR ONE scored two runs in the top of the second, but left the bases loaded; it scored three in the third but, again, left the bases loaded.

If LAMC ONE wins one of its remaining two games and LEC and DOL should lose either one of its next two games LAMC ONE will have clinched the first place title going into the league championship. The playoffs begin Aug. 6.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III
Alan Proulx scores his second run for LAMC Two in the July 25 game against LEC. Two LEC players were suspended for two games after kicking dirt on umpire John Funes.

Dr. Doom leading team?

USAG guns for respectability as tournament nears

by Pleasant Lindsey III

USAG's John Dumoulin may acquire a new name around the league—"Dr. Doom." His four hits helped sixth place USAG stomp DOL 18-3. DOL is currently tied for second place in the league.

Dumoulin was four-for-five with four hits (one double), three runs scored and three runs batted in. James Williams scored three runs on two hits and an error.

DOL never got on track. Nearly everything the batters hit was hit right at someone. For instance, in the fifth inning one of their batters hit another runner.

Meanwhile, USAG was gearing up for the playoffs. The team scored 11 unanswered runs in the bottom of the fifth to seal DOL's fate.

Wade Matsuda reached base on an error by the shortstop and Preston Cluff walked. James Williams

loaded the bases on another error by the short stop. Dumoulin's third hit scored one run, then Jerome Smith walked and Richard Crisp singled to score two more runs.

An error by the first baseman allowed another run to score, and Cornelius Humphries three-run homer made the score 14-3. Next, Sheldon Martin reached base on another DOL error and later scored on Rich Rendon's double to left field. Cluff singled to drive home Rendon, Williams hit a double to score Cluff and Dumoulin's fourth hit sent Williams across the plate for the final score of the night.

USAG scored five runs in the first inning, one in the second and one in the third.

USAG is another of the teams looking forward to the playoffs next week. Their manager said they can beat any of the other contenders for the crown. "We can beat anyone in the league," Cluff said.

ISC/INSCOM upsets number one team

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Two singles and an error were all ISC/INSCOM needed to squeeze past LAMC ONE by the score of 8-7 in Intramural Softball action July 25. Walter Burkhardt lead off the bottom of the seventh inning with a single and scored when Jason Taylor reached first safely on an error.

"We left 11 men on base," said LAMC ONE's Jerry Hardison. "You can't win ball games that way." Interestingly enough ISC left eight runners on base.

LAMC ONE scored twice in the top half of the seventh. The inning began when Steven Czerwinski and Scott Dunham both hit singles to left field. Nura Sales batted in Czerwinski and Yancy O'Daniel drove in Dunham to tie the game at 7-7. The next batters went down 1-2-3.

Both teams scored most of their runs earlier in the game. LAMC scored in the third after Erik Hurst

tripled to center field. Then, Gary Fagan struck out and James Conforti hit a drive to second base. With two out Decius Aaron tried to stretch a single to right into a double, but didn't make it. However, Hurst scored LAMC's fifth run on the play.

LAMC ONE scored twice in the second inning after Czerwinski lead off with a double to left and Sales singled. O'Daniel's double scored Czerwinski and Sales scored on a single by Charles McIntyre to narrow the score, 5-4 ISC/INSCOM.

ISC/INSCOM answered in the bottom of the second with two more runs to take a three-point 7-4 lead.

ISC/INSCOM scored its first five runs in the bottom of the first inning on six hits, four errors and a walk.

LAMC ONE's loss did not hurt its spot in the standings, however. Its victory in a battle against LAIR ONE the following Monday night secured LAMC ONE's first place spot.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III
Alan Proulx rounds third and heads home to score his first run for LAMC Two against LEC July 25. The game was called with one minute of regulation time remaining.

Softball

Standings	Won	Lost
1 LAMC ONE	15	3
2 LEC	13	5
2 DOL	13	5
3 LAMC TWO	12	5
4 ISC/INSCOM	10	6
5 FBI	9	9
6 LAIR ONE	9	7
7 USAG	7	8
8 Park Police	2	14
8 LAIR TWO	2	14
9 AAFES	2	15

Fitness Matters

"I'll gladly diet Tuesday for a pass on the test today"

by Duvel White

Star Presidian staff

Some soldiers approach the weigh-in and Army Physical Fitness Test like a bank robber, caught in the act — surrounded by a thousand policemen — swearing to get a day job, if only God will get him out of this one.

Laxatives, spitting for hours, water pills, sauna sits, going without water, skipping meals, inducing vomit... the list of what soldiers will do to get under the weight goes on.

These quick fixes are unhealthy and unnecessary. Eating properly and exercising regularly are the keys to gradual weight loss and steady weight control.

Energy balance

The best way to lose weight is using "energy balance" to control weight. Simply put "energy balance" is.

Calories in (food intake) = Calories out (energy burned)

Look at it as a bank account. Calories are money. Your body is your account. If you spend (burn calories) the same amount of money you deposit (food eaten), your account balance (fat/body weight) stays the same. However, if you're depositing (eating) more than you are spending (using for energy), your account accumulates extra money (fat). Large balances are great for bank accounts, not so great for bodies.

While prevention is the best and preferred method, what if you are already overweight? If your account (body) is getting too big to handle, loosen up the checkbook (exercise) or lower your deposits (food). By manipulating this equation weight can be taken off and kept off.

Your energy needs

Okay, calories in and calories out, but how many calories do I need to maintain my weight? Good question. Here is a short method for calculating daily energy needs as published by the Army Physical Fitness School's section on "Weight Control".

(Wellness Dietitian Jan McBride from Letterman Army Hospital's Nutrition Care Division did a work-up comparing this method against her, more detailed, formula to determine daily energy needs. The results were close and she agreed this is a loose guideline for calculating daily energy needs to maintain current weight. For more detailed information call Letterman Central Appointments at 561-5324 for a self-referral appointment with the Nutrition Care Clinic.)

Short method for calculating daily energy needs:

Present body weight X activity level factor = calories required per day to maintain present body weight.

Activity level factors

Activity factor descriptions:

- Activity level factor 13 — **SEDENTARY**. Job requires little physical effort and includes standing or light walking. Exercise is performed less than three times per week and is low intensity or short duration.

- Activity level factor 14 — **LIGHT ACTIVITY**. Job requires light physical effort including bending, light lifting, walking or standing. Exercise is performed a minimum of three times a week and is at an appropriate THR, training heart rate, and at least 20 minutes per session.

- Activity level factor 15 — **MODERATE ACTIVITY**. Job requires physical effort and repetition of tasks throughout the work shift. Exercise is performed more than three times per week at an appropriate THR and for at least 20 minutes per session.

For example: A 200 pound man whose activity level is sedentary requires 2,600 calories each day to maintain body weight.

200 (body weight) X 13 (sedentary activity level) = 2,600 (number of calories required per day to maintain current body weight).

Try this equation on yourself. This is a good base line to work from. Weight can be lost by either lowering the number of calories taken in or increasing the amount of calories burned.

Tying all this together is the fact that one pound

of fat equals 3,500 calories. This means that for each pound of fat lost, a deficit of 3,500 calories must be created.

With the information covered so far we can plan the caloric deficit section of a weight reduction diet.

Setting up a weight reduction diet:

- 1— Take the number of calories required to maintain current body weight.

- 2— Spread the 3,500 calorie deficit (one pound of fat loss) over a period of one week by dividing by seven. In this case it would equal a 500 calorie deficit per day.

- 3— Subtract the daily deficit (500) from the daily maintenance calorie level.

- 4— Now you have the number of calories needed to lose one pound of FAT (not water) a week.

As an example let's continue with the same person as listed above. Weight 200 pounds, **SEDENTARY** (13 activity level factor), weight loss goal one pound per week for 10 weeks.

— 200 (pounds) X 13 (activity level factor) = 2,600 calories to maintain current weight.

— 3,500 calorie deficit (one pound of FAT LOSS per week) divided by seven (one week) = 500.

— 2,600 (daily calorie maintenance level) - 500 (daily calorie deficit) = 2,100 (caloric reduction level to lose one pound of FAT per week).

Weight reduction diet: 2,100 calorie per day for 10 weeks = 10 pound FAT LOSS.

Weight loss rate

McBride stresses that weight loss should not be more than one or two pounds each week. "People come in and want to lose 10 pounds in a week," she said. "This sets them up for failure. I negotiate more realistic goals to prepare them for success in long-term weight control. Too rapid of weight loss is dangerous and unhealthy. I try to reeducate them to avoid the painful yo-yo's of dieting by starting early and taking it slow. Losing weight does not have to be painful. It only becomes painful when you try to do it too quickly."

(Next week: **FAD DIETS — FRIEND or FOE?**)



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Community Calendar

American Cancer Society

A special toll free number, 1-800-794-6663, is in operation now for registration for Making Strides Against Cancer, the regional move-along-a-thon sponsored by seven Bay Area American Cancer Society units Aug. 3. Dialing the special number connects the caller with a voice mail box. Leaving a recorded message including name and mailing address will get the caller a brochure describing the event and the five different routes available. Striders participate by walking, running, skating or even wheel-chairing it across any one of the five starting lines. They choose how far they want to go, five steps or five miles. Crossing the starting line is what counts. Participants also decide how much they wish to collect in pledges. There is a \$5 registration fee, and incentive prizes for different pledge totals. Collecting \$25 in pledges earns the strider a T-shirt bearing the original cartoon. Pledges totalling \$500 are rewarded with a 35 mm camera. \$3,000 gets the strider a video camcorder. Golden Gate Park's polo field is the starting point for the San Francisco route. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at 394-7100.

Education Center

The Education Center is offering two more sessions of an Army program designed to help soldiers and their family members who are leaving the service. The two sessions remaining are three hours and will be held Aug. 6 for military members only and Aug. 20 for others. Sessions are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Education Center at 561-4445.

Vet Clinic appointments

The Presidio Veterinary Clinic provides routine immunizations and medical services by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled by calling 561-3744 between 8 a.m. and noon daily. Children under 10 years of age are not allowed in the clinic due to the potential for animal bites.

Summer musical tour

"A Musical Grand Tour," the 10th anniversary Redwoods Summer Musical Festival, will be held through Sept. 1 at various wineries in Sonoma County. A celebration of Mozart will be included at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 3 and 4 at Lyeth Winery in Geyserville. For more information, call the Santa Rosa Symphony Office at 1-707-546-8742 weekdays.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Mrs. Janette Cunningham presents her son, Daniel, to Mrs. Jo Harrison, wife of Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. Daniel was born June 13. Daniel's father, Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, is expected to return from Saudi Arabia in mid-August along with the unit he commands, Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

Exploratorium news

In celebration of a visit by Master Ha, one of the world's great kite makers, the Exploratorium presents Color Our Skies Kite Festival, in conjunction with China Books and Periodicals and American Kite Magazine, Aug. 10 and 11. The festival includes kite making and kite flying demonstrations by master Ha, as well as films, a public kite flying competition at the Marina Green and a kite candy-drop for children. Admission is included in the price of admission to the museum. The public is invited to attend and bring their kites. For more information, call Linda Dackman at 563-7337.

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Presidio Stroll

A Heritage Summer Presidio Walk, sponsored by the San Francisco Architectural Heritage, will begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 10 at the Flagpole, Main Parade Ground, near the Officers Club, Presidio of San Francisco. The Presidio walks will be held every other Saturday through Sept. 21. Cost is \$3 per person. For more information, call 441-3004.

Officers' Club

The membership appreciation night will be held at the Presidio Officers' Club Aug. 9 beginning at 6 p.m. Lt. Gen. and Mrs. William H. Harrison will host this event. Hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Moraga Room along with the no-host cocktail party. Entertainment will be provided by Susan Fourcade. In the grand ballroom, Johnny Staton's band will entertain, while a jazz combo will perform in the Attic. Members and their spouses are admitted free. Guests of members will be charged \$25. For more information, call the Officers' Club at 921-1612.

Cookbook sale

The Presidio Enlisted Spouses Club is selling cookbooks. A multi-faceted collection of home-tested recipes in a book with extra hints and guides. The cost is \$8 each and you can purchase one by calling Linda Groves at 421-7950 or Silvia Ramsay at 567-6293. Hurry while supplies last.

Home child care needed

The Family Child Care program is looking for loving people to take care of children in their quarters. To be a certified Family Child Care Provider, you have to complete a challenging course of professional training in areas such as child development, first aid and nutrition. If you want to run your own business while helping young children and their families, then consider enrolling.

There will be an orientation briefing explaining the Family Child Care program and its requirements on Aug. 27, from 8 to 10 a.m., in Building 103B. For more information, call Mary Anne Gianquinto at 561-2251.

Women's Equality Day

The Presidio Women's Equality Day celebration will be held Aug. 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the NCO/Enlisted Club. The theme this year is "Voices of Equality." Job awareness booths of various local government agencies will provide information concerning job openings. The meeting is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Angela Brumfield, Equal Opportunity Officer, at 561-4154/4158.

Great America, Marine World tickets

ITT is offering discount tickets for both Great America and Marine World Africa U.S.A. For more information, call ITT at 561-3992.

Disaster survival

Learn to survive disaster. The American Red Cross teaches classes on how to survive and help others in a natural disaster. For more information, call 561-2187.

Register pets

In accordance with 'SF Regulation 40-1 all animals kept in the Presidio must be registered with Veterinary Services, Building 68, 561-3744. Owners must present proof of current rabies vaccination in order to register their pets. Animals must be registered after each subsequent rabies vaccination.

Red Cross instructor course

Learn how to teach CPR Aug. 7, 14 and 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. Also, the Red Cross is offering Community CPR for infants, children and adults Aug. 13 and 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 561-2411/2187.

Movie schedule

Presidio Post Theater

Friday, Aug. 2: Don't Tell Mom—The Babysitter's Dead (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 3: Soap Dish (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4: Out for Justice (R), 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 5: A Rage in Harlem (R), 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 9: Silence of the Lambs (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10: Rocketeer (PG), 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 11: Kick Boxer II: The Road Back (R) 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 12: Dying Young (R), 7 p.m.



Environmental tip

Compiled by Elayne Werner
Public Affairs Office

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Retirement's "Catch 62"

Beware ye civilians with prior military service

By K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

This article is directed at those civilian employees who have also served in the military. If you fall in this category, the information below could be very important to you financially when and after you retire. It could make a difference of several thousand dollars a year. Read on.

As you know, if you served in the military and later went to work for the government, your years of military service are added to your years of civil service to compute your total number of years for your retirement annuity. For example, if you served in the Army for 4 years, then worked as a civil servant for 20 years, you would have 24 years of creditable service for retirement purposes.

When you began your civilian service career, you had the option of making a contribution of a percentage of your military base pay into your CSRS or FERS retirement account. Many people who served in the military and later joined the civil service ranks immediately made the deposit into the retirement system. Many did not know about the deposit requirement/option, or chose to postpone it or not to make it at all. Some employees may have thought, years after active duty and when they were well into their civilian government careers, that a deposit for military service earnings into their civilian retirement accounts—maybe a couple thousand dollars at most—didn't matter very much. However, it *may* matter—and it may matter *a great deal*.

What you did, or do, concerning this deposit could affect your retirement annuity when you turn 62.

If you *did* or *do* make the deposit, you may *not* be subject to the "Catch 62," as explained below.

If you *did not*, and *do not*, make the deposit for your military service years, you could be subject to the "Catch 62."

What you need to know

Because your military service years are creditable for social security benefits when you reach age 62, if you have enough quarters to make you eligible to collect social security at age 62, and you also have a government retirement, your retirement annuity could be recomputed, and it could possibly be reduced.

After you get the facts, you must decide, if you have not done so, whether or not making the deposit will be best for you, especially if many years have lapsed since you served on active duty. You should find out, too, whether or not you have a sufficient number of quarters to receive Social Security benefits at age 62.

Some basics

Military service members have come under the Social Security retirement system since December 31, 1956. Your years of military service are creditable for Social Security benefits at age 62, but to receive Social Security benefits, you must have at least 40 quarters of employment under the Social Security system.

The Social Security law was passed in 1956. "The law," informs the *Federal Times*, "said post-1956 military service could not be combined with civilian service toward CSRS annuity when the retiree was eligible for Social Security." Although your total year of combined military service and civilian service apply to your retirement annuity until age 62, it *may change* when you reach 62; depending on whether or not you make that deposit—"Catch 62."

The law requires that, at age 62 if Social Security kick in, and if you have *not* made the deposit, your retirement annuity will be *recomputed*; your military time will be deducted from your total years of

service and your retirement benefits will be reconfigured based on Social Security. Your government retirement annuity will be reconfigured based on civilian years of government service and military service *before 1957*; your military years *after 1957* will be reconfigured based on Social Security laws.

"The 1956 law was costly for civil servant military veterans," says the *Federal Times*. "Those who retired before age 62 had their CSRS annuities recalculated when they reached age 62, whether they received Social Security retirement benefits, or not. [However,] no recalculation was done if the retiree wasn't entitled to Social Security because he or she had not completed the required number of quarters of covered employment."

Most civil servant/veterans may not be aware that their annuities may be recomputed at age 62, and, *even more important*, they may not know that, if they don't act wisely on this issue before retirement, the result could be *a significant reduction in their retirement annuity benefits* when they turn 62; it will then be too late to do anything about it.

The Budget Reconciliation Act (Public Law 97-253) was enacted in September 1982. If you were employed by the government as a civilian *before October 1, 1982*, under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), or *re-employed under CSRS after October 1, 1982*, you have two options:

(1) You have the option of making the deposit of a percentage of your earned post-1956 military income into the CSRS; if you do so, you may *not* have your retirement annuity adjusted at age 62.

(2) You have the option of getting credit for the post-1956 military service *without* making the deposit, but you will receive a reduced annuity, and,

see Catch 62, page 4



Filling the gap!

Spec. Duane Martorano (left) surveys the situation to help dozer driver Spec. Jarrod Basnett out of a tight spot. The Army Reservists were with their unit, Headquarters, 820th Engineer Battalion, building firing positions at Camp Parks. See story on page 7

photo by Wanda Arceneaux

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Dear Presidians,

Although the sun has been scarce lately, it remains a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place.

Lately, for some reason, I have run into several people who have commented that they read these lines in the *Star Presidian*. I am always shocked that any one does—and flattered also, I must admit. My intent is simply to share with my fellow Presidians the view from my foxhole, which I realize may differ from your perspective of life at Presidio of San Francisco. But I hope that by sharing we can better the communications.

On the 31st we had our latest Sixth Army/Presidio of San Francisco Fun Run. This was the first one we have done in the a.m. I know there are advantages and disadvantages to anything. I realize we cannot suit everyone. But I do want us to do these when we can get the maximum number of people out to enjoy them. So please feed back to your sergeants major so we can modify as *you* desire. For anyone who doesn't have a sergeant major, contact Command Sergeant Major Copeland, 561-2004. As always this was a fun time, good crowd and good JODY calling. The Command Group won the streamer—congrats Sergeant Miramontes and HOO AH!

Also on Wednesday we hosted several representatives of businesses that contributed to our recent Army Days. We gave each a Commander's Certificate with our heartfelt thanks. These outfits were:

Granny Goose—Mr. Dave Huntoon
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And then we gave service awards to the two young ladies who sought out these concerns and asked them to contribute. These two young ladies did an outstanding job and I know that everyone who benefitted from their effort appreciates it. They were Ms. Nadine Goldman and Ms. Laurrah Burns. To *all* these folks a very special HOO AH! from all Presidians.

On 1 August yours truly took my annual physical at Letterman Army Medical Center. Now when you get as old as I this becomes a long and involved affair and not something to which I look forward. But our great CAREGIVERS at LAMC are so thoughtful, so professional, so caring that what starts out to be a dreaded affair turns into a really meaningful experience. So, to all these professionals my thanks and my congrats for a job well done:

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To each of you—a real big HOO AH!

On Friday it was my pleasure to view the latest design work on the new headquarters for Sixth

Army to be built at Fort Carson, Colorado. It is going to be a really impressive place and I am very pleased with the results so far. I have asked the Sixth U.S. Army Engineer to get us a display, either a model or some drawings to place here in the headquarters so folks can see what's going on. As soon as we get that we'll let you know.

As you know Presidians I try to keep this article aimed at the positive. But today there are two items of a somewhat negative nature I want to share with you.

The first has to do with soldiers on police call and area beautification. Now I assure each of you that I am *well aware* that soldiers do not volunteer for the army to do police call and area beautification! I know that and I support that. Soldiers join the Army to do the job they volunteered to do—be a medic, an engineer, a clerk, a TOW gunner, a helicopter mechanic etc. And I want soldiers to do their MOS job as much as possible. But I also know that whereas this time last year I had money in the Presidio of San Francisco budget to hire people to police the post, to mow the lawn, to do all the area beautification jobs, I no longer have those funds. During the past year because of our fair share of cuts in dollars from FORSCOM we have had to cancel contracts, let workers go and generally cut back and tighten our purse strings. In circumstances such as this we have two choices—let the grass grow, the litter gather, the post become a mess or use our military man/woman power to help ourselves. Well, we're doing the latter—out of necessity. Not because we want to, not because we don't appreciate why soldiers volunteer, not because we're not hearing your concerns. It's either this or let our quality of life become degraded. I know you won't all agree but I hope you will understand.

The second item concerns a spate of articles appearing in the local press concerning the Presidio. We have been labeled "slum landlords", accused of making off with the treasures from the museum, cited for allowing the Presidio of San Francisco to go to "rack and ruin" and just generally held up to ridicule for how we're trying to care for Presidio of San Francisco during the transition to the Department of Interior. I want to assure all Presidians of the following:

- 1) First priority is always to the quality of life of our Presidians who live and work at Presidio of San Francisco.
- 2) The Army is dedicated to caring for Presidio of San Francisco to the best of our ability—as we always have.
- 3) Presidio of San Francisco is getting our fair share of the ever decreasing defense budget. No conscious decision has been made to allow the Presidio of San Francisco to decline due to closure.
- 4) We do not deny that our budgets are smaller and our deferred maintenance increasing. We are utilizing our limited resources to the best of our ability. This situation would exist even if we were not closing. It is true on every base in FORSCOM.
- 5) Like all prudent homeowners, we are putting our money on those items most in need that most greatly impact our citizens. Sometimes these

repairs are not highly visible.

So Presidians when you see or read those articles, please put them in proper perspective. I cannot help what reporters may write but it is important to me that you, my fellow Presidians, know and understand and I hope believe, that we are doing the best we can. Our resources are ever diminishing but we are trying to use those we have wisely and well.

It won't be long now before Charlie 864th will be coming home. Until then continue to remember them and their families. Fly those flags for freedom. Just because Desert Shield/Desert Storm is over is no reason for us to stop showing the flag. So, let's all fly a flag for freedom every day! Now that's HOO AH!

God bless you every one. Speaking of blessings—on Sunday the Rio Hondo Prep School Boys Chorus from Arcadia, California, sang and attended church services at the Main Post Chapel. They truly were a blessing and we welcome them back to Presidio of San Francisco any time.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems."

—Anon

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor

Many, many thanks for your "Environmental Tips" column and your continued coverage and encouragement of recycling and the idea of also "reducing and reusing." Might I add information on another current environmental issue? That would be the California Desert Protection Bill. We Californians should make immediate haste to marvel at the exquisitely beautiful "Vanishing Desert?" exhibit at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park and then feel compelled to write our Congressmen in strong support—without compromise—of this measure. Off-road vehicle users have desecrated our rich, fragile desert heritage, maiming and crushing to death countless reptiles, rodents and other creatures who burrow beneath the sand, as well as hideously eroding and scarring the land. A baby tortoise—our state reptile at that—lies dead—two bullet holes piercing his tiny shell. There is absolutely NO place for ORV users in the Mojave, the Colorado, or the Southern Basin and Ranges of California. The desert is home to over 500 species of animals, and more than twice that many plants. Those who have experienced places like Death Valley realize that far from being valleys of Death, they are rather pastel paradises on Earth to which peace must be restored by eliminating those who recklessly abuse with nary a shred of conscience.

Sincerely,
Patricia Briggs

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims



“What changes do you feel absolutely must take place in our society?”

Spec. Bennett M. Russell, medical specialist/EMT, Walk-In-Clinic, Letterman Army Hospital: “We need to build housing for the homeless and get them off of the streets. Stop taxing the poor and hit those with money harder. We need to improve on the health care system. I think even those without the money should receive good health care.”



Sgt. Maj. Ted Disney, United States Army Reserve, senior enlisted advisor, Sixth U.S. Army: “Resurgence of family values. We have to get back to the values of the family. Concern for the rights of others not just our own.”



Deborah L. Dodson, management analyst, Directorate of Resource Management, Sixth U.S. Army: “I think people need to be more accepting and tolerant of other people's ways. That's probably the real cause of a lot of our problems. People just aren't understanding towards others.”



Lt. Col. James A. Smith, chief, Services Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management: “My biggest gripe about today's society is people are unwilling to accept personal responsibility. Everyone wants to blame everyone else for what's going wrong. They don't take responsibility for themselves.”



Cindy S. Fitzgerald, receptionist, Letterman Army Hospital: “People need to change their attitudes towards each other. People are much too judgemental. They jump to conclusions before they know what they're talking about. If people don't stop judging others, there are going to be too many people stabbing each other in the back and it can't be a civilized society. People have to be more trusting.”



Shirley Hunt, wife of Sixth U.S. Army Chaplain Henry L. Hunt, and Spec. Victor Waters, Chaplain's assistant, share some refreshment at a gathering that honored the 216th anniversary of both the Judge Advocate General and the Chaplain's Corps, July 29.



Official U.S. Army photo
Col. Linda L. Norman officially assumes command of the Sixth Region, U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command from Col. Carl L. Lockett in a ceremony today on Pershing Square at 10 a.m.



Sixth U.S. Army gets Chief of Staff

courtesy of Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff's Office

Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio of San Francisco has a new Chief of Staff. Col. James B. Byrnes comes to the Presidio from Korea where he served with the U.S. Forces Korea and Eighth U.S. Army.

Byrnes replaces Brig. Gen. Peter W. Lash who retired last month. He is joined by the former Marlene Greene.

Throughout his service Colonel Byrnes has served with virtually every type of infantry unit. He commanded rifle companies in peacetime and in Vietnam; an infantry battalion while serving in the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash.; and an infantry brigade with 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Hovey, Korea.

His military career as an infantryman began in November, 1962. After graduating from the University of Idaho ROTC program, he attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course, Airborne, Ranger and Pathfinder courses at Fort Benning, Georgia. He served in the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Benning as a Platoon Leader and Rifle company executive officer then transferred to the Infantry School as an instructor in the Weapons Department.

Vietnam assignments include, Reconnaissance Platoon Leader with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, Rifle Company Commander with the 9th Infantry

Division, and Aide de Camp to the Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade.

Key staff positions include: Assistant Secretary of the General Staff, Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe; Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Wash.; G-3, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis; Chief Leadership Division, Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army; C/J/G-3 Combined Forces Command, USFK and EUSA, Korea; Chief of Staff, 7th Infantry Division (Light) and most recently as the Deputy J/G-3, U.S. Forces Korea and Eighth U.S. Army in Korea.

Selected for early promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel, Byrnes has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star with “V” device with four Oak Leaf Clusters, four Air Medals, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Col. Byrnes holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Idaho and a Master of Arts Degree in Education from Troy State University, Troy, Ala. He was a distinguished graduate of both the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Air Force Command and General Staff College and is a graduate of the Army War College.

News/Views

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at age 62, if you are eligible for Social Security, you will have your post-1956 military service years *eliminated* from your computations and will have your *retirement recomputed*.

The policy has been changed for those who were first employed under CSRS on or after Oct. 1, 1982. There is *no longer an option*; you will get credit for your military service *only if a deposit for your military service is made*. Under FERS, if you were first employed *after Jan. 1, 1984*, you will get credit for your post-1956 military service *only if a deposit is made under FERS*.

There are some fine-line provisions in the regulations, so you should check with the Civilian Personnel Office and with the local Finance Office for any specifics that may be applicable to your particular situation.

Case study

The *Federal Times* provides a worse-case scenario of what could happen:

"A person born in 1940 enlists at age 20 in 1960 and stays in for 10 years. He takes a federal job at age 30, works 25 years, and retires in 1995 at age 55 with a GS-12 step six salary.

"The person's high-three salary average is \$41,910. The initial CSRS annuity for this person would be \$27,768 based on 25 years civil service plus 10 years military service.

"But at age 62 our person becomes eligible for about \$1,800 in Social Security based on his or her 10 years of military service. Social Security eligibility triggers a CSRS recalculation based on 25 years of civil service alone, reducing the CSRS annuity by \$8,382 to \$19,404 [*sic; should be \$19,386*]. The net loss due to Catch 62 would be \$6,582.

"If they make the deposit, veterans don't face recalculation. If the person in our example deposited 7 percent of military base pay [plus interest]—approximately \$2,100—he or she would avoid the net reduction of \$6,582 in civil service annuity at age 62."

The bottom line is, if you make the deposit, your military service time will continue to be included in your civil service retirement computation after you turn 62. If you do not, you could lose money when your retirement annuity is recalculated at that time because your military service time will be deducted from your computation.

The good news is that the deposit, fortunately, can be made *at any time*; "but," says Gary Stella, Technical Services Chief, CPO, "the deposit must be made *prior to retirement*." Once you retire, it is too late to make the deposit.

The deposit for CSRS employees is 7 percent of basic military pay earned during your years in the military, plus interest. The deposit for FERS employees is 3 percent of basic military pay plus interest. The interest rate is set by the Treasury Department.

Research *your* situation. It would seem that, if you will qualify for Social Security, it would be in your best interests to make the deposit.

Determining what you owe

How do you go about determining what you owe and then making the deposit?

First, obtain from the Technical Services Division, CPO, at 561-3017 or 561-3016; a copy of the Estimated Earnings During Military Service (EEDMS) form (an unnumbered form) and complete it with your dates of military service, etc.

Send the completed form, together with a copy of your DD Form 214, Report of Transfer or Discharge (your discharge papers), to the appropriate Military Service Finance Office address listed on the back of the EEDMS. If you served in the Army, the address is: Commander, U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center, Department 88, Indianapolis, Indiana 46249.

You will get a response listing your military earnings upon which will be based the amount of your deposit into CSRS or FERS. My response took about 30 days.

Take this response to F&AO (Rosa Aguilar, Chief, Civilian Pay, F&AO, third floor) to have your deposit amount calculated. Because of the ongoing transition of finance responsibilities to Fort Sam Houston (FSH), F&AO is not certain at this point whether the calculation will actually be completed here at the Presidio F&AO by the new, soon-to-be-established "Liaison Staff" or whether it will be sent to FSH for calculation. Either way, the amount of your required deposit will be made, and you will be informed of the figure.

Calculating yourself what you owe

There's an easier way you can determine the amount you would owe—calculate it yourself.

Obtain from CPO (or from the editor, *Star Presidian* at 561-5187) a copy of OPM Form 15-14, Military Deposit Worksheet. Take the total military earnings figure from the reply you received from Indianapolis, and multiply by 7 percent if you are under CSRS, or by 3 percent if you are under FERS. This is the basic amount of deposit due.

Starting in 1986, the government began adding interest to the deposits, computing it annually on this basic amount as follows: 1986—11.594 percent; 1987—9.531 percent; 1988—8.531 percent; 1989—8.938 percent; 1990—8.844 percent; and 1991—8.625 percent. The 1991 interest actually begins on Oct. 1, 1991—the start of Fiscal Year '92. If you pay your deposit in a lump sum *before Oct. 1*, you could save the 1991 interest.

Depending on when you left active duty, if you make the deposit within the first two years immediately following release from active duty, the deposit is interest free, but, thereafter the interest accrues annually, as per the interest schedule.

A personal example.

Let me give you an example, using my own situation.

Many years ago I served in the Army; the Army Finance and Accounting Center in Indianapolis responded to my request for Estimated Earnings and reported that my total active duty military earnings

were \$34,029. Seven percent of this (because I am under CSRS) is \$2,382.03; this serves as my basic amount of deposit due. Had I paid this amount prior to 1986, there would have been no interest.

In 1986, with 11.594 percent interest added (\$276.17), my deposit due was \$2,658.20. In 1987, with interest (\$253.35), my deposit, had I paid it, would have been \$2,911.56. In 1988, with interest (\$248.38), deposit would have been \$3,159.94. In 1989 (with \$282.44 interest), deposit would have been \$3,442.38. In 1990 (with \$304.44 interest), deposit amount currently is \$3,746.82. This is the amount I owe if I pay the deposit before Oct. 1. If I wait until after Oct. 1, I will have to pay the additional 8.625 percent interest (\$323.16) for a total of \$4,069.99.

Making the deposit

Once your deposit amount is calculated, either by the F&AO Liaison Staff, by FSH, or by you, submit this total package consisting of the Indianapolis response, the worksheet, and Standard Form 2803, Application to Make Deposit or Redeposit (available at CPO, or get a copy from the *Star Presidian* office) to your local CPO together with a letter, addressed to the Payroll Office, stating how you want to deposit what you owe—either with one lump sum payment or through biweekly payroll deductions.

"If you want payroll deductions, be sure to state amounts of biweekly deductions you desire," says Don Judge, Deputy Finance and Accounting Officer (F&AO). Your letter will serve as the official document to get your deduction started.

The reason for submitting through CPO is "for quality control" says Rosa Aguilar, "to assure you have all the necessary paperwork, and also to keep CPO apprised of your making the deposit."

"CPO will transmit the package to us [Presidio F&AO] for [final quality control review and for] processing with the servicing payroll officer at Fort Sam Houston (FSH), Texas," says Judge. "FSH will prepare the Cash Collection Voucher and furnish you a copy by return mail if you elect a lump sum payment method. Otherwise, deductions will show on your Earnings and Leave Statement."

Checks must be made payable to the U.S. TREASURY.

If you pay through payroll deductions, stay current on the amount you still owe, in case you suddenly plan to retire or find yourself faced with the RIF, or with discontinued service (early) retirement under the RIF. Should RIF happen with little warning, you will want to pay the remainder of your deposit immediately into the retirement system because, once you actually retire, you will no longer be eligible to make deposits.

If you have any additional questions regarding deposits for military service into your civilian retirement contributions, call Rosa Aguilar at 561-2929. This is a busy number so keep trying; also, what with most F&AO activities transferred to FSH, telephone numbers in F&AO may change as soon as the F&AO Liaison Staff is set up—date yet unknown.

Make haste . . . time is NOT on your side

As you know, under the current closure, realignment, and RIF conditions, time is short and getting shorter. Although you can make the actual deposit at any time prior to retirement (and make sure you get a receipt in case the deposit is ever contested—as I have seen happen!)—getting the paperwork completed and processed at the various stages takes time.

You might want to get your facts and figures now, even if you ultimately decide not to make the deposit. Keep the option in *your* hands so that, theoretically, "the day you walk to CPO to submit your retirement papers, you can simultaneously submit your lump sum deposit for military service years if you have not already done so." I say "theoretically," because, if you waited until the last minute, you would be taxing the system at a critical time when your deposit information would have to be introduced into your retirement calculations. So, resolve this deposit issue as early as you can.

Also, because any money you deposit will be added to your accumulated retirement contributions, that amount could be immediately returned to you with the rest of your retirement contributions if you are eligible for a refund of contributions—for example, if you qualify for, and take, the Lump Sum Option under a RIF or discontinued service (*involuntary* early retirement).



The post's water condition sign, located next to the Fire Station, features a color strip each week that indicates the frequency in which Presidians can water their lawns. Green means it's okay to use a generous amount; yellow means use sparingly; red, don't water. Take our word for it—this sign shows a green strip.

News

News Briefs

School bus registration

Forts Baker/Barry/Cronkhite:

Parents of children in grades K-8 who live in government housing in Forts Baker/Barry/Cronkhite must register their children in order to have them ride the Army buses to Bayside, Martin Luther King, and North Bay Schools. Registration of students is MANDATORY before they will be allowed to ride the bus. Students must be registered no later than Aug. 23. Registration forms are available from the DOL Transport Branch, Bldg 639A, Presidio, from the Baker/Barry Cronkhite/Presidio Shuttle Bus driver, or from Lt. Col. Fleischer, Area Coordinator. NEW FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR. Completed forms must be returned to DOL Transport Branch or to the Baker/Barry/Cronkhite/Presidio Shuttle Bus driver.

Presidio:

All inquiries regarding school busing on the Presidio must be directed to the school your child is registered in. No busing will be provided by the Army this school year. For further information about school bus registration, call Mr. Shokal or Mr. Lyles at 561-2660.

Hazard alert

Headquarters Army Air Force Exchanges Service, Dallas, Texas has issued a hazardous alert for the **Tru-Cut Automotive Jack Stand Model JS6000**. The item sold for \$9.35, and the manufacturer has announced a voluntary safety campaign for those JS6000 jack stands produced prior to July 15, 1990.

Consumers should not use these jack stands to support off-center loads in excess of 3000 pounds. Consumers should always place the load in the center of the jack stand. JS6000 Jack stands produced and shipped after July 15, 1990 have been redesigned and are not affected by this safety campaign.

Anyone who has purchased the subject jack stand should check its serial number located on a white label affixed to the leg of the stand. If the serial number is between 0000001 and 0919215, they should not use the jack stand to support loads in excess of 3000 pounds if the load is not centered properly on the jack stand. Also never get under a vehicle being supported solely by jack stands. Appropriate warning labels for the jack stands can be obtained free of charge from Tru-cut as follows:

- Call 1-800-634-7267 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST to obtain warning labels. If there are any questions concerning this alert, call AAFES, DSN 967-3688 or commercial (214) 780-3688.

Correction

In last week's *Star Presidian* article "New time, attendance system effects civilians," the last paragraph stated that Will Hanamoto, telephone number 486-3498/3137 was the point of contact for all questions on the new payroll system. Mr. Hanamoto is the point of contact for Sixth U.S. Army civilian personnel only.

Other civilian personnel should direct their questions on the new time and attendance system to Cheryl Guetterez at 561-2929.

Timecard processing

Finance and Accounting reminds all Timecard keepers that the installation will be processing the STARCIPS MANUAL TIMECARDS for the pay period ending 08-10-91. The timecards are due in the Civilian Pay Section, Bldg 102, Finance and Accounting Office on Friday, Aug. 9, 1991, not later than 10:00 a.m. This is due to the parallel processing with Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Also, any pay actions effective after July 28, 1991, will be processed at Ft. Sam Houston.

Sobriety Checkpoint

A Presidio sobriety checkpoint will be conducted Friday August 16, by the Office of the Provost Marshall.

The checkpoint represents part of the Military Police's expanded use of anti-drinking techniques, which will be continued every month until further notice.

Exploratorium excites the mind

by Dixie L. Porter

Have you heard "The Electric Fish?" Isn't that the newest musical group?

Can you make a square rainbow? Have you ever pulled a bubble over your head and upper body?

Do you know what your voice looks like? The "Vidium" will let you see the pattern drawn by the sound waves. The "Sound Wave" booth compares tones by wave length and frequency on a video screen.

The "Speech Dissector" allows you to record your voice, then hear it played back normally, in reverse and in varying speeds in addition to listening to selected portions of the word or sounds.

These and approximately 600 other fun-filled and fascinating exhibits and displays are part of the Exploratorium, a science museum for kids from 3 to 90. Actually, museum isn't really a very accurate description of the cavernous Exploratorium, which is located in the Palace of Fine Arts Building. It's sort of like a curved blimp hanger, with displays and exhibits underfoot, on the walls, on the ceilings and even in between.

Originally created in 1969 by Frank Oppenheimer to be a pleasureable learning experience, touching, feeling and doing are important parts of that experience. Oppenheimer used to point out, "No one



photo courtesy of Exploratorium staff

Oops, it fell down again! Trying to build a catenary (chain-like) arch by lining up precision-cut blocks in a certain order, and then lift it into a vertical position isn't as easy as it seemed it would be. When constructed properly, the arch will stand without support, demonstrating the construction principle of many of the world's greatest cathedrals.

ever flunked a museum."

This is one place where boys and girls (and grownups) can explore, feel, bang, swing, push, squeeze and play without getting hollared at or told to "stop that." According to the rules, the only thing not allowed is Bike riding inside!

If you drop a rock and a feather at the same time, which one hits first? There is a display that allows you to do just that and find out the answer.

There is an "Enchanted Tree" that glows with joy and flashes colored lights when you applaud it. Right next to the tree is a large "shadow room" which freezes your shadow in a variety of colors and allows you to see it as you were, even though you've moved since then.

There is an exhibit that allows us to see cosmic rays strike the earth's atmosphere and produce particles whose tracks you can see. Cosmic rays are every-

where, we just can't see them. As far as we know, they've been striking the atmosphere at the same rate since time immemorial.

There are 13 broad subject areas which are marked with colored signs overhead. I was only able to cover a few of these areas, mainly Patterns, Sound and Hearing, Motion, Electricity, Language, and Touch. This leaves Waves and Resonance, Motion, Heat & Temperature, Vision, Color, Light, Life Sciences and Weather to cover in future visits. I can hardly wait!

Public hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and closed Monday.

Whether you want to go to learn something specific, or just want to wander around and enjoy yourself, the Exploratorium offers hours of entertainment.

DoD says no more BAQ for child support

by Army News Service

Both the Senate and House Armed Service Committees recently accepted a proposal to cut the housing allowances of soldiers who receive BAQ solely because they pay court-ordered child support.

Under the proposal, a soldier living in a BOQ or BEQ without charge would be paid the difference between the "with dependent" and "without dependent" basic allowance for quarters rates. For instance, a private first class now receives \$304.50

monthly for housing; under the new provision a private first class would get \$80.10 (\$304.50 - \$224.40). A captain who now draws \$515.70 a month, would receive \$81.60 (\$515.70 - \$434.10) a month.

The DoD recommendation, which is supposed to save \$78 million annually, is part of the 1992 Defense Authorization Bill. If the bill passes, it could mean that servicemembers will undergo pay cuts as early as October 1991.

News

Health Matters

Fad diets: Friend or foe?

by Duvel White

"Dieting" is a modern day fad. Liquid diets promise to take weight off quickly and easily. Television commercials flash the before and after pictures to emphasize the point. Chic models flaunt the future you. Thin is in.

Quick, easy weight loss—to good to be true?

"Typically, with fad diets, the weight doesn't stay off," says Jan McBride, a registered dietitian for Letterman Army Hospital's Nutrition Care Division. "And that's why it is a multi-billion dollar business."

So let's uncover how some fad diets peel the pounds off quickly, and why slower more sustainable weight loss may be better.

Water loss

Our bodies are mostly water. This makes water loss a great target for quick reduction diets. The most common treatment programs in the United States have been very low calorie diets, especially low carbohydrate diets, according to Dr. C. Wayne Callaway, director of the Center for Clinical Nutrition of the George Washington University Medical Center, Washington D.C.

Callaway says several things happen when one goes on a very low calorie diet.

"First is a significant water loss, this is particularly true if carbohydrates (normally provided by fruits, vegetables and grain products) are restricted, because the body continues to produce glucose (the body's energy source) by breaking down glycogen (supplied by carbohydrates) and protein (found in muscle fiber)."

Lowering the intake of calories from carbohydrates and forcing your body to feed on these internal stores of energy sounds good. The diets turn to energy sources in the body to burn, thus reducing weight. But why target the glycogens and proteins instead of the fat?

"There are three grams of water for every gram of glycogen or protein that is broken down," Callaway explains in his article for the Public Health Reports Supplement on Nutrition and Obesity. "Most of the weight loss in the first two weeks is water loss."

Letterman's McBride compares these energy stores to sponges. The body is forced to eat the water-laden sponges. Without the sponges, the water is flushed out of your system. (Also each gram of carbohydrate or protein only contains 4 calories, while each gram of fat contains 9 calories.)

Typically, within three weeks the easy targets are gone and dieters hit a plateau on weight loss. When they return to normal eating habits the sponges rebuild and the weight is back.

One example listed by Dr. Callaway is a lady, on a semi-starvation program, returning to normal eating habits. "She eats a Chinese meal and gains five pounds, all of which is water. Thus the diet has gotten the credit for the weight loss, largely water, and she is discouraged by the weight gain, again, largely water."

Slowed metabolic rate

Very low calorie diets slow the body's metabolic rate. This can be attributed to our body's survival

mechanism, according to McBride.

"The body is built to survive and has not caught up to our high tech society," McBride explains. "It doesn't realize that we become fat for other than survival needs. Even though someone is overweight, when they go on a low calorie diet, skip meals or fast, the body says 'The famine must be coming! Oh, the drought must be here!'"

This survival instinct causes the body to lower the metabolic rate to conserve energy and protect you. McBride also says this can happen on a small scale when people skip meals. "Food, in and of itself, raises metabolic rates and skipping meals lowers metabolic rates."

"Best way to space out meals is to have a true meal every three to four hours," she says. "This keeps blood sugar stable throughout the day. When we skip a meal our blood sugar goes very low. One of the indicators of a hunger, your mind telling your body you're hungry, is low blood sugar. Someone skipping meals is burning less calories than someone who is eating the same amount of calories and spreading it throughout the day."

Another factor in metabolism is the body composition. This is affected by the percent of fat and the percent of muscle. Higher percentages of body fat lower metabolic rates, according to McBride. Fat is a dormant storage tissue — it is not metabolically active — and doesn't require energy to keep it going. Muscle is a very active tissue and requires a lot of metabolic activity.

Muscles are calorie burning machines. The larger the percentage of muscle tissue the better your body burns calories. Semi-starvation diets can cause the body to burn muscles for protein energy. This helps take weight off in the short run but it also destroys the calorie burning machinery and will make sustained weight loss more difficult.

"Yo-yo" phenomenon

Very low calorie diets can lead to the "Yo-yo" phenomenon. "Yo-yoing" is in reference to body weight spinning up and down like the popular toy. There are a number of factors contributing to the problem. Callaway lists one as restraining food intake; then breaking the restraint. A person will tend to overeat or binge and once the restraint is broken, it's harder to reimpose control.

"Binge" eating is another survival mechanism. Callaway lists an example of a wolf. If it is starving, its metabolic rates go down. When food becomes available, it overeats, lies down, goes to sleep. In some instances the animal may gorge to the extreme where, if it is startled, it must vomit first before running away.

With repeated very low caloric diets the body learns to lower the metabolic rate faster to adjust to lower caloric intake. (Referring back to last week's article on caloric balance, "Calories in = Calories out") Metabolic rates—calories out—will eventually slow to try to balance with food eaten—calories in.

According to McBride the first time a person goes on a very low calorie diet it may take several weeks for the body to slow the metabolic rate to match the calories coming in. However, after several "Yo-yo" cycles of dieting the metabolic rate can be lowered in a matter of days.

"Your body remembers the semi-starvation diet and says, 'Oh, I've been in a famine before.' And the survival pattern causes the metabolic rate to be lowered faster," McBride explained. This rapid lowering of metabolic rate makes future sustained weight loss more difficult.

Returning from a very low calorie diet to a normal diet too quickly can be a problem. As an example: The caloric balance may be at 1,200 calories a day. Suddenly, you return to eating levels of 2,500 calories a day. Because your metabolism is set to burn 1,200 calories a day it can't burn the 2,500 so there is a surplus of 1,300 calories. Where do these calories go? They become FAT.

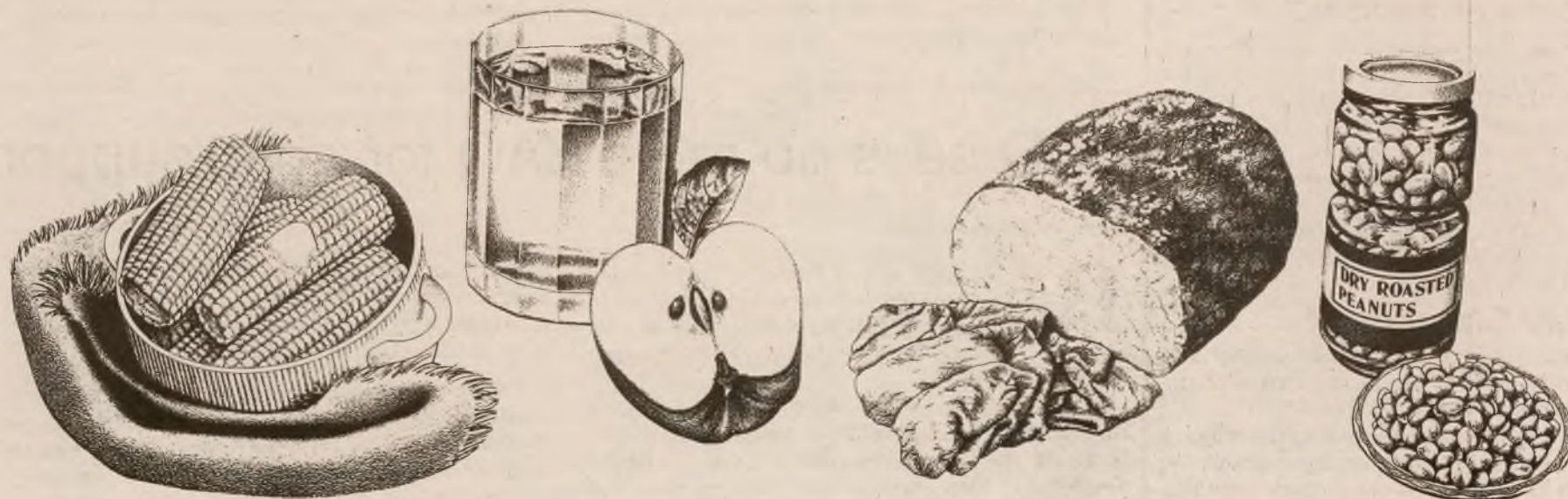
Someone caught in the "Yo-yo cycle" might gain weight, panic, and go back into the cycle of semi-starvation/fat gain, weight loss/fat gain. . . .

"People alter their metabolic rate by dieting, a cycle of Yo-yo dieting, and increase their body fat percentage," the Letterman Dietitian explained. "They go on a severe diet and their body starts eating away the muscle. When the calorie level gets too low, the body burns fat and muscle mass for energy. Then they end their diet and resume normal eating and gain weight. The weight gained is in the form of fat not muscle. They now have a higher body fat percent than when they started the diet."

This vicious cycle of losing muscle and regaining weight as fat leads to lower and lower levels of physical fitness. Constant quick fixes in weight control do not lead to thinner or healthier bodies.

Here are some tips to help avoid these problems:

- Don't go on a diet; make your diet part of your life.
- Lower fat intake.
- Burn fat and keep muscle through exercise.
- Look at your body type and set realistic weight loss goals.
- It took time to put the weight on; give yourself time to take it off.
- Exercise at least 3 times a week at a training heart rate for 20 minutes each session.
- Eat a diet that is 50-65 percent carbohydrate, 15 percent protein and 15-30 percent fat.
- Learn your baseline calorie level.
- Eat to a level where the body is not sensing under-eating.
- Don't lose more than 2 pounds a week because it leads to a lowered metabolic rate.
- The lowest safe calorie level for those on medically supervised diets are:
 - 1,200 calories for females.
 - 1,500 calories for males.
- Work with your body versus working against your body.
- Love your body—it's the only one you've got!



820th Engineers train at Camp Parks

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Advisor
Public Affairs Office

Spec. Jarrod Basnett sat behind the wheel of a large dozer, or bucket loader, and he was sweating even though it was a cool day at Camp Parks. The dozer was squeezed in a ditch at a precarious tilt, and it took personal skill and real teamwork to keep it from turning over. He was helping save the government money while serving as an Army Reservist with his unit, Headquarters Company of the 820th Engineer Battalion, located at San Pablo, Calif.

Two platoons of the company—the vertical construction platoon and the heavy equipment platoon—were building six firing positions with baffles for a firing range at Camp Parks at a fraction of what it would have cost if the work had been contracted to a civilian firm.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Sandy MacKay, the unit recently completed several money-saving projects during its annual training at Camp Parks. For example, it installed high-pressure sodium lighting at a warehouse. "The contractor wanted \$28,000 to do that, but we did it for \$3,200—the cost of the materials," he said. "The Army has money for materials but not for labor," MacKay pointed out. Other projects the unit completed included building stairs on the outside of a building, rewiring a motor pool, and renovating the basement of the all-ranks club.

MacKay, who works as a civilian for the Readiness Group at Presidio of San Francisco in his other life, says doing these projects is not only good for the Army but for the soldiers in the unit, because it gives them real-world experience on the unit's equipment. "A lot of these guys enlisted for this equipment," he said, explaining that most of them have civilian occupations similar to their military jobs as combat engineers.

One such person is Cpl. Castroma Dickens, from the unit's construction section. In civilian life, he runs a construction company that recently invented a new system of tying down houses to prevent earthquake damage. "We go from the foundation up and tie the houses down. We're basically replacing the old system that didn't work," he explained.

At Camp Parks Dickens and his fellow soldiers were putting a concrete culvert in each of the holes that had been dug for the firing positions. The dozer would place the culvert in the hole at the proper location, and then dump about two feet of gravel into it. The reason for the gravel, according to Dickens, is the settling of the earth around the culvert that occurs naturally. "When it sinks and settles, if you've got somebody really short, they will



photo by Wanda Arceneaux

Pfc. Armstrong Hong (left) and Spec. Thanh Hoang remove loose dirt from a firing position hole to prepare it for emplacement of a concrete culvert. Both soldiers are college students assigned as Army Reservists with the 820th Engineer Battalion Headquarters in San Pablo.

still be able to see (over the culvert's top)," he said.

The platoon members were also planning to build wooden baffles several yards in front of the firing positions. "The object is for firers to shoot just below the baffle, not above it, so they wouldn't wind up firing off into the hillside behind the range," Dickens noted.

Spec. Brian Gregorski was working with two other soldiers, Pfc. Armstrong Hong and Spec. Thanh Hoang, preparing another firing position for the insertion of the concrete culvert. "We've just got to get all the loose dirt out and dig a little trough for the drainage pipe to lay in before we put the gravel over it. That way, when they put the culvert in, it won't break the pipe or the culvert," Gregorski explained.

He said he enjoys this kind of work, and it's basically the same thing he does in his civilian job. Hong and Hoang are college students who don't do this kind of thing every day, but they both agreed it was work they like to do.

MacKay pointed out that the previously-built firing positions did not drain properly, so his unit was making sure the new positions were done the right

way. "Notice that we put screens on the ends of the pipe," he said as he pointed to a piece of pipe. "It keeps the rocks out of the pipe. Something that simple can be done so it will drain."

MacKay attributes the high quality of his soldiers' work to the fact that most of them do the same kind of work every day as civilians. "I'm one of those lucky guys," he said in boasting about his soldiers' abilities. "They're all carpenters, plumbers, heavy-equipment operators, electricians. They're almost all journeymen on the outside," he said. "I'm the only weirdo. I'm electronic maintenance by Military Occupational Specialty."

MacKay and his soldiers are also proud of their equipment, especially their 20-ton rough terrain crane. It allows them to do some really heavy-duty work. Though not as mobile as the dozers, which can more easily fit into tight spots, it can really haul some heavy materials over all kinds of terrain.

One thing is certain, with all the talent and good equipment the 820th had at Camp Parks last weekend, the unit was sure to leave Parks a better place by the time it departed on Sunday.

Many gulf war benefits should become permanent

by Army News Service

During operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, literally dozens of stopgap personnel measures were put into place to make sure the military met the needs of its people — and that people were available to meet the needs of the military.

The Persian Gulf Supplemental Authorization and Personnel Benefits Act of 1991 was the mechanism for addressing many pay, benefits and personnel matters that developed during the war. Now, the House Armed Services Committee has recommended making many of those measures permanent, as part of the 1991 National Defense Authorization Act.

Among them are:

- Increasing imminent danger pay from \$110 each month to \$150.
- Increasing family separation allowance from \$60 monthly to \$75.
- Doubling death gratuity pay to soldiers' survivors from \$3,000 to \$6,000.
- Allowing soldiers to accrue up to 90 days of leave while serving in a contingency operation.
- Paying reserve soldiers and recalled retirees for any leave they might accrue while on active duty during a contingency, and allowing for a soldier's family to be paid for the sponsor's accrued leave if the soldier dies in an operation.



— Allowing soldiers assigned overseas to deposit their unallotted pay in a savings plan, and allowing soldiers declared missing to exceed the \$10,000 limit on the savings plan.

— The authority to recall retirees to active duty at the highest grade they held, and to advance them to that grade with three years time in grade upon their return to retirement.

— Paying single reserve soldiers Basic Allowance for Quarters at the without-dependents rate while they serve on active duty for a contingency.

— Paying Variable Housing Allowance, based on place of residence, to reserve soldiers during a contingency and extending the benefit to recalled retirees.

— Paying medical special pay to health professionals activated in the future.

— Paying foreign language proficiency pay to some soldiers assigned to support a contingency operation for up to 180 days after their assignment is terminated, and requiring certification thereafter to continue receiving the pay.

— Giving board certification pay to health care providers assigned to support a contingency up to 180 days after their assignment is terminated, and requiring them to become certified thereafter to continue receiving the pay.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings

by Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities



It's another beautiful day in San Francisco and we here at the Post Chapel hope and pray that your experiences here are fulfilling and blessed by God. San Francisco truly is a beautiful and exciting city. We hope you enjoy your stay.

Today I would like to invite you to walk down to the Chapel Pond with me. As we begin to get away from the road and walk through the grove of eucalyptus trees, we begin to hear the silence. The cool shadowed air is all around us and we feel the soft carpet of leaves under our feet. There is a slight smell of warmth in the air. Up ahead we can see the opening that signals we are close to the Pond. As we break into this opening, we can feel the hot rays of sunlight against our skin. We can smell the clean natural air of the pond. The only sound we hear is the scurrying about of creatures that use the pond for their home. Now we hear silence again. Let's sit down here on the soft sand that runs down to the still water maybe five feet away. The sand is warm but not hot. The air is warm but not hot. There is no breeze so we can hear nothing. As we look around, we see the deep green of the eucalyptus trees that surround the pond. We see the green grass that grows right down to the edge of the pond, and we see the water that reflects these green hues as well as the blue of the sky. The water is absolutely still. The peace and quiet is very relaxing.

Now, let us lean back against this log and extend our legs out on the warm sand. Our legs are relaxed. Our shoulders droop, relaxed, our hands are laying on the sand, our head rests against the log, the sun is shining warm on our face. Our eyes begin to lose sight of this beautiful setting as they begin to close. We feel content, we feel a part of our surroundings. Our mind is at rest and we feel at peace with God. Paul's words that were written to the Romans take on a whole new significance: "... for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words." (Rom 8:26, RSV) Here we are at peace and in harmony with ourselves, with the world, and with God. This is a beautiful place. Here we can feel God's presence and know that there is a deeper meaning to this world than just existence. In God's presence we can feel significant, we feel very much a part of the whole and know that we are important. When we feel cared for, life can be a really beautiful place.

Here are a few dates to write on your calendar: 7-10 August is our annual teen retreat. This year we will be going to the Delta with side trips to Sacramento and Vacaville. It promises to be a great time. If you are a teenager and want to join this group, drop by the Religious Activities Center any Monday at 7 p.m. and talk with Kathy Benjamin

Quip of the Week: "God is the silent partner in all great enterprises." -

—Abraham Lincoln

or Alex Lehneis. This group will also be going to hear a great Christian concert put on by Amy Grant. Our Protestant Sunday School is continuing its summer quarter every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the RAC. Come by to register you or your children. Catholic CCD classes will begin in early September. Watch this column for more information. Sept. 8 has been set for the Post-wide Picnic up at Hamilton Field. This is another one of those fantastic pot lucks that will have some of the best food you have ever eaten. Transportation will be provided, so keep this date free. We will give you more information in coming articles.

As for the regularly scheduled events: Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday; Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel (for more information, call Ruth Callmann at 561-4397); Protestant Services are held every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 130; and we have a Gospel Meeting at LAMC every Sunday at 11 a.m..

For more information about any of these events or any other questions concerning the Chaplain Section, phone the Post Chapel at 561-4239 or the Religious Activities Center at 561-3535. We look forward to hearing from you. Remember, enjoy God.

DOIM services used by Presidians daily

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Every Presidian uses at least one of DOIM's services on a daily basis.

DOIM is the Directorate of Information Management. Whether its mail, mass printing jobs, telephone services or help with the office computers, DOIM's services are used every day.

DOIM provides operational and systems support for telephone services, computer hardware and software support, mainframe computer support and maintenance, and operation of the Presidio Print Plant.

DOIM handles these functions through five divisions: Operations and Systems Integration; Logistics Support; Administrative; Resource Management and Plans/Programs; and the Information Center.

DOIM's operations on post are governed by two command branches. As such, the Information Management director literally wears two hats.

First, the directorate is part of the U.S. Army Information Systems Command. The directorate receives policy and guidance for information systems from USAISC. USAISC also provides support and a working budget to the DOIM.

Second, the director himself is part of the Presidio garrison's command staff. This is necessary because DOIM directly supports the post's information systems.

"I'm the only tenant whose only task is the support of the installation," said Director, Capt. Griffin J. Barkie.

DOIM's Information Center provides the support for the personal computer that sits on many desks on the installation.

For personal computer users, DOIM's Information Center supplies the answers to those nagging little PC problems that pop up. DOIM's personnel provide troubleshooting services and repair or have systems repaired. When users have software problems the Information Center supplies the on-post experts to provide the answers.

"We have a copy of every 'legal' software program on the installation," Barkie said. "If you forget how a certain part of your word processing program works we have the people who can provide the answers."

The Information Center also installs and services the Professional Office System (PROFS), a communications network that links a number of desktop computers on post. Plus, the phones on post are all installed by DOIM.

In fact, DOIM owns the phones and provides training for their use. The operators at the telephone exchange and the people who install the office phones work for DOIM.

DOIM's Operations and Systems Integration Division is in charge of operating and maintaining the post's publications facilities. The publications warehouse provides all of the pamphlets and regulations used on the Presidio.

Also, this division operates the post's Print Plant. However, this will change on Oct. 1 when the Defense Printing Service, run by the Navy, takes over operation of printing services for all branches of the military.



The OSI Division provides support for the standard information systems used by the Army and provides computer operators for the mainframe computers on post that handle such things as civilian pay transactions, logistic transactions for medical and Directorate of Logistics supplies, finance and accounting.

DOIM has its own Resource Management and Plans/Programs Division. The RM and P handles the planning and budgeting of telephone facilities for new and existing buildings on post.

The RM and P was responsible for setting aside the budget and plans for the telephone and cable lines that were needed for the new Commissary, Bowling

Center and new barracks. When an office needs a commercial line or circuit the request is handled by RM and P. This is also the division, by the way, that makes sure all phone bills on post are paid.

Separate command

Because DOIM is part of a separate command, the unit supplies its own administrative services for its soldiers. DOIM has 28 assigned soldiers and supplies them with training activities, personnel actions centers and barracks separate from the facilities used by the rest of the soldiers on post.

These services are handled by DOIM's Administrative Division.

The Admin. Division is also in charge of the Presidio Mail and Distribution Facility. Not only are the soldiers and civilian employees responsible for the official mail and distribution that flows throughout the post, DOIM supplies soldiers to inspect unit mail-room operations for the post's tenant units.

The Admin. Division stores old files for storage and future disposal in its storage area and maintains the publications warehouse.

Plus, the Admin. Division provides MARKS training; handles Freedom of Information Act requests; and is responsible for coordinating the copier contract of all copiers used on the installation (although the Navy does the actual contracting).

DOIM's Admin. Division is responsible for forms management—determining the proper forms to be used for a given situation—and for providing the overseas control numbers for communications.

With all of this support going out to the post, DOIM needs some support for its functions as well. DOIM has its own Logistic Support Division to fulfill this need.

This division handles the supply operations and maintains a separate property room for DOIM's operations. Maintenance of the switchboard, the telephone installers, and electronics maintenance such as the repair of radios and ComSec equipment on the installation are all functions of the Logistics Division.

In all, DOIM is a self supporting entity on post. Roughly half of its budget comes from the parent unit, the USAISC, and the other half comes from the Presidio of San Francisco.

There isn't a day that goes by that Presidians aren't using DOIM's services.

Sports

Sports Briefs by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Labor Day Softball
Tournament

The Sports Branch Labor Day Softball Tournament will be played at Fort Scott Field starting on Saturday, Aug. 31, and will run through the Labor Day weekend. Entry fee for this fun-filled tournament is \$150, made payable to the Installation Morale Support Fund. Entry deadline is Aug. 15. individual and team trophies will be presented to the first and second place teams. For more information, contact John Funes at 561-5032.



You can't tell it when she's in her street clothes, but the Presidio's Rosario Sparbell, an officer's wife and mother of three, has won three bodybuilding competitions in the lightweight class since February. This photo of her was taken in November when she won the Miss Western USA as a lightweight, then beat the women in the other weight classes for the overall title. She has a total of three overall titles as a 111-pound lightweight, and will compete in Santa Clara on Aug. 17 as a middleweight. She works out in Gym No. 1 seven hours a day, 5 days a week.

Basketball starts Aug. 19

A Summer Basketball League will be conducted by the Sports Branch starting on Aug. 19. League play will be open to soldiers and their dependents 19 years and older, and full time DA civilian and NAF employees at the Presidio of San Francisco. Individuals will be allowed to form their own teams for the summer league. In the 3-on-3 League all participants must be 30 years of age or older. Entry deadline will be 5 p.m., Aug. 12.

The league organizational meeting will be conducted at 5 p.m. on Monday, at Gym No. 1, building 63. A team representative for teams participating in the 5-on-5 and 3-on-3 Leagues must be present at this meeting. For more information, call John Funes at 561-5032 or 561-4120.

Nautilus weight training

Gym No. 1, Building 63, has 17 Nautilus weight machines available for use by certified users. These popular machines will exercise all essential muscles of your body.

To use the Nautilus machines you must have a Sports Branch Nautilus Card or another Nautilus card from a military or civilian gym. If you know how to use the machines but do not have a card you must pass a short practical test.

The current Monday night class has been canceled. All future classes for beginners and certified testing will be made by appointment only with Bob Darling, by calling 561-4120 or 561-4131.

LEC dominates LAIR One

by Pleasant Lindsey III

LEC scored four runs in the third inning, four in the fourth and three more on a three-run homerun by Doug Smith in the fifth inning to whip LAIR ONE 18-8 July 31.

LEC was leading 18-5 when Chris Lindfors and Robert Mortens hit singles to open LAIR ONE's fifth inning. They both scored later, along with Armando Gonzales who had followed with another hit. Both Mortens and Lindfors had scored their second runs of the night.

LAIR ONE scored its first four runs in the second inning after LEC gave up a single to Walter Bennett, a walk to Gary Dutcher, a hit to Shawn Snell that forced out Bennett at third and a walk to Lindfors to load the bases. A single by Mortens and a double

by Gonzales scored three runs. Smith's second hit of the game scored Gonzales to give LAIR ONE a 4-1 lead.

LEC answered that threat with six runs of its own in the bottom of the second.

Derrick Roberson and Warren Brockenberry lead off with singles and David Hamilton followed with a three-run homer to tie the game at 4-4. Calvin Baisden then had the nerve to follow that with a triple.

Gannon Burks followed with a single to score Baisden. Two more hits later and LEC had a 7-4 lead.

Baisden lead LEC with three hits including a triple and a home run. Burks, Mark Bass, Terry Newkum and Greg Demo also had three hits a piece.

Mortens, Smith and Keith Lamay lead LAIR ONE with three hits a piece.

USAG shuts down ISC's rally

by Pleasant Lindsey III

ISC/INSCOM scored six runs in the top of the sixth inning on a double by Troy Smith, a triple by Duane Hines, three more singles and a walk but couldn't pile on enough points in their 10-8 loss to USAG July 31.

USAG opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning after James Williams drew a walk and John Cook got a hit. Cornelius Humphries later hit a double to score two runs for a 2-0 USAG lead.

USAG scored again in the third inning after Williams and Cook both hit doubles and Richard Crisp

hit a single. With the score 4-0 Humphries drew a walk and Duvel White reached base safely. Three outs later USAG had scored three more runs for a 7-0 lead.

ISC/INSCOM scored its first run in the fourth inning after Hines doubled to score Smith, who had singled earlier. However, ISC/INSCOM missed more scoring opportunities and when the inning ended the team had left six runners on base.

USAG answered in the bottom of the fourth inning with its final three runs.

ISC/INSCOM scored one more run in the fifth before its six-run rally in the sixth inning.

Final Softball Standings

Team	Won	Lost			
1 LAMC ONE	17	3	8 LAIR ONE	9	11
2 LEC	15	5	9 AAFES	3	17
3 DOL	14	6	10 LAIR TWO	2	18
4 LAMC TWO	13	7	11 Park Police	(dropped)	
4 ISC	13	7			
6 USAG	11	9			
6 FBI	11	9			

The top eight teams advance into the post championships which started Tuesday. Semi-finals and finals are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today at Fort Scott Field No. 1.

Winter bowling leagues

by Bobbie Gascon
Presidio Sports Branch

The Presidio's winter bowling leagues will begin for five different leagues. The startup dates and league names are as follows.

Intramural bowling league

The '91 Winter Intramural Bowling League will begin on Sept. 10. Soldiers, DA civilians and family members, 19 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco are eligible to participate. An organizational meeting will be held at Gym No. 1, building 63, at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 3. Units/activities entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting.

Handicap singles bowling

A Singles Handicap Brown Bag Bowling League open to male and female bowlers is being organized to bowl each Wednesday morning starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Presidio Bowling Center.

All interested bowlers are urged to attend the organization meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 28 at the Bowling Center. League play begins on Sept. 4, and keglers can sign up now.

Reno bowling league

The Reno Winter Bowling League is scheduled to conduct their organization meeting on Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Bowling Center. The league shall consist of 10 teams with a playing strength of four of which one must be a woman. League play will commence on Sept. 9 starting at 6 p.m. A trip to Reno will be scheduled during the month of January and April for league members.

Hui-O bowling league

The Hui O Hawaii Winter Mix Doubles Bowling League is scheduled to conduct their organization meeting on Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play begins on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.

Applications for team and individual entries are available at the Bowling Center. Only 12 teams will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Singles scratch league

Join the PSF Scratch Singles Bowling League and improve your bowling average. It's head-to-head each week. Sign ups are now being accepted at the Presidio Bowling Center.

For more information about the Presidio's bowling activities, call Bob Darling at 561-5032 or 561-4120.

Reno summer league ends

Lynne Seabold rolled her first 200 game of the season, a 203, and followed that with a 210 game for a 553 scratch series and a 610 handicap series while racking up a total of 4,784 pins for her team, "Keno."

Meanwhile, "Family Affair's" Art Buford rolled a 600 series for the fourth week in a row. His latest effort was a 606 series, giving him a total of 5,935 pins and making him one of the stars of the week. Another star was Barbara Bagley of "Boomtown Darbys," who rolled a 580 series.

Final League standings
(36 games bowled)

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
1 Lab Rats	34	14	25,860
2 Boomtown Darbys	32	16	25,795
3 The Imported	30	18	25,680
4 US	30	18	25,287
5 Keno	27	21	25,573
6 Family Affair	27	21	25,154
7 Da Kine	24	24	24,834
8 Who Knows	22	26	24,702

News

Commentary: Combat exclusion laws

Would combat equality hurt combat readiness?

by Adrienne Sims

The House of Representatives recently voted to lift the law excluding women from most combat aircraft. The Senate is now looking at lifting restrictions.

The House bill leaves Department of Defense officials to decide on women's roles in the military and leaves in the place the ban women serving in combat ships and aircraft.

Lawmakers want to overturn the rule that keeps women out of combat roles. Because of the 1948 Combat Exclusion Act women are not allowed to fly combat aircraft in war zones and are banned from fighting ships.

In the Gulf War, women worked in supply units, flew support aircraft, crewed Patriot and Hawk missile units and served aboard Navy tenders. Thirty-five thousands women served in Operation Desert Storm. They accounted for six percent of the total United States Troops. Thirteen women died—11 during ground war and two shortly after a cease fire—and two women were taken hostage.

Patricia Shroeder and Beverly Byron, representatives, are fighting to ensure the rights of servicewomen.

The question of this issue does not lie in equality. It lies in capability. Will women effect the combat readiness of the services.

Men tend to portray women as either a mother, sister or daughter. Men argue that they were raised to protect women. I wouldn't want to see my sister die in combat. Does that mean they wouldn't mind if it was their brother. It's just as devastating for a child to lose his father as it is for him to lose a mother.

Pregnancy is looked at as nonavailability. Men can also become nonavailable by breaking a leg, arm and needing an operation.

There are single fathers as well as single mothers.

Physical strength.

Combat readiness is not based on physical strength. Not just any female can handle the physical stress of combat, but neither can every male. Physical strength standards for infantry MOS should not be lowered for women if they are permitted to serve in these MOS's.

The services should have the opportunity to place the best qualified person in the job regardless of gender.

No law prohibits women from serving in combat.

"The risk rule cannot protect women from harm. that's not possible in combat today," Air Force Maj. Doug Hart, a DoD spokesman, quoted in an article in the American Forces Information Service. "At least two women were killed by mines. a mine doesn't know gender or job classification of the person who steps on it."



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Community Calendar



photo by Adrienne Sirns

Gotcha! Danny DeVito dodges popcorn during a shoot of his new movie at Fort Baker.

Presidio Stroll

A Heritage Summer Presidio Walk, sponsored by the San Francisco Architectural Heritage, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Flagpole, Main Parade Ground, near the Officers Club, Presidio of San Francisco. The Presidio walks will be held every other Saturday through Sept. 21. Cost is \$3 per person. For more information, call 441-3004.

Ceramic shop closure

The Hamilton Army Airfield Ceramic shop will be closed during August. It will reopen in the fall.

Newcomers' coffee

The Officers' Wives' Club is sponsoring its annual Newcomers' Coffee Aug. 22 at Quarters One, Muir Loop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The coffee will provide an opportunity for all officers' spouses new to the Presidio area (including Forts Mason, Baker and Barry, and Hamilton Army Air Field) to meet new friends and see what the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club is all about. No reservations are necessary. Members are welcome if you bring a newcomer! If you have questions or need more information contact Sherri Miller at 386-3003 or Hospitality Chairman Cindy Dunnington at 441-3930.

Exploratorium news

In celebration of a visit by Master Ha, one of the world's great kite makers, the Exploratorium presents Color Our Skies Kite Festival, in conjunction with China Books and Periodicals and American Kite Magazine, Saturday and Sunday. Included are kite making and kite flying demonstrations by master Ha, as well as films, a public kite flying competition at the Marina Green and a kite candy-drop for children. Admission is included in the price of admission to the museum. The public is invited to attend and bring their kites. For more information, call Linda Dackman at 563-7337.

Officers' Club

The membership appreciation night will be held at the Presidio Officers' Club Friday, beginning at 6 p.m. Lt. Gen. and Mrs. William H. Harrison will host this event. Hora d'ourves will be served in the Moraga Room along with the no-host cocktail party. Entertainment will be provided by Susan Fourcade. In the grand ballroom, Johnny Staton's band will entertain, while a jazz combo will perform in the Attic. Members and their spouses are admitted free. Guests of members will be charged \$25. For more information, call the Officers' Club at 921-1612.

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Separation program

The Education Center is offering one more session of an Army program designed to help soldiers and their family members who are leaving the service. The session is scheduled for Aug. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Call the Education Center at 561-4445 for more details.

Women's Equality Day

The Presidio Women's Equality Day celebration will be held Aug. 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Facility of building 35. The theme this year is "Voices of Equality." Job awareness booths of various local government agencies will provide information concerning job openings. The meeting is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Angela Brumfield, Equal Opportunity Officer, at 561-4154/4158.

Computer classes

The following courses and subjects are being offered at either the Fort Scott Education Center, Building 1216, or the Letterman U.S. Army Hospital, Building 1014:

Word Perfect classes

Learn "Wordperfect," a popular wordprocessing computer program in this free, hands-on workshop which meets at the Fort Scott Education Center, Building 1216, Aug. 22 through Sept. 27, four days per week. On Tuesday through Thursday classes will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; on Friday, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. It is open to all Presidians with previous typing or keyboarding experience. To enroll, see a counselor at the Fort Scott Ed. Center or the LUSAH Ed. Center.

Typing/Keyboarding classes

Beginners will first use a typewriter to learn the keys and then will join intermediate and advanced students at a computer keyboard. This free class meets Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 22 through Sept. 27, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. To obtain an enrollment form contact a counselor at the Fort Scott Ed. Center at 561-2974; or the LUSAH Education Center at 561-3692.

GMAT test

The Fort Scott Ed. Center will administer the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) on Oct. 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The GMAT is given free to active or reserve military personnel who plan to pursue a masters degree in business. Interested soldiers may order a test no later than Sept. 3 during an in-person counseling session at the Fort Scott or the LUSAH Education Center.

CLEP Essay

The CLEP English with Essay general exam will be given on Oct. 8 at 1:15 p.m. at the Fort Scott Ed. Center. This exam is for soldiers attending or planning to attend colleges which accept this test rather than the multiple choice CLEP English general exam. There is no fee but you must order your exam in person by Aug. 20 at the LUSAH or the Fort Scott Education Center.

Presidio Post Theater

Friday, Aug. 9: Silence of the Lambs (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 10: Rocketeer (PG), 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 11: Kick Boxer II: The Road Back (R) 7 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 12: Dying Young (R), 7 p.m.



Friday, August 16: Jungle Fever (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 17: Problem Child II (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 18: Oscar (PG), 7 p.m.
Monday, August 19: The Hard Way (R), 7 p.m.

It's Showtime!



photo by Barry Wetcher
'What About Bob?' the new comedy film, stars Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfuss.

Hamilton Field Theater

Thursday, August 8: What About Bob (PG), 7 p.m.
Friday, August 9: Toy Soldiers (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 10: What About Bob (PG), 7 p.m.



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Friday, August 16: Strangers in Good Company (PG), 7 p.m.
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News Briefs

Job Fair

There will be a Job Fair Aug 28, at the Presidio Golden Gate Community Center, Building 135 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Although the emphasis will be on medical personnel/jobs, everyone is welcome to attend. There have been a number of hospitals as well as other federal agencies invited to participate.

Priority Placement Program

There have been 96 Letterman Army Medical Center personnel registered in the Priority Placement Program. It is mandatory for personnel being separated due to a reduction in force to register in the program. There have been about 15 offers of positions to people on the list. According to Donna White, Chief, Recruiting and Placement, Directorate of Civilian Personnel, the program is working well.

Mandatory pretransition briefing

The Military Personnel Division at the Presidio will conduct a pretransition briefing Tuesday at the Presidio Audio/Visual Center, building 603, from 8 a.m. until noon. Spouses and commanders are welcome to attend. Topics to be covered will include veterans benefits, employment assistance, property shipment, travel entitlements and outprocessing procedures designed to assist in making the transition to civilian life as simple as possible.

In accordance with Army Regulation 635-10, soldiers scheduled to separate and/or take transition leave prior to separation between Aug. 21 and Nov. 30 (except for retirement) from the Army MUST ATTEND this briefing. For more information, contact A. Calica, Military Personnel Operations, at 561-2151 or 561-3297.

Voluntary Indefinite Procedures

Commander, PERSCOM, Alexandria, Va., has announced that all Army competitive category (ACC) other than Regular Army (OTRA) commissioned officers year group 1983 who have not previously applied for Voluntary Indefinite status MUST DO SO NOW. Guidance for application is contained in Reference A, paragraph 10, Army Regulation 135-215. Any year group '83 officer who does not desire to be considered for VI must inform his/her Career Management Division in writing as soon as possible. All ACC, OTRA commissioned officer year groups '84, '85, '86 and '87 who were selected for and accepted in writing Conditional VI will be automatically converted to VI. For additional information, call Mr. Smith, Military Personnel Operations Branch at 561-2151 or DSN 586-2151.

Letterman PX's new hours

Starting Monday, the Letterman PX will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed Saturday and Sunday.

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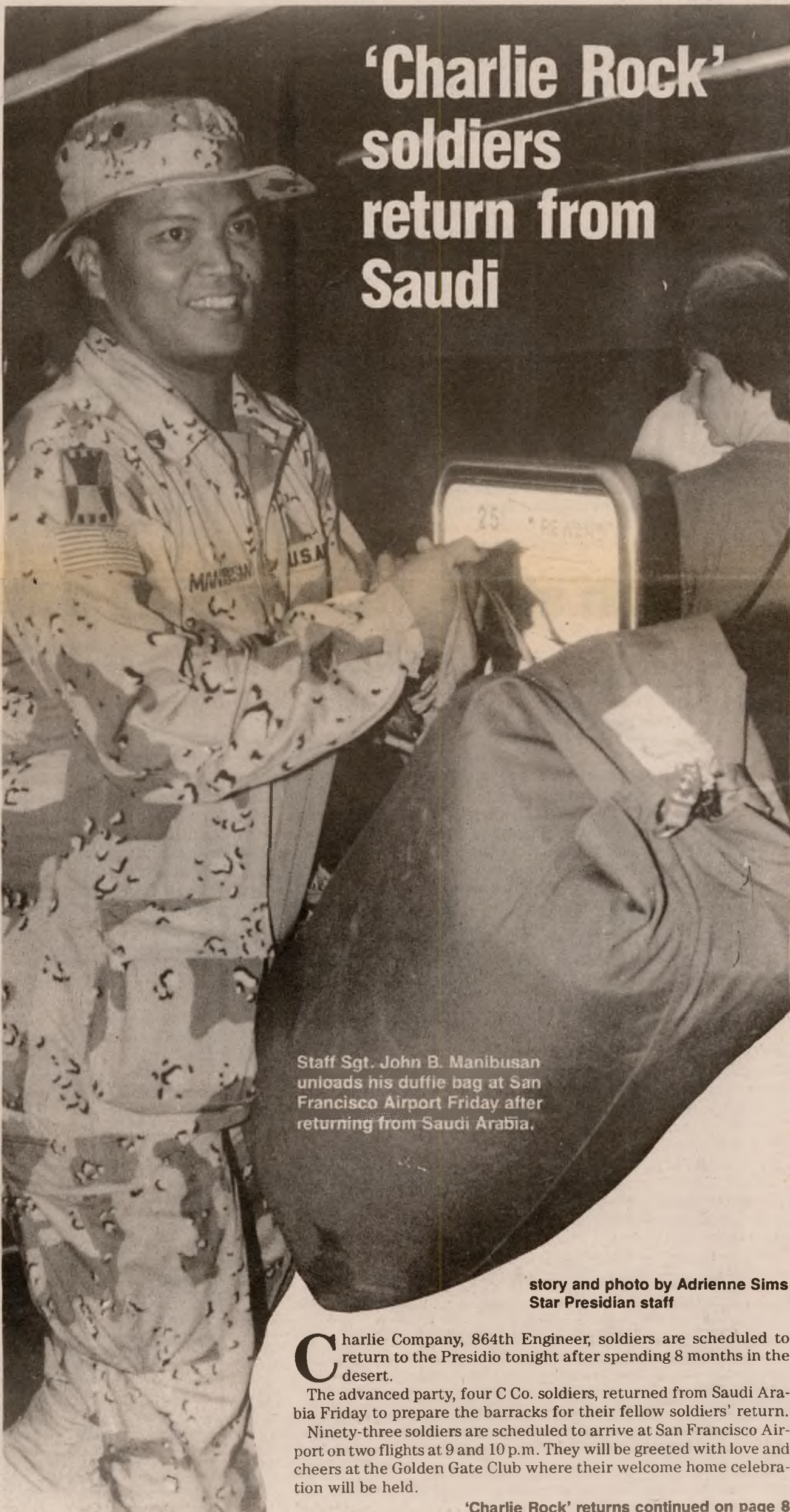
The USO of Northern California recycles BART tickets by redeeming their remaining unclaimed value from BART for cash. The monies collected are used to support USO service delivery to members of the military and their families.

The USO will also recycle 5.25-inch and 3.5-inch floppy disks of any density or any age, with or without labels, that are undamaged and recoverable. They cannot be damaged in any way that will not allow them to be reused once they are magnetically erased.

BART tickets with cash value remaining and the disks should be mailed to USO of Northern California, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif., 94130; or call USO at 391-1657 to arrange a pickup for large quantities (100 or more) of disks.

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Welcome back!



**'Charlie Rock'
soldiers
return from
Saudi**

Staff Sgt. John B. Manibusan unloads his duffel bag at San Francisco Airport Friday after returning from Saudi Arabia.

story and photo by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer, soldiers are scheduled to return to the Presidio tonight after spending 8 months in the desert.

The advanced party, four C Co. soldiers, returned from Saudi Arabia Friday to prepare the barracks for their fellow soldiers' return.

Ninety-three soldiers are scheduled to arrive at San Francisco Airport on two flights at 9 and 10 p.m. They will be greeted with love and cheers at the Golden Gate Club where their welcome home celebration will be held.

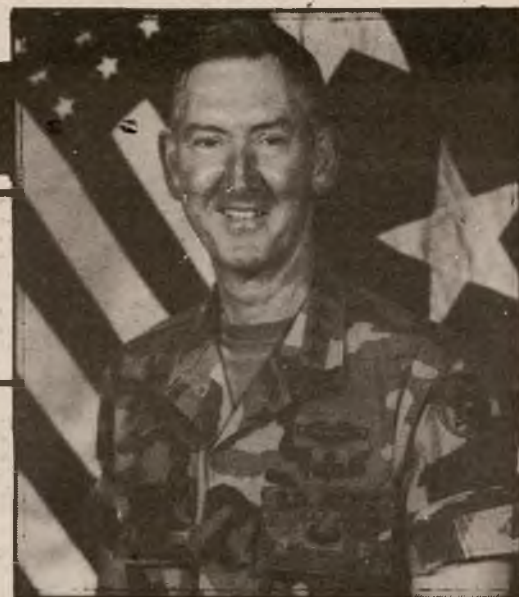
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Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians -

Well, it's been another great week to be in the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place. Lots of people coming and going—typical summer in the Army made even more so here because of the Letterman Army Medical Center draw down. To all our departees—farewell and God-speed. To our newcomers, welcome. We hope you enjoy your tour at this beautiful and historic old Army base. Don't fret about the fog—you'll get used to it and learn to love it! Honest!

Speaking of farewells the Command Group bid farewell last week to Major General Brady's aide-de-camp, Captain John Dumoulin. John came to Presidio of San Francisco with the Bradys. His previous assignment had been at Fort Campbell in the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault. He departs enroute to Korea and the 2D Infantry Division. Enroute he will attend the Combined Arms School (CAS) at Fort Leavenworth. John will be replaced by Captain Arturo S. Cantu who previously worked in DCSRM. Another farewell and hail!

On Thursday the 8th one of our major commands on post had a change of command. Colonel Carl Lockett relinquished command of Sixth Region Criminal Investigation Division Command to Colonel Linda L. Norman. Colonel and Mrs. Lockett are being reassigned to

Washington D.C., Colonel Norman comes to us from the Pentagon. To all involved congrats. The Locketts have been very supportive Presidians and they will be missed. Welcome to Colonel Norman—we're glad you're here!

On Friday, Undersecretary of the Army, Mr. John W. Shannon visited Presidio of San Francisco. While here he got briefings on Sixth Army, Garrison, Base Realignment and Closure and Letterman Army Medical Center. The visit went extremely well and as always there are many people to thank—drivers, pilots, briefers, protocol, Presidio of San Francisco Officers' Club, etc, etc. To anyone and everyone involved, my thanks. You all were HOO AH!

On Friday evening the Presidio Officers' Club hosted a Membership Appreciation Night. The crowd was estimated to be about 700. The club did another outstanding job with food, beverages, and band. To club manager Mike Quant and his assistant manager, Jane Fredericks and to all our club employees—thanks! Ya done good!

Bright (actually it was still dark!) and very early Saturday I departed for Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho. There I met General Sullivan the new Army Chief of Staff. He had come out from D.C. to visit some of our great Sixth U.S. Army troops and to view the facilities. I spent about half a day with General Sullivan and the Idaho National Guard. Then I went to the field to visit

Readiness Group Salt Lake City. These guys were there administering a CPX to the 116th Separate Infantry Brigade, Idaho National Guard. All was going well and great training was taking place.

This next Monday—the 19th at 1430 hours we will have our official welcome home for C/864th Engineers. Hope you will all come out for this and that you will be sure and Fly a Flag For Freedom that day. This is a great group of family members. If you share that feeling with me, come on out to say, "welcome home guys." And Fly Those Flags!

Our summer drought is not over and I must remind all Presidians to please follow the watering schedule. If we all cooperate we'll have no problems but if we abuse our water limits we could have serious problems. So, please, know your watering day, water only on those days and only if the sign near the fire station is green.

God bless you each and every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Many receive advice, only the wise profit from it."

—Syrus

Women strive for equality outside the home

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Women have been fighting to change the phrase "a woman's place is in the home" to "every place is a woman's place."

This fight began before women even received the right to vote.

Women gained the right to vote August 26, 1920 after the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified.

In 1872, Susan B. Anthony and several other women were arrested after attempting to vote.

Women's fight for equality was a long strong haul. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, it was normal for women to be viewed as the inferior sex. A woman's status was totally dependent on the economic position of her father and later her husband.

Although a "women's place" was outside of the social and legal standing, they became increasingly more educated and interested in social reform. They began to play an active role in the anti-slavery movement.

In July, 1948, the first women's rights conference was held. This conference established that women thought it was time to demand equality. More than ever, women felt that men had destroyed their self confidence. They were totally dependent on men—this forced them to OBEY men's every whim. Women were completely powerless and decided to exercise the right of prerogative.

Many felt with that legislators would as readily give their wives an opportunity to vote as they would their former slaves. However, women received the right to vote 50 years after the Fifteenth Amendment that gave the legal finishing touches to the antislavery work. The Fifteenth Amendment pro-

hibited disenfranchisement on grounds of race, color or previous condition of servitude, but said nothing about sex.

The Fourteenth Amendment, that was intended to make Confederate states free their exslaves, referred only to "male inhabitants."

It took women 52 years to get the word male out of the Constitution.

It seemed like an endless fight for equality and the right to vote.

Finally women had a grasp on equality when the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified. The Amendment reads: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

What followed fell short of women's desire for respect and equality. Women were still trapped in their "place." Women were able to vote and were supposedly closer to equality, but the prospect of what was respectable for women did not change.

Once again women began fighting. They campaigned for more voters. In Columbus, Ohio, the Franklin County Suffrage Association helped upset the mayor of sixteen years. Five-hundred women registered 21,000 new voters to help their candidate win by 19,000 votes.

Politicians realized women were going to keep fighting and they weren't losing the battle. They began to support their new constituents.

By the end of 1921, 20 state legislatures granted women the right to serve on juries.

Women were responsible for getting legislation passed on wage minimums and hour maximums.

Michigan and Montana enacted equal pay laws; Wisconsin passed an equal rights bill, Virginia legislatures granted reform leaders 18 of 24 requests, including a child's code, a child placement bill and a vocational education law.

More successes followed, although, feminist activist declined yet another time.

It wasn't until the 1960s that a "women's place" was brought back as a popular topic.

A target of women's aggression was the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, that had been set up to administer the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964. The EEOC did not have a good track record for removing barriers for women. In response to this, the National Organization for Women was established. The charter document stated that NOW's purpose was "To take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men."

Women have made their mark and are continuing to do so. They are advancing in careers that were once dominated by men. Now the "woman's place" is any place she wants to be.



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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Dixie Porter
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“What Sixth Army or Presidio era do you remember most fondly and Why? (When did you start working at the Presidio?)”

Roland “Casey” Stengl, Communications Specialist, Deputy Chief of Staff, Information Management, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army (1976) “The 1970’s when there were only 3 Continental United States Armies, we had 15 states in Sixth Army and Army Readiness and Mobilization Region IX and the Readiness Groups were functioning. We had resources, personnel and money to do the job.”



Barbara Morgan, Chief, Budget Division, Directorate of Resource Management, U. S. Army Garrison (1967) “The 1970’s when we had money and personnel to do the job.”



Louise Keresoma, Secretary to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army (1965) “Since 1984 when I started working for DCSOPS. It’s like a big family. People really care and look out for each other.”



Yoko Kelton, Chief, Production Branch, Training Support Center, Directorate Plans, Training and Mobilization, U.S. Army Garrison (1970) “Early 1970’s when we had enough people and money so they said ‘yes, yes,’ not ‘no, no.’ When they had the children’s airlifts from Vietnam with the children being sheltered here.”



Phyllis Doering, Secretary to the Deputy Commanding General, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army. (1976) “1985-87, the years I define as ‘The Bickston Years.’ Brig. Gen. Walter J. Bickston brought a special brand of intelligence, wit and energy to the headquarters. Also during this period Sixth Army held its first ‘Army Days’ and General Bickston led the parade across the Golden Gate Bridge on its historic 50th Anniversary.”



photo by Sam Park

‘NO, NO, No, well, maybe’

Charlie Chaplin a.k.a. Sando Counts tries to say no to food offered by Noah and Ramonda Pinkerman during Membership Appreciation Night at the Presidio Officers’ Club Friday night. Lt. Gen. and Mrs. William Harrison hosted the event which boasted attendance of over 700.



Top troop

Spec. Penny Mims, Patient Administration Division, won Letterman Army Hospital Soldier of the Month honors.

U.S. Army photo



photo by Chuck Blance

Presidio’s first

Presidio firefighter Diane Egan is the first female firefighter to join the Presidio Fire Department. Egan is a native of Moraga, Calif. and attended Twin Valley Firefighter I Academy in Livermore before coming to the Presidio last month.

News/Views

Commentary

Equality and Women's Equality Day

By K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

Equality. The Constitution guarantees it, our National Anthem praises it, our Pledge of Allegiance promises it, our Statue of Liberty professes it, our inherent philosophy espouses it, and our leaders pound podiums assuring it.

Many Americans, however, have not yet *emotionally* accepted it or practice it from the heart. Although the United States is by far the greatest nation in the history of civilization, and the foremost in meting out equality and justice, much remains to be done.

If the Constitution "guarantees" that everyone "is created equal," why, then, do we find it necessary to have to *legislate* equality to protect certain groups, assuring their rights under the gavel of the courts? If every American has "inalienable rights" by birth, why, then, are so many Americans still fighting for them? And why are rights still being debated? Or denied? Or begrudgingly bestowed?

Why is the law obliged to go beyond the very premise of the Constitution to *force* Americans to extend equality to those to whom it would otherwise be denied—denials based on such arbitrary inheritances as race, sex, age, national origin, and the many other inherited characteristics over which no human creature has or had any control or selection?

Who among us chose *anything* of that which comprises our being? Our birth in time and space and circumstance was but an accident; a throw of dice and genes and chromosomes and fate. Our parents—to whom we were once the unqualified "blessed bundle of joy"—are but an ironic twist of fortune; we neither chose them, nor they us. Who among us, therefore, can claim the birthright to deny or limit the pursuit of whatever talents, opportunities, or potential that life and chance has bestowed upon any other?

However, and unfortunately, every success we, in this country, have achieved toward being more fair, accepting, tolerant, concerned, and unbiased has been because the law threatens us if we are otherwise. And legal equality has come only as a result of painful efforts by those oppressed, achieved through rioting, disobedience—civil or destructive—and often only after the blood of war, violence and assassination has stained the land.

Law has been achieved only because those seeking equality have stopped asking, begging and pleading, and began demanding, not for some outrageous privilege, but for the same "inalienable rights" the rest have enjoyed all along. Their goal is simply to wring from the Constitution those drops of equality that the great document proclaims we are all entitled to as a birthright.

It took African-Americans a civil war and decades of frustration and strife to achieve legal equality, but the scales are yet unbalanced. Much remains to be achieved. The fight goes on.

Women have demanded, not only equal pay, jobs, opportunity, and advancement, but privacy of, respect for, and control over their own bodies. Much, too, in this quarter, remains to be achieved. Their fight, too, goes on.

Others in America continue to fight every day for their rights.

Why must each of these groups protest and demonstrate, even to the death, clawing for the blazing torch of liberty held at arm's length, out of reach, above their heads?

We have a remarkable Constitution. Why must it be embellished? Why must it be further legalized? Why, for example, do we need a "Women's Equality Day"? We don't celebrate a "Men's Equality Day"? The very need to create such a "Day" and "Women's Rights" and "Women's Liberation" only serves to illustrate that women, in fact, are really only as equal as "others" will allow.

Yes, much, obviously, remains to be done on many fronts, and protests and demands for rights and equality will continue until we learn to live together in peace and harmony and tranquility without one group determining if any, or how much, equality will be allowed or apportioned to the others.

And even more frightening than those who would not grant equality are those who would take it



away—strike from the books what has already been achieved. Witness leaders and amassed public factions working feverishly and relentlessly to reverse rights and equality rulings, groups frantically gathering signatures, leaders pounding podiums to alter existing laws or to create new laws that would repeal or restrict the rights won at great personal cost and bloodshed, and replace these rights, again, with archaic oppressive legislation.

History shows us that anything can be "justified," no matter how heinous the crime, how unjust the consequence, how unfair the verdict, or how discriminatory the practice. Beware, especially, those self-righteous zealots who would "justify" oppression or denial of rights "in the name of God." Their fanaticism and fervor, as history has also shown, has no limits.

The foresight and wisdom of the drafters of the Constitution; the creators of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance; the designers of the Statue of Liberty; and the earliest believers in the

inherent philosophy of America, could not even imagine these sinister and forboding potential reversals of human progress, rights, and equality.

When we accept that we are all on this short carnival ride together, looping and spinning around a little sun in the boondocks of a vast universe, maybe we will cease our insignificant efforts to deny others their equality, and, beyond that, to stop trying to control others' actions, create others in our personal image, impose on others our beliefs and moralities, and mold a world of clones and carbon copies of ourselves.

Leaders at all levels, as well as employers, associates, neighbors, and fellow earth creatures, must begin making decisions because they are intellectually and emotionally right, fair, equal and just, not because they are politically expedient, because they conform to some arbitrary social "norm," because they fit some obsolete but comfortable existing "standard," because they support some "justified" prejudicial viewpoint, and, especially not because they cater to the biases of the mighty, monied or intolerant.

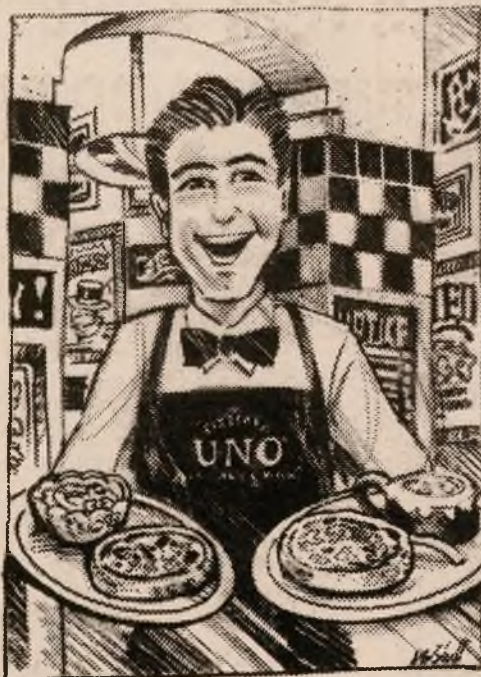
And certainly not merely "because the law demands it," for that is not acceptance but intimidation.

Because America is the brightest beacon on earth, we should feed the flame of equality and let the light burn ever brighter, and not allow that beam to be obstructed by those whose outmoded conservatism, archaic rationale, threatened insecurity, territoriality, possessiveness, greed, inhumanity, insensitivity, bias, selfishness, prejudice or bigotry get in the way.

In the meantime, thank goodness for the existing law. Even though protest served as the catalyst of the legislation, the law now demands what many Americans have not yet matured emotionally enough to intellectualize. Without the hard-won law, few minorities would have achieved whatever successes they may have achieved. That's a sad commentary.

So, congratulations on your progressive strides, and "Happy Women's Equality Day" this year, and the next, and the next, and the next, until such time as we outgrow the need to have to legislate your, and others' rights.

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Chapel Pond-erings

by Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities



Presidio News

Quip of the Week: "What we Are is God's gift to us. What we Become is our gift to God."

—Dr. Robert Anthony

Greetings from the Post Chapel staff. During these long, cold days of summer here in San Francisco, we must keep reminding ourselves that San Francisco is the most beautiful city in the world. Many people pay great amounts of money to spend just two weeks here. We live here. Be that as it may, let's all get together and pray for sunshine or rain.

On these cold summer days down by the pond, our thoughts may turn melancholy. We begin to ponder God's existence in our lives here in this world. A Danish philosopher back in the early part of this century wrote, "Behold where he stands—the God! Where? There; do you not see him? He is the God; and yet he has not a resting place for his head, and he dares not lean on any man lest he cause him to be offended. He is the God; and yet he picks his steps more carefully than if angels guided them, not to prevent his foot from stumbling against a stone, but lest he trample human beings in the dust, in that they are offended in him. He is the God; and yet his eye rests upon mankind with deep concern, for the tender shoots of an individual life may be crushed as easily as a blade of grass." (Kierkegaard, Soren, *Philosophical Fragments*, Princeton University Press, 1936, pp. 39-40)

Yes, we know that God exists. Yes, we know that God loves us; so why do we get melancholy? Why do we get depressed? Because God has given us a very special gift; he has given to us the inability to cognitively know God. That sounds strange! That's a gift?

Yes, for it is in this particular part of being human that makes us human beings. We can choose between this and that. We can choose between right and wrong. We are *not* forced to do anything. We, as human beings, can and must decide. Many of us ask, "Is this a gift?" Yes, just think of the alternative. God truly loves us and He truly could crush our ability to decide very easily. Thank you God for our ability to decide and thank you for not trampling us in the dust. Enable us to make wise and edifying decisions even when we get melancholy on these cold, foggy summer San Francisco days.

Some special events that are happening at the Post Chapel: Our senior high teen group just returned from their annual retreat. This year they spent time in the Sacramento River Delta area thanks to the generous donation of the campsite by the Perry family. Our teen group is also planning a Sunday afternoon outing on the 25th of August. They are going to an Amy Grant concert. If you are interested in this group, please drop by the RAC on Mondays at 7 p.m. and talk with Kathy Benjamin or Alex Lehneis.

Don't forget the 8th of September. Both the Catholic and Protestant Chapels will have a picnic at Hamilton Field. There will be transportation by bus to Novato for this annual function. If you are interested in attending, come by Chapel Services or Masses and get more information. Protestant Church School is having classes every Sunday through the summer at the Religious Activities Center from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Catholic CCD classes will begin in early

September. Bible Study Fellowship for women will begin on the second Wednesday of September. Phone the RAC or Post Chapel for information about preregistration. We have what we call a Presidio Bible Talk (Bible Study) every Thursday night here at the RAC. Please join us at 7 p.m. for this edifying experience. On Sunday, Aug. 4, we were fortunate to have the Rio Hondo Boys Preparatory School Choir sing at the worship services. There were 65 members in the choir and they sounded GREAT.

Our Chapel Choir meets at the Post Chapel, building 130, on Tuesday at 7 p.m. for rehearsal. The job of Choir Director will become available in October. Lynn White, the present Director, who has done a fantastic job, is transferring out. Thank you Lynn for sharing all your gifts and talents. If you are interested in this paid position, please call the Post Chapel at 561-4711.

Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5 and 9 p.m., and 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel. (For more information, please phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397.) Protestant Services are held every Sunday morning at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

Gospel Meetings are held at LAMC every Sunday morning at 11:30. For more information about any of these events and or services call the Post Chapel at 561-4239 or the Religious Activities Center at 561-3535. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Used vehicle license fees increased

California's used vehicle license fees (VLFs) have been increased by legislation that went into effect Aug. 1.

Under former rates the new purchaser's VLF continued to depreciate at the same rate as the seller's. That schedule was based on a 10-year depreciation from 85 to 5 percent of the original purchase price.

The new rates are based on an 11-year depreciation schedule of the used vehicle's purchase price or, in some instances, on the current market value. The schedule ranges from 100 down to 15 percent of the used vehicle's purchase price. Each time the vehicle is purchased a new depreciation schedule will be initiated.

From now through July 31, 1992, a surcharge of 2.2 percent of the VLF will also be charged.

All funds raised by the VLF are returned to California cities and counties.

A DMV Fast Facts pamphlet, "Vehicle License Fee Changes on Transfer," that explains the new VLF is available at all DMV offices.

Laundry deduction cancelled

Active duty military personnel are advised that effective September 30, the laundry monthly payroll deduction service will no longer be available; therefore, all individual laundry services at the post laundry, Building 1047, will be on a cash or check basis only.

Sobriety Checkpoint

A Presidio sobriety checkpoint will be conducted Friday by the Office of the Provost Marshal.

The checkpoint represents part of the Military Police's expanded use of anti-drinking techniques, which will be continued every month until further notice.

MPs deter drunk driving

MPs will give you a ride from your location to your quarters on post or to the MP station and call a taxi or someone to get you if you've been drinking. These actions are to deter driving under the influence of alcohol and risking injury or an accident. Better safe than sorry.

News

More "Catch 62"

Your Social Security benefits

By K.M.Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

A question concerning Social Security benefits arose following publication of last week's story on "Catch 62."

If you need information regarding the number of quarters you may have earned to date under Social Security or want to know what your projected Social Security Benefits will be, you can call 1-800-234-5772. The information you ultimately obtain may help you decide whether or not you wish to make a deposit for your military earnings into your civilian retirement account.

When you call, the Social Security Administration (SSA) Customer Service Representative will take your name and address and will send you basic information and a copy of SSA Form 7004-PC-OP2, *Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement*.

Complete and return the SSA Form to the Social Security Administration, Salinas Data Operations Center, 100 E. Alvin Drive, Salinas, California 93906.

You will receive a printout reply from the SSA (mine took about three weeks) listing the number of quarters you have earned towards Social Security. The printout will also give you an estimate of any Social Security retirement benefits you would receive based on your quarters, contributions, projected age at retirement, and projected date of retirement as provided in your submitted SSA Form request.

Again, on the deposit issue, if you're going to make the deposit, start the process now—or soon. Because it could take several weeks or months to complete the total deposit process, you should allow yourself sufficient time to complete all the various steps. Don't wait until the last minute. By the time you get your reply from Indianapolis for past Army service, or from one of the other Services' Accounting Centers, and do your calculations, you should have received a reply from SSN and have all the information you need upon which to base your decision to make the deposit or not.

If you decide to do so, and you make a lump sum payment, you will have avoided the "Catch 62" pitfall, and your annuity won't be reduced at age 62.

Additionally, if you choose to pay by the allotment method and you initiate the action, should something suddenly happen in your career—e.g., you are faced with RIF or Discontinued Service, or you want to apply for normal or early retirement—you can simply write out a check for the final amount owed, if any, when you submit your retirement papers. You will also have avoided the pitfall.

Finally, to repeat what should be the obvious: when you take in the paperwork for your deposit, get a receipt; better yet, take with you to CPO a xerox copy of the total submission package and have CPO sign and date stamp your copy. Keep this for your records; if your deposit is ever contested, you will have this dated and signed copy as proof of submission!

DoD proposal for early out incentive pay sent to Congress

by Army News Service

A Defense Department proposal to pay annual incentive payments to servicemembers who volunteer to leave the military during the drawdown of the next few years is now in the hands of Congress.

Similar to an early retirement plan, the incentive payments would be offered only to military personnel with more than six but less than 20 years of service and who are in overstrength specialties, pay grades, or year groups, according to a July 30 DoD news release. Both officers and enlisted personnel would be eligible to receive the payments.

"Members in critical or shortage skills are not likely to be offered this as an incentive to voluntarily separate," the release said.

The incentive offer would expire in 1995, as the military reaches its smaller end strength goals. Under current plans, the size of the armed forces would be reduced by about 400,000 troops by the end of fiscal 1995.

The amount of the payments would vary based on the servicemember's length of service and pay grade at separation. Under the proposal, participants would receive an annual check for 2.5 percent of their annual base pay times the number of years they served on active duty. The checks would continue for twice the member's years of service.

For example, a major with 12 years' service who volunteers to leave the service under the plan would receive \$11,517 each year for 24 years after separation.

The DoD release said that the incentive would be offered to induce mid-career servicemembers to voluntarily separate, reducing the number of members who would be involuntarily separated between fiscal years 1992 and 1995.

"The voluntary separation of mid-career members will improve career opportunities for those staying in the military service and would reduce aging of the force by making room for younger junior grade members," it said.

Under the DoD plan, the incentive payments would be transferable, allowing former servicemembers to direct them to another person, bequeath them to heirs, or sell them to a private party in exchange for a lump sum.

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Training

347th records near perfect training score

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Advisor
Public Affairs Office

You've probably heard of a barn raising, where many people, all working together, actually build a barn in one day. Just think of that same principle applied to a hospital, and you will have some idea of what the 347th General Hospital from Sunnyvale went through at Camp Roberts a few weeks ago.

Putting up its Deployable Medical System (DEPMEDS), or portable hospital, was part of the unit's annual training, which also included the ever-important Army Training Evaluation Program (ARTEP)—the real test of how well a unit can perform its combat mission.

The 347th proved it's ready by scoring a near-perfect 97 percent overall. In fact, in some areas, they were perfect, according to chief nurse Lt. Col. Mary Ann Hanelt. "Nursing Services passed 100 percent of their tasks, and we were really excited," she said.

The unit, which has a mission to set up and operate a 1,000-bed general hospital, was tested on more than 400 tasks during the two-week period. And unit soldiers had to work in scorching temperatures with less than a full complement of their assigned equipment.

"It is not easy. It is very detailed—including everything from how to react to mass casualties, how

to put a dressing on, handling triage situations, handling a code blue (when somebody arrests), fire evacuation plan, all of the administrative tasks, how to treat enemy prisoners of war, NBC decontamination, reporting of patients, daily reports," Hanelt explained. "It's just like you're running a real active-duty military hospital, with all of the same reports required," she said. "We did it all."

According to Hanelt this was the first external ARTEP of a 1,000-bed general hospital DEPMEDS. The unit does not usually get to work with the portable hospital, because it takes too much time to set it up on a drill weekend. "Because we don't have a permanent site here, we can't get the equipment out. It can take you a whole weekend, with just one dolly, to get it out. And when you get it out, you've got to take it back," she explained.

DEPMEDS comes in modules, which can be set up as the situation requires. The 347th has four modules that are hard containers (ISOs) and two that are tempers, made of canvas. These modules are designed to be used with temperature control, and therefore the sides do not open up for ventilation, like on general-purpose tents.

At Camp Roberts, this proved a problem because of the extreme heat and the fact that the unit only had one air conditioner for its modules. Also the unit's generator was not large enough to power everything. Hanelt noted, "We didn't have the capa-

bility, since we were running the air conditioning, to be able to run sterilizers, the lights and a lot of other equipment."

In spite of this, make-believe patients were still given the proper medical care, as evidenced by the unit's high score on the ARTEP. And some real patients also had to be handled. "The first day we had four heat injuries," Hanelt said. "Because we're from the Bay Area, we're not acclimated. Putting all that equipment up is really difficult, and we do have a nurse practitioner and were able to take care of most of them. One of them we did take to a civilian hospital."

Hanelt was at a firing range at Camp Parks where the unit was having its August drill. Unit members were qualifying on the M-16 rifle and the .45 caliber pistol. They must be proficient in military skills as well as medical ones, so this type of training is scheduled periodically.

Although the 347th was not activated for Operation Desert Shield/Storm, about 85-unit members, including the unit commander, served on active duty, some as volunteers and others called up to fill critical medical vacancies in activated units. Most of them served with the 50th General Hospital, a Washington-based unit also in the 124th Army Reserve Command, and they worked in a hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for two months.

Asked if that experience had any effect on recent training, Hanelt said, "Everybody was paying attention to NBC, I can tell you that."

Commander Col. Blynn Shideler, a surgeon in his civilian job and who also deployed with the 50th, feels that the activation will have some effect on recruiting physicians in the future.

"Some doctors are worried. It's really brought it home, this war. . . a lot of people found that their accounts receivable seemed to slow down or were used up to run the office while they were gone," he said. "When you come back, you start out with zero. And you have to rebuild your practice. Your patients may be there, but insurance companies take so long to pay us, that you've got two or three months of billings before you can start getting any income," he explained. Shideler felt that some of these issues may be resolved through new incentives as a result of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. On the positive side, he said, "I must say that I thought the salary I got was comparable to a civilian salary basically."

Shideler was very proud of how the 347th did on its ARTEP, in spite of equipment shortages. "We had 60 tasks that were not tested because we didn't have the equipment," he said. "Out of the total number, we failed 13 of the tasks, and these are minor things," he concluded. "Even if you add in everything we didn't even test on, we still would have come out with 84.5 percent, which means you passed, you're certified—ready to go."

What's next for the unit now that it has done so well on the ARTEP? Hanelt said most drill weekends will consist of clinical training at two sites—the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto and the Valley Medical Center in San Jose—where unit members will treat real patients. And now they will be assigned according to their wartime organization, just as they trained during the ARTEP. "Since they got to know each other during the ARTEP, we're going to keep those people together as a unit. We've begun to start an identity. Before we were organized geographically. Whoever lived near a (training) site went there," she explained. Now everyone will train at one of the two sites according to the tactical organization. "I think people are willing to do that because they realize that if we are activated, these are the people they will be working with."

Hanelt feels that the successful ARTEP will help recruiting in the unit, because everyone seemed to feel it was a valuable experience. "I think it really brings the unit members closer together. A lot of our nurses just said that it really was a good annual training. It was the first time we were able to get all of the equipment (DEPMEDS) out and do everything," she concluded.

And from the outcome of the ARTEP, they did it very well.



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Homecoming

'Charlie Rock' continued from page 1

The soldiers will be given the next three days off to rest and adapt to the time change, according to Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona, Headquarters Command Battalion commander. "Part of the reason is for safety—this will give them a chance to rest up."

After a well deserved rest soldiers will begin "de-POMMING."

Another welcome home celebration will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in front of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters.

Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, C. Co. commander, called Vona July 20 and gave him the long waited news of his company's return. Vona personally went down the phone chain and contacted families of soldiers here. Vona was asked several times if this was definite. He replied, "That's the plan."

"Officially everything has gone as planned," Vona said. "We've done our best to stifle the rumor mill."

Vona compared Charlie's return to the Lebanon hostage situation. There were many rumors especially in March, April and May that soldiers would be returning, according to Vona. "After a while you get the attitude, I'll believe it when I see it."

"I told the [soldiers] and the wives from the start

that even if there wasn't a shot fired [C Co.] would probably be there a year," Vona said. "When the return window was announced we were told the middle of September give or take 30 days. We're on the up side of the window."

Finally wives and loved ones can believe it. Their soldiers are coming home!

Charlie Co. wives have been busy at work, Vona said. They are preparing food for the soldiers who live in the barracks so they have something in their refrigerators when they return.

Soldiers will be able to take block leave after they finish "de-POMMING" on Wednesday. They will be able to continue their leave until Sept. 15, the expected date for their equipment to return.

Four volunteer soldiers will be arriving approximately one month from now. These soldiers will ride back on the ship that is carrying C Co.'s equipment.

According to Vona C Co. soldiers began loading the ship Aug. 8. This ship will carry all of Charlie Co.'s equipment and is scheduled to sail into Oakland.

Charlie Company soldiers left for Saudi Arabia Dec. 22, 1990. They flew out with 113 troops. Nine soldiers have ETSed from Charlie Company since the end of Stop Loss.

"They are highly motivated, highly trained

heroes," Cunningham quoted in a June 27 issue of the Star Presidian.

Charlie soldiers helped with a M1 and M3 tank range in Kuwait and each soldier was awarded a regimental coin and a recruiting poster by the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Commander for doing an outstanding job.

They were personally chosen to accomplish a priority mission in Kuwait City. First and second platoons, vertical platoons helped rebuild Kuwait City in Desert Storm's aftermath. The first platoon repaired plumbing and electrical problems at the Kuwait Embassy. The second platoon repaired utilities at several different hospitals in Kuwait.

The "Earthmovers" built a wash rack facility for units to wash their equipment before loading it onto ships. All of this was done after Desert Storm became calm.

The vertical platoon's mission was to build a pipeline from the port moving north after less than a month of being in Saudi.

In less than one month C Co. soldiers built two truck stops for conveyors, set up a base camp, unloaded their equipment and built a roadway for supplies. Finally, after 8 months of hard work in the desert, C Co. is returning.

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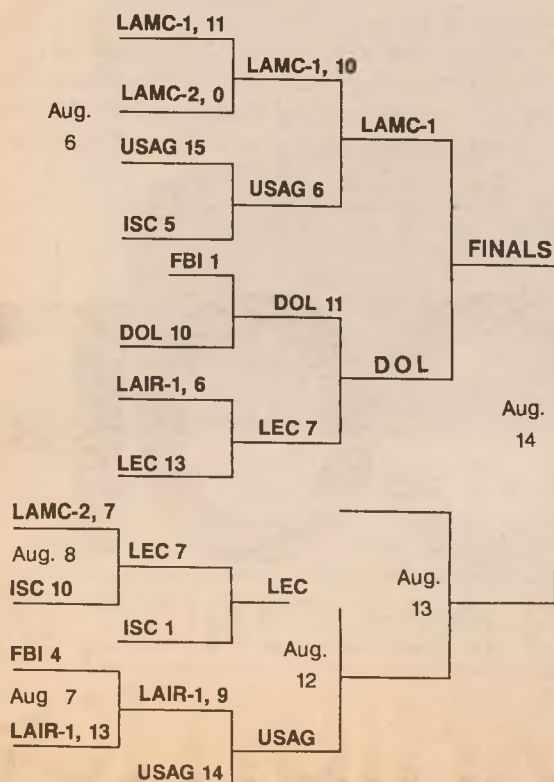
Poirier flies to All-Army golf trials

by Bobbie H. Gascon
Sports Director

Sixth U.S. Army aviator William Poirier hopes his golf balls fly to the hole easily at the All Army Golf Trial Camp this week. He is one of the top golfers on post, with a three handicap on our tough course. Poirier has been to the trials before and hopes his past experience will help him make the open team.

This year's trials are being held at Fort Eustis, Va., now through Sunday. If he makes the Army Team, he will get a chance to compete at the Armed Forces Championships, Monday through Aug. 24, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

Softball tournament double-elimination scores



Next week's issue will include the scores of the final four teams in the tournament—LAMC ONE, DOL, LEC and USAG.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

LEC shortstop, Loren Small, misses the handle on this bad hopper that dribbled through into short center field in the Aug. 8 game against ISC/INSCOM.

LAMC One moves closer to finals

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Gary Fagan hit three home runs, including a fifth inning grand slam, to lead LAMC ONE's 10-6 victory over USAG Aug. 7 and continue its drive toward the finals.

With one out in the fifth, James Conforti and Decius Aaron both hit singles and Erik Hurst drew a walk to load the bases. Up came Fagan who hit his third home run and eighth RBI of the night.

USAG threatened to rally in the seventh by loading the bases, but something went awry. With one out, Duvel White hit a single, Preston Cluff walked and Tom Henderson added another single to load the bases. One out later, Cornelius Humphries hit an RBI single to score White who represented the sixth and final run. The bases remained loaded when the tying run came to the plate, but a line drive short ended the game.

USAG scored its fifth run in the sixth inning on a home run by Richard Crisp and scored its fourth run in the third inning when James Williams hit what should have been a double to center and scored on the fielder's error.

LAMC ONE scored in the top of the third with a two-out home run by Fagan, his second, followed immediately by Steven Czerwinski's home run.

LAMC ONE opened the scoring in the top of the first when Fagan hit his first homer, a three-run shot that scored Aaron and Hurst. Czerwinski later scored in the inning on an error by USAG's third baseman for a 4-0 LAMC lead.

USAG answered in the bottom of the first after Humphries and Williams hit doubles. Jerome Smith reached base on a single and Williams scored when Crisp added another single. John Dumoulin batted in another run to score Smith to make it 4-3 in LAMC ONE's favor.

USAG had 13 hits, three of them from Crisp and five runs batted in.

Although the loss placed USAG into the losers bracket, the team redeemed itself Aug. 8 in a 14-9 victory that eliminated LAIR ONE from tournament competition. LAIR was beaten the day before by LEC, 13-6.

In that game, Humphries and Martin lead USAG with three hits, Humphries scored three runs and Tom Henderson, Eric Brooks and Williams scored two runs apiece.

Health Matters

Getting off your gluteals to exercise for life

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

(Over the past three weeks we have been talking about food and nutrition, the "calories in" part of the caloric balance equation. This week, let's shift gears and begin discussing exercise or "calories out".)

While nutrition is an important part of fitness and health, exercise is an equally important player. Exercise develops physical fitness.

According to the President's Council on Physical Fitness, physical fitness is: "A reflection of the ability to work with vigor and pleasure, without undue fatigue, with energy left over for enjoying hobbies and recreational activities, and for meeting unforeseen emergencies."

Whew! Glad that's out of the way. But how can we break it into smaller pieces? Physical fitness can be divided into five components of fitness. These are: muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiorespiratory endurance, flexibility and body composition. A balance of fitness in all five of the components is necessary to be truly physically fit.

MUSCULAR STRENGTH

Muscular strength is the greatest amount of force a muscle or muscle group can exert in one movement. One example would be a one repetition maximum on the bench press.

This is important because it shows the strength of a particular muscle group. By knowing the strength of the muscle group one can begin an exercise program with a strength baseline from which to build. The Army tests muscular strength and endurance with the push-up and sit-up events of the Army Physical Fitness Test.

MUSCULAR ENDURANCE

Muscular endurance is the ability of a muscle or muscle group to perform repeated movements. Endurance is important because it allows us to keep moving. Muscular endurance is also the key to increased muscular strength. Weight lifters do repetitions to build strength. Push-ups, sit-ups and pull-ups are all muscular endurance exercises that build strength.

A key to growth in both of these areas is that your muscles grow against resistance. An example is an iron worker who routinely lifts large amounts of weight with the same movement develops the muscles used in that movement.

"Disco muscles" is a negative term to describe someone who only works on the muscles shown while standing against the wall in a disco. Huge arms and chest muscles dwarfing tiny spaghetti-like legs show that exercised muscles grow and neglected muscles don't. Again, balance is the key.

CARDIORESPIRATORY ENDURANCE

Cardiorespiratory endurance shows how efficiently the heart and lungs work to deliver oxygen and nutrients needed for muscular activity and the transportation of waste products from those cells.

This is important because your body and fitness is centered around this component of fitness—without health hearts and lungs we wouldn't be able to do much of anything. The heart and lungs work together, using blood, as the transportation network running throughout our bodies.

The importance of cardiorespiratory fitness can be emphasized by the fact that the leading cause of death in the U.S. is from cardiovascular disease.

Deaths from cardiovascular diseases ALONE outnumber the combined total of all other causes of death, according to a 1986 study by the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Public Health Service.

Cardiorespiratory fitness is improved by aerobic (with oxygen) exercise three or more times each week with an elevated training heart rate (22-28 beats per 10 seconds) maintained for at least 20 minutes each session.

FLEXIBILITY

Flexibility is the most neglected of the components of fitness. Flexibility refers to "the range of motion of a joint and the muscles and tendons surrounding that joint area," according to the Army Physical Fitness School.

Regular stretching will improve and maintain flexibility. It is key in the prevention of injuries. There are a variety of opinions on whether flexibility improves performance. Whether added flexibility increases peak performance or not, it lowers the chance for injuries. And a year of injury free performance is better than one plagued with injuries. The key is balancing flexibility with strength.

BODY COMPOSITION

Body composition refers to the percent of lean body mass compared to body fat. Exercise and good eating habits combine to lower body fat percentages while keeping lean body mass. Dieting alone can increase body fat percentages. Exercise is the key to changing the slide toward increased body fat that age and gravity seem to have cursed us with.

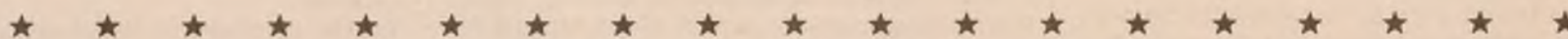
By balancing these five components people, soldiers and civilians, can become truly physically fit.

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Community Calendar

Women's Equality Day

The Presidio Women's Equality Day celebration will be held Aug. 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Facility of building 35. The theme this year is "Voices of Equality." Job awareness booths of various local government agencies will provide information concerning job openings. The meeting is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Angela Brumfield, Equal Opportunity Officer, at 561-4154/4158.

GRE testing

The Graduate Record Examine will be given on Oct. 16 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time but you must order your examination in person by Aug. 28. Contact an education counselor at the Letterman Army Hospital Education Center at 561-3692/4030, or the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

PMUG meeting

The monthly meeting of the Presidio Macintosh User's Group will be held Aug. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference room, building 1214. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 561-2528.

ISC presentation

A representative from Software Publishing Corporation will demonstrate the newly released Harvard Graphics 3.0 Aug. 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in building 603 in the auditorium. Professional Write will also be demonstrated. Items will be raffled for those attend. For more information, call Nolan Smith at 561-4938/3287.

Letter to the Editor

I enjoyed Bob Mahoney's article on the King's English (especially the line about the correct spelling of "chaplain"). It reminded me of my own list of overworked words and slogans. The ones I most love to hate are:

- Meaningful: When you want to attribute value to something that really is garbage.
- Quality Time: I really can't stand you, but we are going to have to work together; so we might as well devote some time to making the best of it.
- I Hear What You Are Saying: My, you are a dumb sucker, and what you are saying is stupid, but I want you to know I can hear well.
- Get In Bed With: Used mostly by supervisors over 50. Probably means to coordinate.
- Close the Loop: Popular with managers who go around in circles.
- Vis-a-vis: Means notice how educated I am.
- Share: I have a lot of trivia I want to dump on you.

Henry L. Hunt
Sixth U.S. Army Chaplain



photo by Pleasant Lindsey

California dreaming

Windsurfers practiced Saturday for the Tudor Watch Mistral World Championship series at Crissy Field Beach. The competition is being held all this week through Saturday.

Tuition-free classes

Child Observation, for parents and young children 15 months to kindergarten students, will begin Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to noon in building 563. The program, with nursery school environment and activities for children and observation and discussion for parents, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. Registration will be held at the class. For more information, call 561-1921 (this is not a Presidio post telephone number).

Randall Museum Open House

Spend an exciting afternoon at the Randall Museum, San Francisco's original Children's Museum, Aug. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Projects from unique and traditional classes offered by the Museum will be displayed for all to see. Join in the fun things to do at this free event. The Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way, near Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. For more information, call 554-9600.

Renaissance Pleasure Faire

The Renaissance Pleasure Faire opens Aug. 31. ITT will sell discount tickets for \$11.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children 3 to 11. Gate price is \$14.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children. The faire is held at Black Point Forest in Novato, weekends through Oct. 6.

Circus is coming

ITT is now selling Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus tickets for the Aug. 31 show at Cow Palace. The show begins at 11 a.m. and costs \$11.50 for everyone over 2-years-old. For more information, call Sandy Cornett at 561-3992.

Home child care needed

The Family Child Care program is looking for loving people to take care of children in their quarters. To be a certified Family Child Care Provider, you have to complete a challenging course of professional training in areas such as child development, first aid and nutrition. If you want to run your own business while helping young children and their families, then consider enrolling. There will be an orientation briefing explaining the Family Child Care program and its requirements Aug. 27 from 8 to 10 a.m. in building 103B. For more information, call Mary Anne Gianquento at 561-6372.

Typing/keyboarding

Beginners will first use a typewriter to learn keys and then will join intermediate and advanced students at a computer keyboard. This free class meets Aug. 22 through Aug. 27, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. To obtain the required enrollment form, contact a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, at 561-2974.

California Hunks

The California Hunks will put on their dance-oriented show at the Golden Gate Club Friday beginning at 7:30. Friday is Ladies Night Only at the club for the performance by the Hunks, but following the performance there will be all night disco dancing to Douglas and Keith from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$8. Dinner and snack food will be available up to show time.

Find a job program

One session remains of the program put on by the Army designed to help soldiers, civilians and their family members find a job. The session will be held Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. The meeting fully explains how the individual should prepare in seeking another job. For more information and reservations, call the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-4445.

Conservation Corner Recycle metal cans

If you toss out one aluminum can you waste as much energy as if you'd filled the can full of gasoline and poured it on the ground. The U.S. commercial air fleet could be rebuilt with the aluminum we throw out every three months. In 1988 alone, aluminum can recycling saved more than 11 billion kilowatt hours of electricity. That is a six month power supply for New York City. The energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a big screen TV for three hours.

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Presidio Post Theater

Friday, August 16: Jungle Fever (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 17: Problem Child II (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 18: Oscar (PG), 7 p.m.
Monday, August 19: The Hard Way (R), 7 p.m.

Friday, August 23: Ambition (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 24: Robin Hood (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 25: Toy Soldiers (R), 7 p.m.
Monday, August 26: Hudson Hawk (R), 7 p.m.

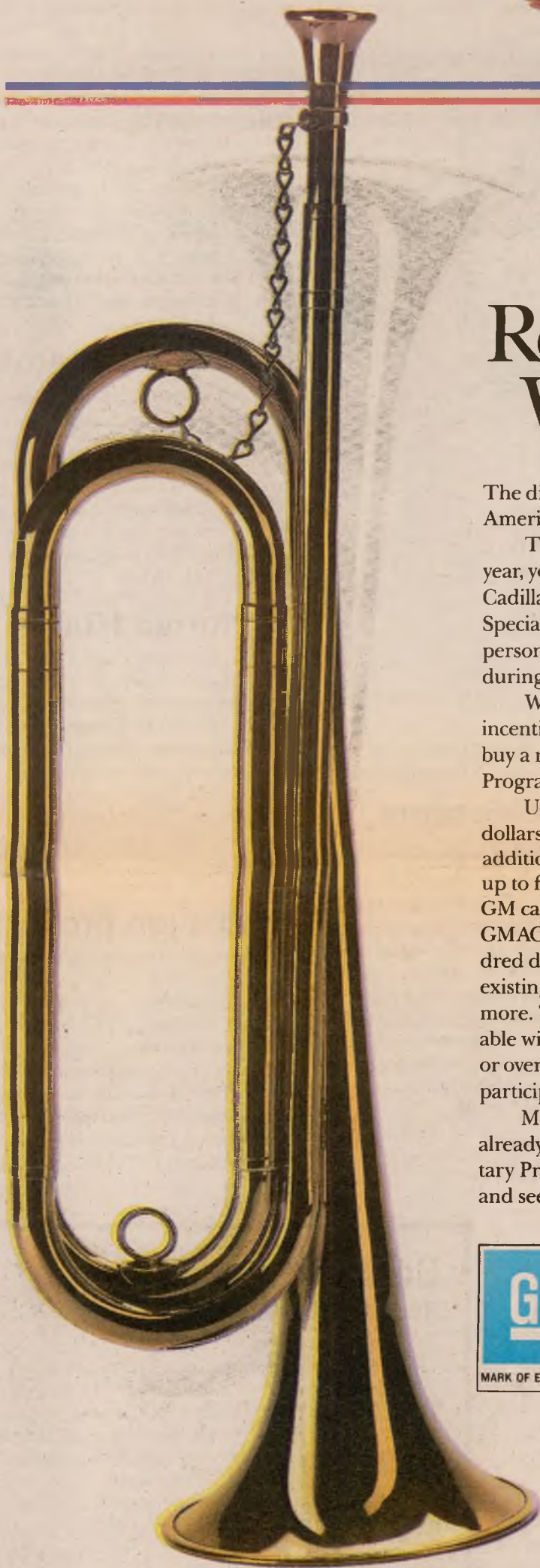
It's Showtime!



Hamilton Field Theater

Thursday, August 15: Stone Cold (R), 7 p.m.
Friday, August 16: Strangers in Good Company (PG), 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 17: Stone Cold (R), 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 22: Backdraft (R), 7 p.m.
Friday, August 23: Hangin' with the Boys, 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 24: Backdraft (R), 7 p.m.



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Charlie returns from S.W. Asia

by Adrienne Sims
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Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion, soldiers returned Aug. 15 from Saudi Arabia. They were greeted at the San Francisco Airport by family members, friends, spouses and loved ones.

"Charlie! Charlie! Charlie!" was shouted from loved ones before the soldiers walked through the terminal. The shouts would lower as it seemed like eternity before the heroes came off the plane. Finally, the Desert Camouflage Uniforms were spotted.

Screams came from the crowd.

Wives held on to their husbands as soon as they could get close enough to touch them.

Tears flowed and laughter echoed.

The love and pride could be felt by every spectator close enough to hear the clapping of hands.

Some fathers saw their babies for the first time when they walked off the airplane. Capt. Paul F. Cunningham was greeted by his wife children and his new born baby.

After the reunion at the airport, soldiers loaded onto buses and took off to the Golden Gate Club where a welcome home party was held for the company.

Family members anxiously awaited their soldiers' arrival to the Club.

The band began to play and loved ones gathered outside the club. The Military Police siren sounded and the crowd once again began to scream with excitement.

The buses pulled up and "Charlie Rock" soldiers piled out into formation.

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander, expressed his gratitude to all the soldiers who served during Operation Desert



photo by Adrienne Sims

Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, C Co. commander, holds his newborn for the first time. Cunningham's son, Daniel was born June 13.

Shield and Desert Storm.
"Go get 'em!" Harrison said.

Loved ones took off running to the formation to take hold of their soldiers once again.

Food and beverages were served inside the Golden Gate Club while husbands and wives reunited.

Loved ones and soldiers were still shocked about being home.



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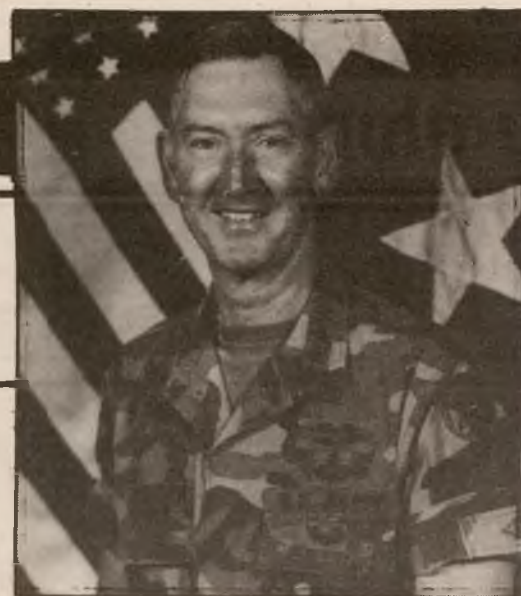
Loved ones shout as the buses pull up with C Co. soldiers on it. Soldiers were greeted at the Golden Gate Club after leaving the San Francisco Airport.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians -

Our weather has been great lately and I hope you have all been enjoying it. We even got some much needed rain. So, all in all, it remains a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place.

Our latest Soldier of the Month (SOM) Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 13 August. Corporal Mark Bass, a Military Policeman from the Law Enforcement Company was our Soldier of the Month for July. Corporal Bass is married, his hometown is Corning, California and he has served overseas in Germany and on several posts here in the USA. Heartiest congrats to Corporal Bass and a real loud HOO AH! to all the agencies who continue to support this great program.

Also on Tuesday I was invited to address the San Francisco Rotary Club—the second oldest Rotary in existence. There was a large crowd and I brought them up to date on the closure of Presidio of San Francisco. It is always good to have an opportunity to tell the local folks about this grand old post and all of you grand people.

On Thursday I had the honor of presenting a Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award to Mr. Charles R. Dowd. Mr. Dowd works in our Intelligence Office in the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations office. These folks get little visibility or credit but perform a very valuable service for Presidio of San Francisco and Sixth U.S. Army. To Mr. Charles Dowd—a big loud HOO AH! from all your friends. I was very impressed that in his talk Mr. Dowd recognized and thanked his supervisor—Mr. Clark. That was very thoughtful of Mr. Dowd. Too few of our supervisors take the time and effort to recommend subordinates for well deserved recognition. HOO AH! to you also, Mr. Clark.

Thursday also saw us promoting to Lieutenant Colonel, Robert L. Ross. Major Ross had recently arrived for duty in the Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management office. We were all very flattered that Major Ross asked us to participate in the promotion. To him and his family we say welcome and congratulations.

The 15th was also Korean Independence Day—and the Korean community celebrated this very meaningful day in our Officers' Club. There was a large crowd and our club personnel did an outstanding job. A real HOO AH! time was had by all.

Finally, Thursday saw the return of two of our units from Saudi Arabia. In the afternoon we welcomed home the 6632D Post Security Detachment. These folks did an outstanding job at a very vital mission but one that many times is overlooked. Welcome home 6632D—we're glad you're here!

That night—or early a.m. the 16th, we welcomed home the last of our units—our very own Charlie Company, 864th Engineers. These soldiers did an outstanding job in Saudi—before, during and after the war. So—HOO AH! Charlie Company—we're glad you're here.

Friday was a busy day which began with a visit from Senator James Sasser of Tennessee. The Senator is Chairman of the Military Construction Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Forces

Appropriations Committee. He and his staff got some excellent briefings from our BRACO office, DCSOPS and LAMC. To all who worked on this successful visit—my thanks.

Later in the day we had the opportunity to promote to Brigadier General, Thomas B. Murchie, Assistant Division Commander, 91st Training Division at Fort Baker. Promotions to any grade or rank are always fun to do but I think to brigadier general is very special. Congrats to new Brigadier General Murchie.

Then on Saturday we had a very well done retirement ceremony for Major General George J. Vukasin, our Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Component. It was a great ceremony and all the participants looked great. Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command Battalion, and a company of Drill Sergeants from 91st Division were the troop formations. As always our SUPER SIXTH U.S. ARMY band, a 91st Division Color Guard, the 12 State Flag detail and our very professional salute battery were great. The day was clear and not too windy and the troops all performed outstandingly. It was a very fitting final salute to a very fine Reserve Component soldier—George Vukasin. I know that he and his family very much appreciated the participation by every one. A big HOO AH! to all.

Sunday was another GREAT day—although a little damp. the annual Presidio Ten (and this year a 3!) mile race was held. There was large crowd and all very well organized. Our Post

cannon began the race. I was back in the slower area and it was a great start—it scared some people off!! Sounded wonderful.

On Monday we had the official C/864th Welcome Home. It was a super ceremony and again my thanks to DPT for all their effort. We were able to recognize some representative soldiers for the great job done by all the company. Truly, they led the way for their parent battalion. We are all so very proud of them and so very thankful they are home—safe and well. To their family support group—a real loud HOO AH! and another one to all the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco personnel who supported them—at work, flying flags, displaying ribbons, writing letters, sending goodies—whatever. Presidians have proved once again what truly special folks you are. It truly is my honor to serve alongside you each and every one.

My requests for God's blessings on you are very special this week—you are a loving, supportive, kind and considerate group and I truly do pray God will bless you all—soldier, family member, employee, retiree, volunteer.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

**"Luck is what happens when
preparation meets opportunity!"**
—Elmer Letterman



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

NO! NO! NO!

The driver of this vehicle committed three violations Aug. 16. First, she drove into the parking lot the wrong way, driving east in a west-bound lane. Next, she parked in the middle of the lot instead of parking in one of the spaces and blocked two handicapped parking spots while she used the bank teller machine. Afterward, she went into the PX Mall while leaving her car illegally parked. You will notice it is now facing west in the EAST-bound section. To make matters worse, she was in uniform. You never know who'll be watching you, so be courteous to your fellow Presidians.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
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"Biggest challenge you faced while your spouse was in Saudi Arabia?"

Deborah R. Dowling: "My kids—all three of them. The biggest thing with the kids was while the war was going on and hearing them ask, 'Is my daddy going to die?'"



Amanda I. Anderson: "Settling in a new country on my own and just being alone."



Lori L. McDonald-Nadjarians: "Keeping the house clean. There was no one to impress and no one there but me. That and taking the Muni [Bus]."



Anne E. Younker: "I was expecting a baby wondering if my husband would be home in time to see him born. My daughter worrying about her father and trying to comfort her letting her know he'd be home soon."



Peggy A. Aguilar: "Being a single parent and trying to fill up the empty space of the kids' father being gone."



Suzanne D. Hennessey: "Raising my son alone because I had to go through the 'terrible twos' alone."



Cynthia L. Hart: "Rolling over and being alone in bed."



(Everyone interviewed is a spouse of a soldier in Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion).



photo by Valerie Neck
Spec. Alan H. Morales takes the oath of re-enlistment from Chief Warrant Officer Gaylin Jesmer, Air Delivery Section OIC. After re-enlisting, Morales jumped out of a perfectly good helicopter Tuesday over Hamilton Army Air Field in Novato, Calif. What a day.



photo by Duvel White
Paula Fudge crosses the finish line first for the Presidio Guardsman 10-mile Race Sunday morning. The 10 and 3-mile races started and finished in front of the Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters. Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army Commander Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison was give the number 1 tag for the race.



Maj. Gen. George J. Vukasin, Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Component, retired Saturday. Mrs. Jo Harrison, wife of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, presents Mrs. Vukasin's wife with a certificate and a bouquet of flowers during Vukasin's retirement ceremony.

News/Views

News Briefs

GYN appointments

The Letterman GYN Clinic has increased its capacity to provide care. The clinic has added a nurse practitioner to its staff and now have more appointments available for minor gynecological problems and routine pap smears.

Appointments can be made by calling Central Appointments at 561-5324 or 563-5324. Callers from outside the area can call 561-4289.

Computer problems?

The ISC Information Center is available for garrison, 6th Army, and tenant activities' computer related problems. This includes troubleshooting and installation of hardware, software and peripheral devices. They also provide training, troubleshooting and installation for Professional Office Systems (PROFS). Call the trouble desk at 561-3287 for more information.

I.D. card customers

The office hours of the Presidio Identification Card issuing office are 8 a.m. to noon by appointment only; noon to 1 p.m. closed for lunch (one clerk will be on duty for medical emergencies only); and 1 to 2:30 p.m. for walk-in customers. Plan ahead, note the expiration date of your and your families cards, make an appointment which fits your and the I.D. office schedule. Remember, a sponsor must accompany family members unless the application was previously approved by the appropriate authority, or the sponsor is currently serving in a "Desert" operation, and can be verified by appropriate orders. Call 561-2721 for additional information.

Reminder

It is an abuse of privileges for a Commissary or Post Exchange patron to resell items obtained from those activities to an unauthorized person. Penalties for individuals found guilty can range from a warning letter to indefinite suspension of I.D. cards for civilians and could result in a court martial for military personnel.

Graduate Management Test

The Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, will administer the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) on Oct. 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The GMAT is given free to active or reserve military personnel who plan to pursue a masters degree in business. Interested soldiers may order a test, not later than Sept. 3 during an in-person counseling session at the Army Education Center, building 1014. For more information, call 561-3692 or 561-4030.

Graduate Record Exam

The Graduate Record Examination will be given Wednesday Oct. 16 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216.

This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time but you must order your examination in person by Wednesday.

Contact an education counselor at the LAMC Education Center, building 1014, 561-3692 or 561-4030, or the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, 561-2974 or 561-4445.

Priority Placement Program

There have been 96 Letterman Army Medical Center personnel registered in the Priority Placement Program. It is mandatory for personnel being separated due to a reduction in force to register in the program. There have been about 15 offers of positions to people on the list. According to Donna White, Chief, Recruiting and Placement, Directorate of Civilian Personnel, the program is working well.

Letterman Army Hospital Job Fair scheduled

Presidio of San Francisco employees are invited to attend the Letterman Army Hospital Job Fair at the Golden Gate Community Club (NCO and Enlisted Club) Wednesday.

Recruiters from the Office of Personnel Management, and federal and private hospitals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area will be available between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

As of press time, the federal hospitals that have confirmed for the job fair are the U.S. Naval Hospital-Oakland and the Veterans Administration Hospital of San Francisco.

The private hospitals that will be represented include the Highland General Hospital-Oakland, Davies Medical Center-San Francisco, Seton Medical Center-Daly City, San Francisco General Hospital, Marin General Hospital and the the

University of California-San Francisco Medical Center, according to John Nobriga, coordinator for the job fair.

"This job fair is intended to assist the LAMC personnel, but it is open to everyone who is interested," Nobriga added.

They are primarily seeking applications from employees in the medical, and food service occupational fields. You may submit copies of your SF-171, SF-50, and most recent performance appraisal to the recruiters of the federal agencies represented. Also, be prepared to submit a resume or appropriate application form to the recruiters of private hospitals represented.

For additional information, contact the Civilian Personnel Office, John Nobriga, at 561-2595.

Cargo Handlers on the Move



Sgt. Brenda Jones, left, discusses land navigation instructions with teammate Spec. Debra Britt, center, while Spec. Hung Lu hoots an azimuth to locate the first point on the course.

story and photo by Mj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Advisor
Public Affairs Office

Sgt. Brenda Jones and her team looked like they were on a life-or-death mission from the stern expressions on their faces. But they were only out to win the land navigation competition their unit was sponsoring on drill weekend at Camp Parks.

Headquarters Company of the 483d Transportation Battalion, Oakland Army Base, organized the day's activities that also included soldiers from the 462d Cargo Documentation Detachment, a subordinate unit also based in Oakland.

According to company commander Capt. Michaelle Biddle, five three-person teams were each given a mission of locating five points on the course as quickly as possible. The first team to return to the start point with all five points correctly identified would be declared the winner.

And like in just about any contest, this one came with a prize for the winners. Each soldier on the fastest, most accurate team would get a SCUD-buster tee-shirt, an article so coveted it was sure to make them get the most out of their compasses.

First each team got a map and instructions and stepped off a specified distance to help it estimate distance as accurately as possible. Then the three-somes set off into the golden, wheat-covered hillsides of Camp Parks to find the lettered concrete slabs imbedded in the ground.

While some soldiers were shooting azimuths and counting paces, about eight members of the 483d were actually doing what the unit's specialized mission is—unloading a ship. In this case it was a vessel that had just come into the Port of Oakland from

Saudi Arabia.

This was not the unit's first involvement in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Many soldiers in both the 483d and the 462d helped upload ships enroute to the Persian Gulf soon after the first units were sent there. In addition, Biddle said many soldiers volunteered and about ten are still serving active-duty tours in the Persian Gulf, Europe and other stateside locations.

Activated soldiers are working in specialties other than transportation skills, and their service has left the company without its cooks. Even so, Biddle is proud that they volunteered to serve when needed.

This particular day, Biddle had something of a dilemma to solve when the teams finished the land navigation course. None of the teams identified all five points correctly, so she decided to declare as winner the team which had finished soonest with the highest number of correctly-identified points. Thus, Sgt. 1st Class Gene Turner, Pvt. Marca Judge and Pvt. Tonya Rayford walked away with the winners' honors and new T-shirts. But every soldier who participated got some remedial instruction as a bonus. It seems that the most common reasons for missing the points included an inaccurate pace count, mathematical errors and failure to subtract the magnetic azimuth, according to Biddle. Each team went back out to the points they got wrong and saw firsthand what mistakes they made. Biddle said they all seemed to agree it was worthwhile finding out where they had gone wrong.

Homecoming

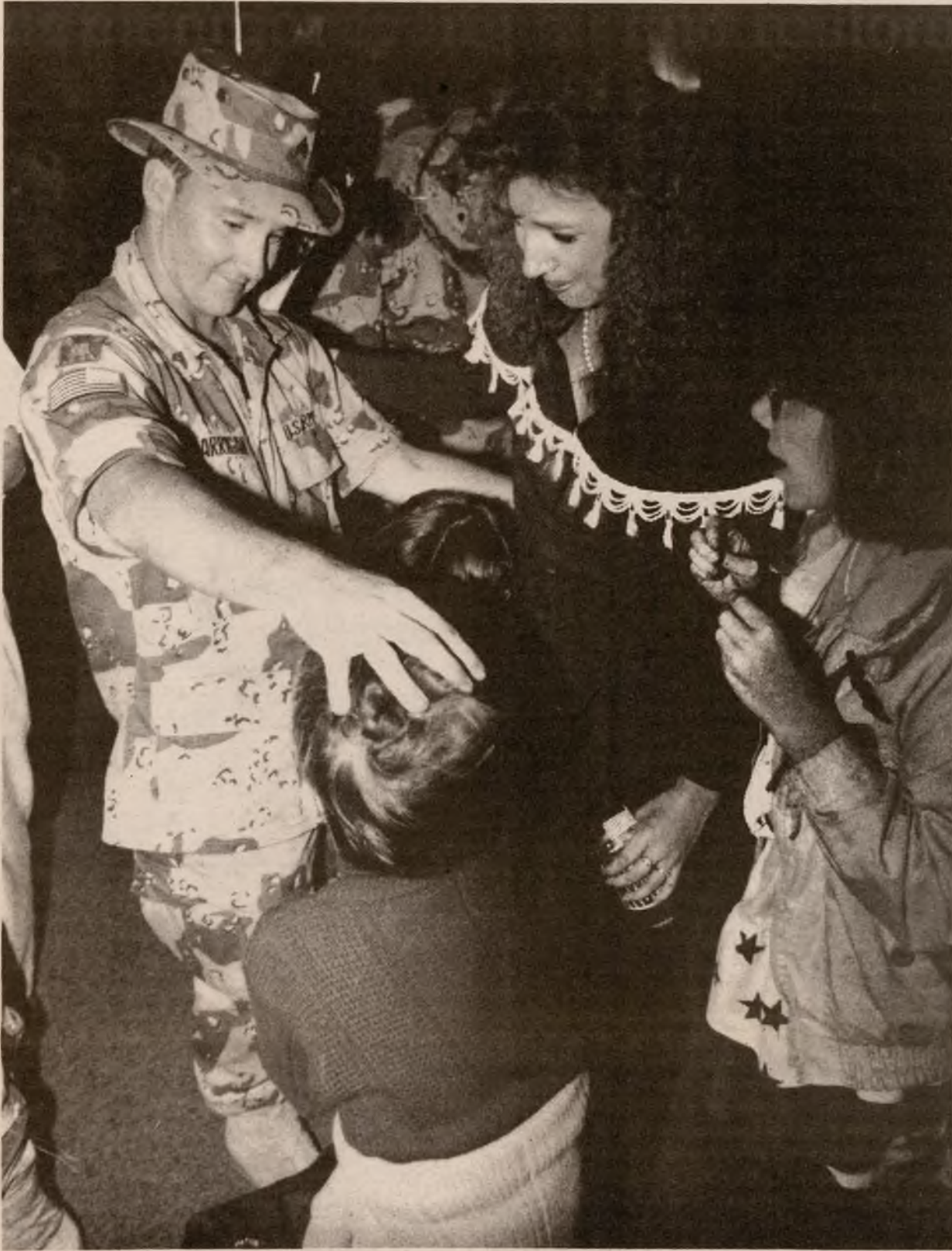


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Sgt. Donald Garrigan pulls his family close for the first time in 8-months at San Francisco Airport.

Anticipation. . .



Reality. . .



Reunion!



photo by Adrienne Sims

A picture is worth a thousand words.



photo by Chuck Blancet

Kerin Lindley cries, laughs and stares in shock as her husband Chuck walks through the terminal. Finally they hug and kiss after their separation.

'Charlie Rock'

Company C restores power, water to Kuwait City

story and photos by 1st. Lt. Keith Page
C Company, 864th Eng. Bn.

A gaping hole forty feet wide with twisted metal and electrical cables protruding was all that remained of the control room.

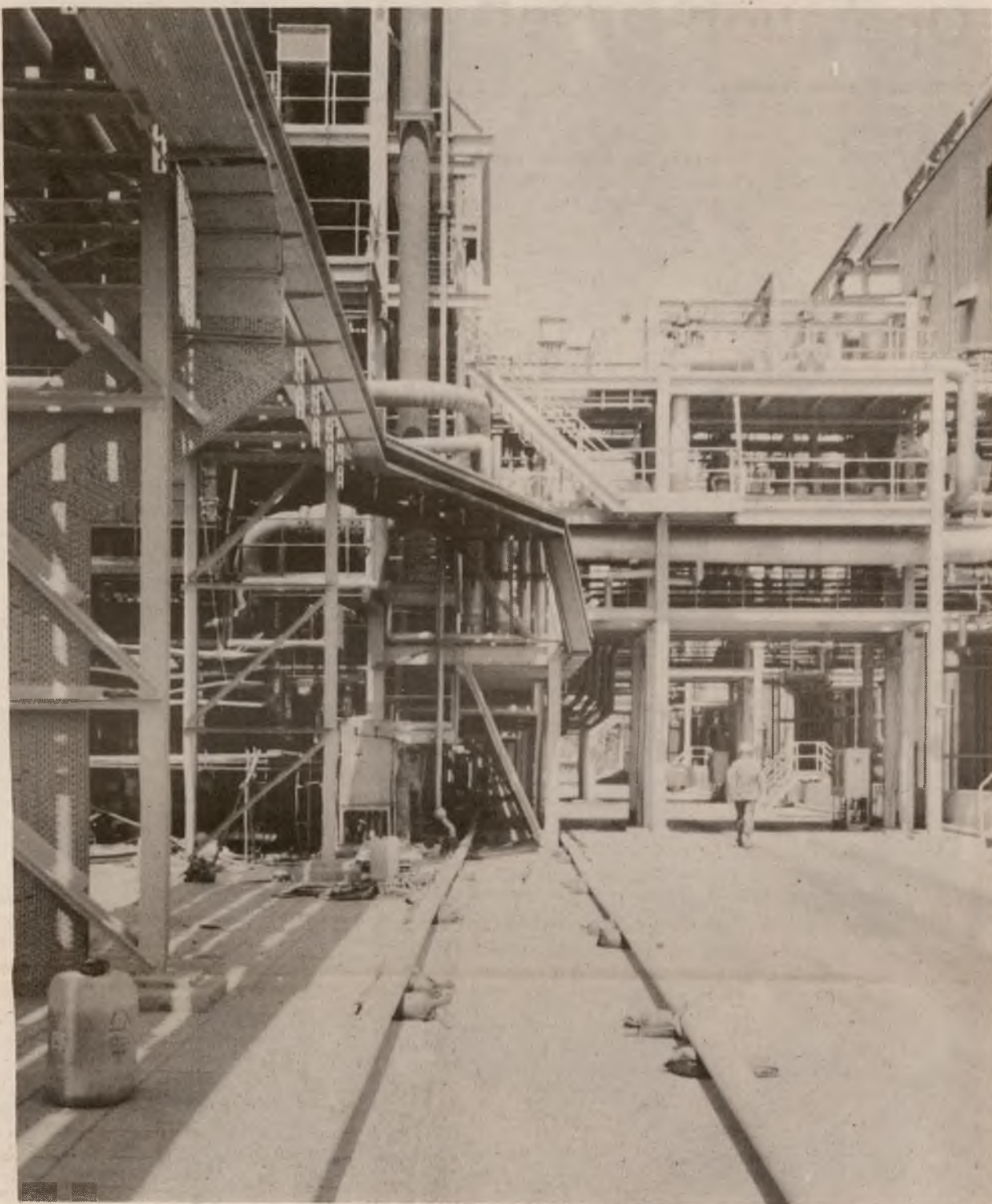
Three 50,000 gallon storage tanks had been transformed into a molten mass of oil and steel. Sporadic oil fires produced smoke that gave the facility an eerie mist.

The grounds of Doha Water and Electricity Production Facility were painful evidence of the Iraqi's hasty but effective 'scorched earth' policy.

As part of Task Force Freedom, engineers from the 352nd Civil Affairs Battalion worked with officials of the Ministry of Electric and Water to develop a plan to restore emergency water and power to Kuwait City as soon as possible. They determined that if the boilers of Doha East were supplied with fuel some of them could be fired. The existing supply line had caught fire from the storage tanks and was destroyed. The 416th Engineer Command provided a solution to the problem with the Inland Petroleum Distribution System (IPDS). The six inch aluminum pipe in the IPDS, which was designed to carry refined oil products to Forward Tactical Petroleum Terminals, is easily transported and readily constructed. 1st Platoon, C Company, 864th Engineer Battalion was tasked to install the pipeline at the facility.

The total length of pipeline to be constructed was 1,800 meters. The supply line ran from the pump house to the boiler header. By feeding the header, all of the eight boilers could draw fuel from the line. A return line from the boiler header to two storage tanks was necessary to keep a cyclic flow which keeps the constant pressure pumps on line. The Doha plant normally burns a heavy crude oil which is so thick it requires a steam jacket to flow. Since this was not possible with the IPDS pipe, storage tanks were drained and filled with diesel.

Construction time for the project was five days but the end connection delayed project completion another six days. The welding connections at the boiler, pump house and storage tanks were done jointly by the Kuwaitis and the British Royal Engineers. The pipeline was designed to run flat in the desert and therefore it was unknown how it would perform being run vertically into the boiler and over the ring wall to the storage tanks. During construction, the new pipeline crossed an exposed trench filled with hot, burning oil which melted two sections of the pipe. This forced soldiers to construct an elevated pipe crossing over the trench. Three roadway crossings were also built using 12 inch steel pipe as sleeves and sand ramps. In addition to constructing the pipeline, soldiers from the 1st platoon trained plant personnel on maintenance and repair of the pipeline. The total cost of IPDS materials, paid for by the Kuwaiti Government, was \$134,494. Doha



1st Platoon worked to restore water and power to Kuwait City by installing a pipeline.

East is currently producing 180 megawatts of power and 18 million gallons of water per day, as a result of the efforts of 1st Platoon soldiers.

The Iraqi Army left behind a country in smoking ruin, devoid of basic services and hope. First Platoon soldiers gave the people of Kuwait the means to begin reconstruction and the belief that once again Kuwait will stand proud. A common bond was formed between 1st Platoon soldiers and the Kuwaitis. It was a bond that transcended any cultural or ideological differences. First Platoon soldiers left Kuwait filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. The price of freedom remains high, but it is a price we are still very willing to pay.

Kuwait City oil refinery.



Operation Desert Farewell, engineers to the rescue

by 1st Lt. Paulius Tekorius
C Company, 864th Eng. Bn.

Working with new materials on a high pressure project was nothing new for the Earthmoving Platoon of C Company 864th Engineer Battalion. Using both tried and true horizontal construction methods with freshly learned skills of applying waterproof membrane they constructed a 2 million gallon pond at the west helipad, Dhahran Air Base, Saudi Arabia.

Rushed by the abrupt end of the war, seven divisions worth of equipment waited for a wash facility prior to redeployment. Built in nine days, this pond opened the gates for equipment to flow from the Port of Dammam.

The completed dimensions of the resurrection pond were 550 feet long, 90 feet wide, and a sloping bottom from 5 to 9 feet deep. The initial excavation of 11,000 cubic yards took seven days and was further complicated by the nature of the soil and sand. A requirement for a low berm around the pit also existed. Using four scrapers and three bulldozers to dig, Staff Sgt. Brewer and his seven soldiers completed the pit. Difficulties arose from the natural tendency of sand to fall in on itself and from the soft spots that bogged the scrapers down. Often, dozer operators like Spec. Powell had to push the scrapers from the pit. Also, due to the sand and soil conditions, the scrapers could not deposit the material they picked up, spoil, for the low berm. As a result, a grader and bucket loader were added to the project site. The scrapers spread their spoil over an acre area. As soon as the pit was completed the project shifted to its technical phase, the application of a layer to separate the sand from the water and hold it.

The layer is a membrane designed to create an impermeable layer for any flat roof. The material is rubber, very similar to an inner tube, but packaged in 50 foot by 100 foot rolls. A technical expert delivered the materials and gave a block of instruction on bonding the sections together. The process consisted of cleaning both surfaces, applying contact cement, pressing both surfaces together, and rolling to remove any air bubbles. By using a production line, the work load decreased by 50 percent. The work crew unrolled two pieces side by side on a large



C Co. soldiers build a pond for a wash facility in just 9 days.

parking lot. Then, they bonded the two pieces together. Once rolled, this sheet formed a "snake" weighing 700 pounds. The entire work crew, inspired by Spec. McConeghy's motivation, worked together to lift the snake up on their shoulders and carry it. They marched 300 meters, from the parking area to the berm, over the berm, down the soft bank, across the bottom and up the soft sand cliff of the other side.

In all, nine tons of membrane were carried in this manner in just two days. Joining the membrane in the pit proved to be difficult due to the lack of a smooth surface underneath and sand sticking to the

contact cement. Seams were finally joined, checked and the water began to flow.

Soon the waiting combat vehicles began to move as redeployment began in earnest. Earthmoving Platoon of Charlie Company completed its vital task at the west helipad wash rack with great speed allowing seven divisions of combat vehicles to be cleaned and then maintained, without which the combat readiness of America's Army would have suffered. A remarkable mission accomplished on short notice in only nine days, the engineers pave the way. Pacemakers.

864th Engineers on the move in Kuwait

by Andrew D. Kirkner
First Lieutenant, Co. C, 864th
Engineer Battalion

On 12 May, Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion received a mission that surprised most of the soldiers in the company. They learned that they would be returning to Kuwait from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia only this time instead of helping reestablish vital Kuwaiti services, they would be supporting the 1st Brigade of the 3rd Armor Division. The brigade arrived in Doha, Kuwait in the beginning of May and needed skilled carpenters and electricians to help them establish a base camp there. After receiving the mission, "Charlie Rock" was ready and waiting for the word to go.

Three days later, the company Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Andrew Kirkner, Sgt. First Class Ronald Gause, operations sergeant and their driver, PFC Evans May arrived in Kuwait. They established the actual scope of work on the ground and ensured that the company would be properly supported in Kuwait. Second Platoon closed late that night followed by First Platoon the next day. Once on ground the unit moved like clockwork.

Second Platoon, lead by 2nd Lt. Timothy Geisler and Sgt. First Class Bryan Dorrough, received their first mission to construct a telephone booth tables for the USAS phone center. Staff

Charlie Company sets the pace

Sgt. Younker, the first squad leader, took charge of the mission and not only designed but constructed enough telephone booths to accommodate 96 phones. Sgt. Spivey, Sgt. Yeo and Sgt. Hulsizer constructed the Brigade Chapel. Hulsizer designed the pews, altar table, pulpit and podium. Three days later the church was fully functional and could seat 120 persons comfortably. Spivey and Yeo constructed the office, living and supply rooms in the chapel.

First Platoon, lead by 1st Lt. Keith Page and Staff Sgt. William Hodges, received an initial mission to construct an Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility. Sgt. Ricalde, Sgt. Hawthorne and Staff Sgt. Lott constructed a Post Exchange area, a tailor shop, and an arcade area, supplying each of these areas with electricity and lights.

The electrical team, lead by Sgt. First Class Dorrough, supplied the whole camp with safe electrical power. Sgt. Aguilera, Spec. Crawford, Spec. Carrothers, Pvt. Weatherly and Pvt. Terski wired each unit to provide them with enough power to run fans, computers and lights. They also supplied power to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility which houses the Wolfburger snack bar trailer, Baskin Robbins, AAFES Burger stand, Pizza Inn, Music

Store, Post Exchange, tailor shop, barber shop, arcade room, chapel and the Troop recreation area. They were also key in the removal of six light poles at the helipad so helicopters could land.

New missions came down and both platoons remained very busy for the next couple of weeks. Six Fast Tent structures (large tents the size of two-story buildings) arrived and were erected in less than 10 days. They also constructed more than 200 panel dividers for the warehouse bays, a blue print box for the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, and deck and walls for the MWR trailer. Lott and Spec. Kylor installed anchors in all the tents for the 912th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital unit to allow them to place their tents on concrete. Sgt. Laflamme and Spec. Spencer assisted the 23rd Engineer Battalion in welding field goals for the athletic fields.

The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment arrived in Kuwait before we knew it and had a whole new list of requirements. By this time the camp was pretty much settled and appeared as if it would be a more permanent base camp for the U.S. Army. Base Camp Security was hot on the list of things to do. First Platoon received the mission to construct a chain link fence between

the U.S. and U.N. compounds. The other major requirement of the regiment was to construct a taking range with a control tower and a shaded area for soldiers. The Earthmoving Platoon, lead by 1st Lt. Paul Tekorius and Staff Sergeant Johnson, planned for the mission, and Staff Sgt. Brewer's squad expertly excavated 63 modified hull defilade positions in less than a week. This work was made especially more difficult by the fact that the range area where they were working was littered with duds, and engineer equipment operators had to wear body armor while working in temperatures as high as 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Second Platoon constructed the range tower. First Platoon erected the shaded area with Sgt. First Class James Reedy back in charge of his platoon (after being sent home for medical reasons. The 11th ACR supported us well throughout the operation.

After five and a half weeks of solid construction, Charlie Company accomplished all its assigned missions. The soldiers held their heads high and were very proud when the commander of the 11th ACR awarded each of them with a Regimental coin. The coin is awarded to soldiers for outstanding duty performance. The soldiers of Charlie Company deployed from Kuwait knowing that they had accomplished their mission.

"Charlie Rock" all the way, Hoo Ah, Pacemakers!

News

864th performs emergency repair and restoration

by 2nd Lt. Timothy Geisler
C Co. 864th Eng. Bn.

With the sudden conclusion of the Gulf War, the assault petroleum pipeline mission, that had been so important, abruptly halted, and 2nd Platoon, C Company, 864th Engineer Battalion returned to Logistic Base Bastogne. With over two months of straight work on the assault pipeline, the platoon deserved and expected just a couple of days rest. By 11 p.m. rest ended and the 2nd Platoon received the mission to perform emergency service repair and restoration in Kuwait City. It departed at 8 a.m. the next day. The platoon, always ready for a challenge, set out for Camp Freedom in Kuwait City.

The convoy from the logistics base to Camp Freedom turned into an adventure. First, the platoon drove through the desolate town of Khafgi, the site of the first major battle of the Gulf War. The entire platoon was filled with awe at the destruction in the city.

Heading north along the main highway, the platoon traveled through ten miles of destroyed road located just inside the Kuwaiti border. Warned to stay clear of the shoulders, the convoy halted twice while mines were destroyed along the highway, to its front. After breaking through the damaged road, the skies started to fill with black smoke so thick that it completely blocked the sun. Finally finding their way to Camp Freedom the platoon could breathe a sigh of relief.

Task Force Freedom retained command and control over the platoon while it was assigned to Kuwait. The platoon stayed at Camp Freedom the first night, but soon sought better living conditions elsewhere. The next day, 2nd Platoon moved into the offices of the Ministry of Electricity and Water, located near the Kuwait International Airport and about 2 kilometers from Camp Freedom.

Upon arrival at the MEW Building, we found our work cut out for us. Once an Iraqi camp, the building was a complete disaster, and smelled of old moldy food, uniforms and blankets. With foreign munitions littered everywhere, the platoon carefully cleared and cleaned the entire building except one room. In that room live grenades remained and were left for Explosive Ordnance Disposal to clear. With the clearing and cleaning done, the platoon's electricians supplied power to the building from a ten kilowatt generator, thus creating the first and only building in the city with lights and power.

The first mission assigned to the platoon included the cleaning of the U.S. Ambassador's outer office and removal of all damaged interior walls, ceiling tile

and electrical wiring. The damage had occurred when friendly troops attempted to forcibly enter the Embassy. The platoon then replaced the wiring and some of the walls. Engineers also removed a damaged masonry wall and repaired weakened ceiling rafters. The platoon worked three days to complete these tasks. Throughout the entire embassy complex, the platoon performed general carpentry and related work. Platoon members repaired damaged walls and suspended ceilings, built eight doors, which the Ambassador preferred over the factory doors originally installed, and removed guard shacks and barricades from around the perimeter wall of the embassy complex.

The platoon performed electrical and plumbing work throughout the complex. The plumbers restored water service by completely rebuilding the main water entrance along with replacing various pipes. They also performed various smaller jobs such as repairing leaks and reducing stoppages in the lines. This provided an excellent opportunity for the platoon to cross train all soldiers to perform minor plumbing work. Although the electricians weren't quite as busy here, they assisted in connecting emergency electrical service to the complex. They also performed electrical repair on switches, fixtures and receptacles. With most of the electricians busy restoring emergency power to local hospitals, the platoon cross trained personnel to complete electrical work at the embassy.

Working at the embassy was full of risks seen and unseen. The drive home one night turned into a hair raising event. As the platoon made its way home, sporadic gunfire was unleashed. Quickly the platoon dismounted and took cover. Though the firing was not directed at them, they soon learned that Kuwait was not a secured zone.

As previously mentioned, the electricians had their hands full. They performed perhaps the most gratifying mission accomplished in theater. Under the direction of Sgt. First Class Dorrrough and Spec. Crawford, soldiers restored emergency backup power to the Children's Hospital, the Infectious Disease Hospital and the Handicapped Hospital. These hospitals lived without power since the invasion back in August, 1990. The Children's Hospital is the only one of its kind in Kuwait and with all the diseases and injuries, vitally needed the special Intensive Care Unit floor.

The biggest thrill, for the platoon, came when it restored power to the Handicapped Hospital. Walking through the halls the place felt all but deserted. But when the lights came on, a thunderous roar and

cheer rose throughout the entire building. It was so special for the members of the platoon present that they said they will remember it for the rest of their lives.

This is only a small handful of the total work done by the platoon. Back at Camp Freedom, the platoon called itself the local DEH. It performed emergency repair on electrical problems, built the laundry and shower facilities and restored water service by pumping out the water tower control room, fixing the sumps, and placing the control room back into operational condition. The platoon also constructed an aluminum helipad, lined the perimeter with sandbags, and built a ramp to allow access over a three foot retaining wall.

Another very important mission consisted of clearing Shuaiba Port, one of the largest ports in Kuwait. A dock was needed to improve the flow of vital emergency restoration parts and supplies. The platoon, working with EOD, first cleared the dock of explosives, then removed the rubble, bunkers and obstacles placed on the pier by the Iraqis. The platoon placed the dock in operational condition within 24 hours, 12 hours prior to the arrival of the first ship. The entire area was cleared and cleaned in three days.

Other work completed by the platoon included the installation of generators to power the street lights in residential areas, the repair and replacement of doors and locks at the Central Police Headquarters Building, and assisted in clearing the road through "Death Valley," the kill zone just west of Jahara. This work allowed the free flow of supplies to units defending southern Iraq.

With work performed in a hostile environment, Second Platoon faced death everyday it went out into Kuwait. With all the factions still fighting in the city, ammunition and explosives all around, and the constant threat of terrorist activities, the platoon did an outstanding job completing its missions with no injuries or damage to any equipment. Though they worked in flak jackets, helmets, load bearing equipment, with weapons nearby, and the thick black cloud of oil fire smoke overhead, the soldiers finished all jobs at a remarkable quick pace.

After a month of living in Kuwait, with the stress of what might happen to them if they took a wrong step or traveled to the wrong area, engineers still regretted departing Kuwait. The adults and little children, waving, smiling and giving them a heroes welcome, gave us a real sense of purpose. We performed our mission, not for a political reason, but to help an oppressed country. We will forever remember our time spent in Kuwait.

ACS offers help to relieve stress for returning soldiers, families

by Army Community Service

August 15, around midnight C Company 864th Engineer Battalion soldiers returned to the Presidio. Family members and dignitaries were gathered at the NCO Club to welcome the soldiers with a gala party and dinner. The spouses of the 864th spent days decorating the Club and the entire post. In the midst of all the celebration and excitement many family members may also be feeling a little anxious and unsure about the reunion.

It is normal to feel nervous and anxious about the homecoming. Reestablishing your relationship may feel awkward at first. For couples separated by long deployments, the reunion may actually be more stressful than the separation. One of the major problems for couples is that they don't realize the stress is normal under such circumstances.

Throughout the Army it is being reported that some families are experiencing great stress and problems following the reunion. Many couples are separating, divorcing or reporting instances of spouse abuse. It is important to get support and help with any problems before they become too serious. Army Community offers many supportive services that can help families through this adjustment process including Stress Management classes and Parent Effectiveness Training. Classes are on-going. For more information, call Karen Kaho, Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 561-5155. Also the Presidio Crisis Line provides for anonymous telephone counseling 24 hours a day. The number is 929-TALK.

It is important to remember that it is normal to experience stress during this time of readjustment. The tips listed below were developed by military counselors who have worked with reuniting families. These tips can help you make this exciting, stressful time a period of growth and enjoyment. Things to do to make the adjustment work:



- Communicate! Communicate! Communicate! Tell your spouse how you honestly feel about the reunion—nervous, scared, happy, confused. Listen to your spouse tell you the same. The best way to get through the reacquainting jitters is to talk and actively listen.

- Be sensitive to the feelings of your children. They may be experiencing the same confusing feelings that you are—worry, fear, happiness, excitement. Depending on their age, children may not understand how their parent could leave them if he really loved them. They may feel some anger or resentment and guilt. Your children may be excited and act out to get attention.

- Be calm, not defensive when discussing decisions that were made during separation.

- Reassure your spouse that he is needed, even though you've coped during the deployment.

- Give each other time and space to adjust to each other. Respect each other and the job you each did. Avoid, "I had it worse." Remember, that every member of the family has been experiencing some changes, and it will take time to share it all. It is important to accept that things are different from what they were before the deployment. Allow enough time to get to know each other again.

- The deployed service member may have experienced some things that were very upsetting. Some normal reactions to these are fear, nervousness, irritability, fatigue, sleep disturbances, moodiness, laziness and lack of concentration. It can be helpful to talk to a trained counselor.

- Make time to rest and relax. Find fun, non-stressful things to do. Look into ways to manage stress—diet, exercise, recreation—definitely take care of yourself. Limit your use of alcohol.

- Remember, it is OK to ask for support. If you need help to sort out some of the issues you are facing during this readjustment period, you can call the Presidio Supportive Services listed below.

Army Community Services, 561-5155
Presidio Crisis Line, 929-TALK
Social Work Services, 561-2174
Psychiatry, 561-4403
Chaplains, 561-4179

Sports

Sports Briefs

Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian Staff

Labor Day Softball Tourney

The Sports Branch Labor Day Softball Tournament will be played at Fort Scott Field starting Aug. 31 and will run through the Labor Day weekend. Entry fee for this fun filled tournament is \$150 made payable to the Installation Morale Support Fund. Entry deadline is today. Individual and team trophies will be presented to the first and second place teams. For more information, call John Funes at 561-5032.

Post Tennis Championship

The Presidio Post Tennis Championship will be conducted from Sept. 9 through 15, during off-duty hours and weekends. The tournament is open to all soldiers and their dependents, 19 years or older; Department of the Army civilians assigned or attached to the Presidio; and retirees residing within 50 miles of the Presidio. A \$5 entry fee will be charged for each event entered. Competition divisions will include the open division, senior division 40 years or older, women's division, men's doubles and women's doubles. Entry deadline is Aug. 28, and a mandatory meeting for all participants will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. that day in Gym No. 1, Building 63. Entry forms are available there. For more information, call John Funes at 561-5032 or 561-4131.

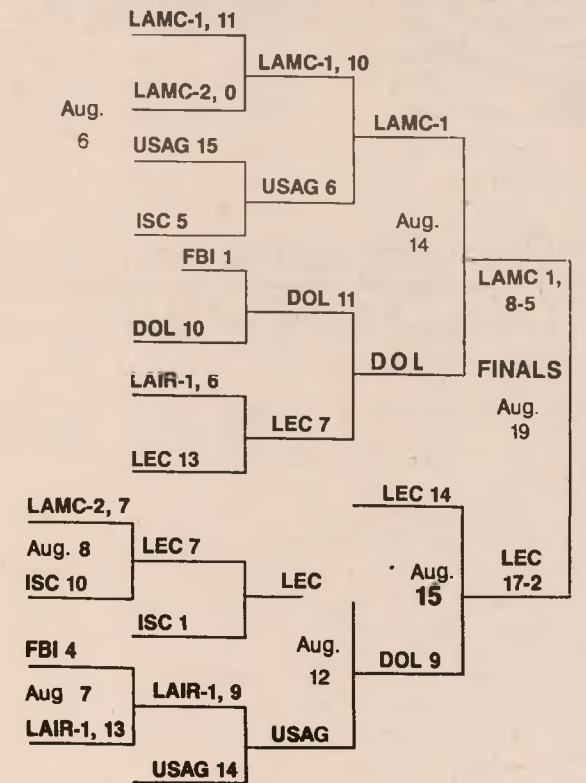
Closure

The Presidio Bowling Center will be closed on Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday.

Swimming pool hours

The Post Swimming Pool will close at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 10 to Sept. 26 so that the Red Cross may conduct a Lifeguard Training Course. Those desiring to participate in the Lifeguard Training Course are urged to contact Lexa Meadows, Red Cross Station Manager, at 561-2187.

Softball tournament double-elimination scores .



LAMC One is Number One!
Loses first game 17-8

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

LEC opened the finals with a home run derby in their first game against LAMC ONE for a 17-8 victory that forced a sudden death playoff afterward. With sirens blaring, LEC blasted four home runs, three of them with men on base, to drown LAMC ONE's attempt to take the Intramural Championship in one game. David Hamilton cranked a three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth scoring Doug Smith and Terry Neukem. LEC (Law Enforcement Company to those of you who've been asleep the past decade) parked a couple of MP cars behind the stands and used them for noise makers. LAMC ONE scored five runs in the top of the sixth. Edwin Sanchez singled and Mark Nekola doubled to open the inning. With one out, James Munn singled home to runs, then Erik Hurst smacked a two-run shot over the left field fence to make it 14-7. Then the next batter, Gary Fagan, cranked a solo shot over the fence for LAMC's eighth run. Both teams also scored in the fifth, when LEC's

Loren Small RBI single scored Calvin Baisden for LEC's fourteenth run in the bottom of the inning and Steve Czerwinski's three-run home run cleared the left field fence in the top of the inning to score LAMC ONE's first three runs. Greg Demo hit a three-run home run in the fourth inning and LAMC's James Munn fell over the left field fence trying to catch it. LEC opened the scoring in the first inning when Baisden scored on Greg Demo's single for a 1-0 lead. Then, in the bottom of the third, the sirens started blaring for LEC. With one out Baisden hit a two-run shot over the fence (the wind was really favorable this inning). One out later, Small singled, then scored on Demo's double. Smith's single scored Demo for a 4-0 lead. Robertson's double scored Smith, Neukem's triple scored Robertson, David Supinger singled in a run and David Hamilton hit a two-run home run for a 9-0 LEC lead. Fifteen minutes after this game, the sirens died down . . .

LAMC One bounces back, 5-2

Game 2

LAMC ONE scattered only five runs over six innings, but that was enough to put LEC away in the sudden-death playoff with a 5-2 victory. LEC's sirens had no affect on the outcome of this game. LAMC ONE's Theodore Kazear said he knew the sirens had an effect on his players in the first game; but in the second he elected not to pitch anything good to LEC's power hitters. That strategy paid off. LEC's only runs came in the top of the second inning when Derrick Roberson (who? lofted a two-

run Scud (we haven't used that all year) that tied the game 2-2 and looked like a continuation of the previous game's fireworks. But that was not to be—the wind suddenly died. LAMC ONE scored twice in the home half of the sixth when Gary Fagan (yeah, him) hit a two-run shot to left field to seal the victory, 5-2. LAMC took the lead in the third inning when Erik Hurst's single to left field drove home Decius Aaron, who had drawn a walk earlier. The victory gave the members of LAMC ONE bragging rights to the season title and the championship playoff title. LAMC ONE is NUMBER ONE.

LEC bumps DOL from tournament

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

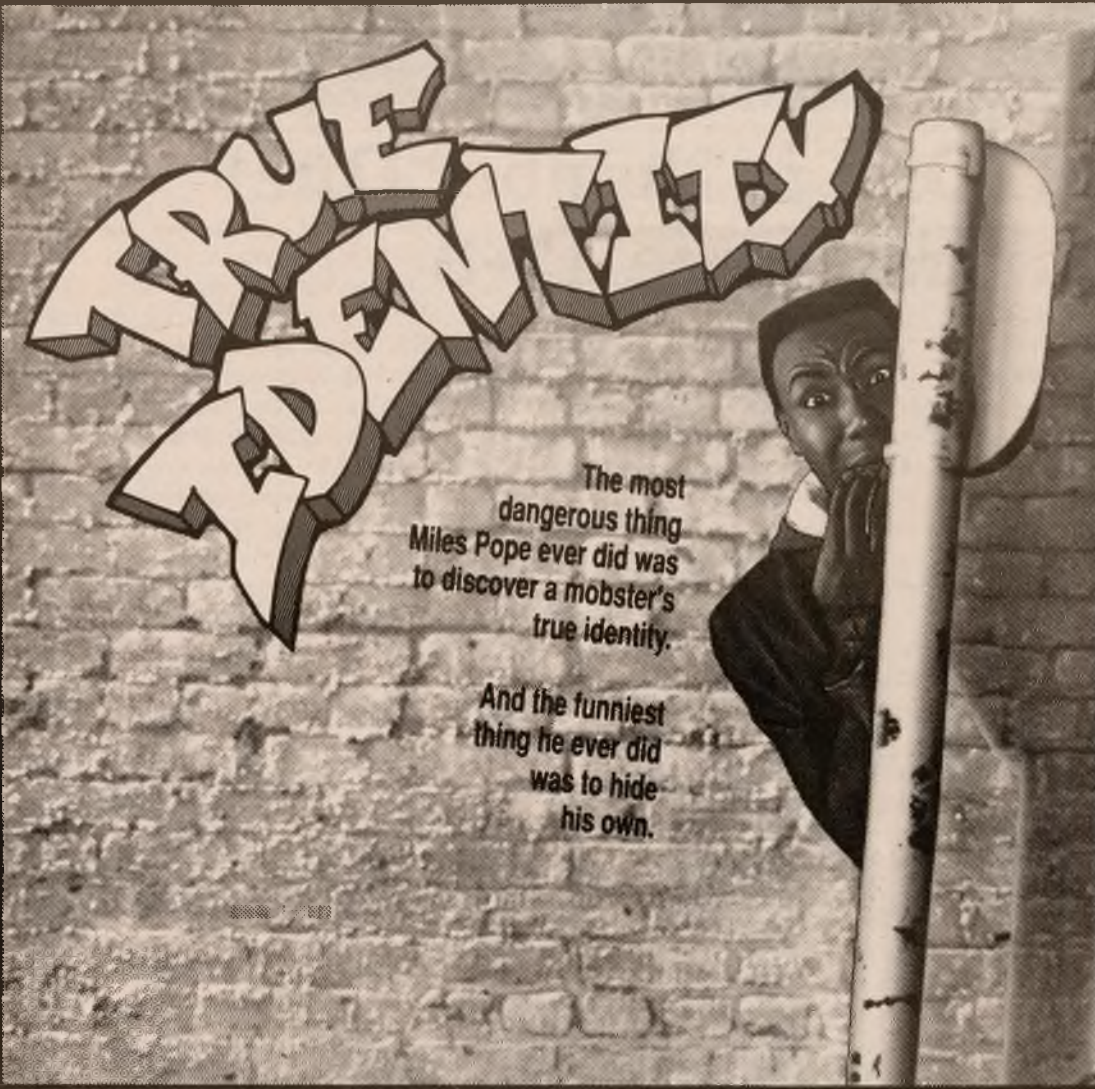
Calvin Baisden crushed a three-run homerun in the sixth inning to secure LEC's eventual 14-9 victory over DOL on Aug. 15. Baisden and Mark Bass led LEC with three hits and three runs each. Trailing 14-6, DOL lead off the seventh inning with a single by Brian Rucker and a double by Pat Hoop. Rucker tried to score on the double but was tagged out at the plate. Actually, Rucker missed the plate and the catcher missed the tag. Rucker didn't realize he's missed the plate until the catcher corrected his own mistake, making the late tag for the first out of the inning. DOL wasn't ready to give up. Moe Borden drew a walk and with two on Russ Morrow belted a drive into deep left field that looked to be caught—instead it bounced off of the left/center fielder's glove and over the fence for a three-run home run. Two more grounders to short for the final two outs killed the rally.

In the fifth inning Greg Demo hit a three-run homer for LEC to expand their lead to 9-6. Baisden lead off the inning with a single and later scored on Loren Small's basehit. Bass, who had singled after Baisden, scored with Small on Demo's homerun. DOL was leading 6-2 when LEC's Doug Smith scored on Kevin Fairchild's basehit and David Hamilton smacked a double to score Terry Neukem and Fairchild, enabling LEC to close to within one point, 6-5. DOL struck six times in the top of the first inning, getting singles from Rucker, Hoop and Borden to score one run. Tyrone "T.J." Jackson reached base on the pitcher's error and Dennis Wade and Pete Ng added doubles to score three more runs for a 5-0 lead. A double by Stan Longuest and a single by James Alexander allowed Ng to score for a 6-0 lead. LEC's victory gave them the right to challenge LAMC ONE for the overall intramural title. DOL left seven runners on base during the game—LEC left only three.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

LEC's Greg Demo gets caught in a run down between third and home. LEC went on to beat DOL Aug. 15.



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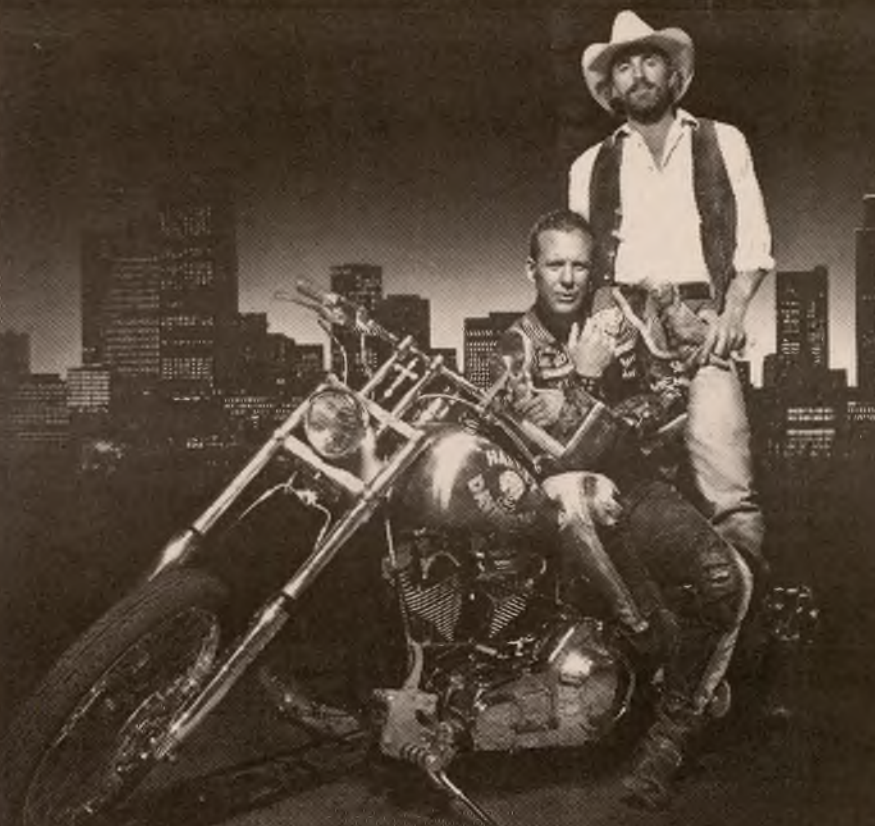
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Saudi Arabia maps

ITT has collector Saudi Arabia maps for sale for only \$5. Visit ITT at building 215 and check out other maps and books for sale.

GRE testing

The Graduate Record Examine will be given on Oct. 16 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time but you must order your examination in person by Aug. 28. Contact an education counselor at the Letterman Army Hospital Education Center at 561-3692/4030, or the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-2974/4445.

Carl's Jr. supports CPR

Save A Life Saturday announced Carl's Jr.'s active support of free CPR classes for the public. Carl's Jr.'s has agreed to donate 50 cents each redeemed coupon offering a discount on their charbroiled chicken sandwiches to help sponsor the classes. Participating locations are listed on the coupon which is being distributed at McLaren Lodge Annex, Fell and Stanyan streets; Convention and Visitors' Bureau at Halidie Plaza; Justin Herman Plaza Friday at noon at the CPR Demonstration and Rally, and Candlestick Park, Sept. 14 at the Save-A-Life Saturday event 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Diane Palacio at 666-7107.

Choral society

The San Francisco Choral society will be holding auditions for singers interested in participating in a performance of the Ninth Symphony by Beethoven at Davies Symphony Hall this fall. The Ninth Symphony contains the famous "Ode To Joy," one of the greatest and best loved of all choral works. Auditions will be held Tuesday and Sept. 3. Rehearsals also begin Sept. 3. For more information, call the Choral Society at 566-8425.

Girl Scouts

A Girl Scout information night will be held Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in building 563. Parents and adult volunteers are invited. For more information, call Barbara Yarber at 751-1733.

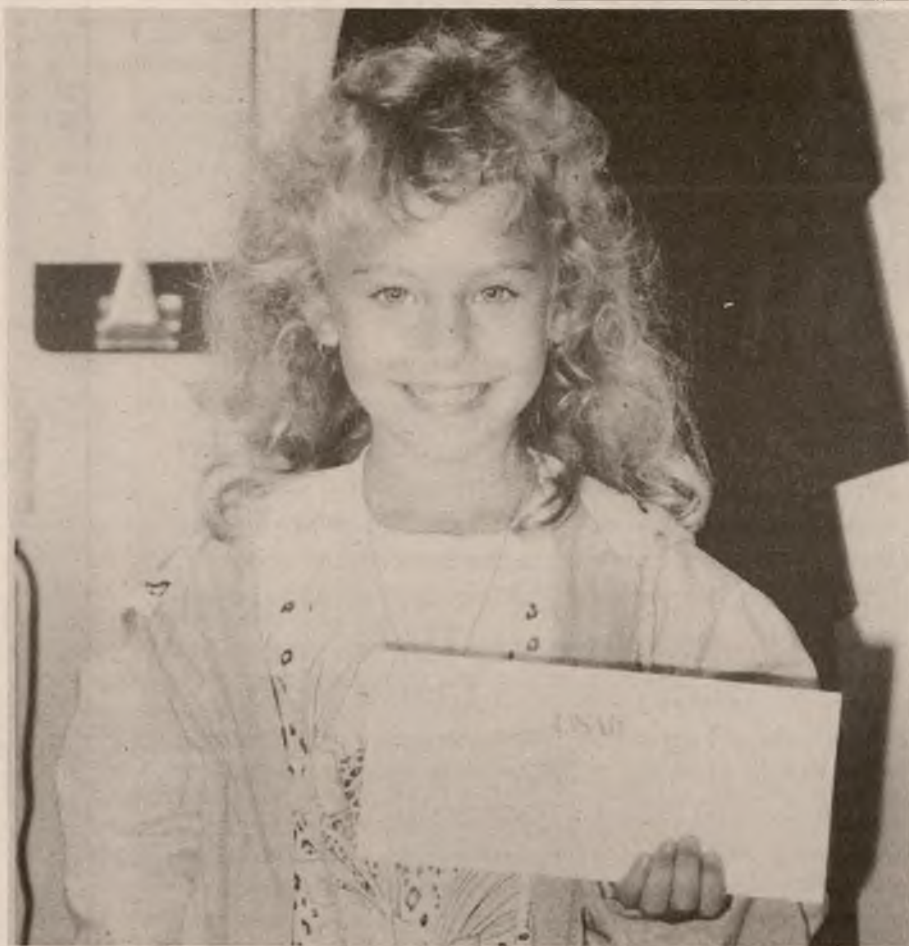


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I won! I won!

Katie Blankenship, age 5, won the grand prize in the Army Days Volks-march drawing—two round trip tickets to any place in the United States. Katie, whose father is Sgt. 1st Class Sherman Blankenship of Letterman Army Hospital's Veterinary Services, is going to Disneyland.

Renaissance Pleasure Faire

The Renaissance Pleasure Faire opens Aug. 31. ITT will sell discount tickets for \$11.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children 3 to 11. Gate price is \$14.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children. The faire is held at Black Point Forest in Novato, weekends through Oct. 6.

Nutrition classes

Cholesterol class

A one-hour class will be held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in room 522 of Letterman Army Hospital. The class explains nutritional changes to decrease cholesterol level. Specific and practical advice on how to modify food choices and cooking techniques to improve your health will also be discussed. For an appointment, call 561-5324.

Weight reduction class

A weight reduction class discussing current techniques for weight loss will be held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in room 522 of Letterman Army Hospital. For an appointment or more information, call 561-5324.

PMUG meeting

The monthly meeting of the Presidio Macintosh User's Group will be held Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Headquarters Command Battalion Conference room, building 1214. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 561-2528.

Home child care needed

The Family Child Care Program is looking for loving people to take care of children in their quarters. To be a certified Family Child Care Provider, you have to complete a challenging course of professional training in areas such as child development, first aid and nutrition. If you want to run your own business while helping young children and their families, then consider enrolling. There will be an orientation briefing explaining the Family Child Care Program and its requirements Tuesday from 8 to 10 a.m. in building 103B. For more information, call Mary Anne Gianquinto at 561-6372.

On-post college

San Francisco State University will offer three courses on the Presidio beginning Sept. 4, 5 and Oct. 15. Second year composition (English 214) meets from Sept. 5 to Dec. 12 on Thursdays from 5:15 to 8 p.m. Western Civilization II (History 111) meets from Sept. 4 to Dec. 11 on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 8 p.m. Intro to Psychological Statistics (Psy 371) meets from Oct. 15 to Dec. 5, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. Only Psy 371 meets at the Letterman Army Hospital. All other classes meet at Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216.

City College of San Francisco will offer six courses on post starting Monday. Mathematics of Business (Bus 68) meets Mondays, 5 to 8 p.m., Monday to Dec. 16. Advanced Word Processing Word Perfect will meet Oct. 22 to Dec. 17. Both Word Perfect classes will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings, 5 to 7:30. Computer classes fill up fast. For more information, see a counselor at Fort Scott Education Center, 561-4445, or Letterman Army Hospital Education Center, 561-4030.

Women's Equality Day

The Presidio Women's Equality Day celebration will be held today from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Facility of building 35. The theme this year is "Voices of Equality." Job awareness booths of various local government agencies will provide information concerning job openings. The meeting is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Angela Brumfeld, Equal Opportunity Officer, at 561-4154/4158.

Find a job program

One session remains of the program put on by the Army designed to help soldiers, civilians and their family members find a job. The session will be held Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. The meeting fully explains how the individual should prepare in seeking another job. For more information and reservations, call the Fort Scott Education Center at 561-4445.

Conservation Corner

Recycle newspapers

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Fort Barry residents will find a receptacle for old newspapers located next to the bus shed on Bunker Road.

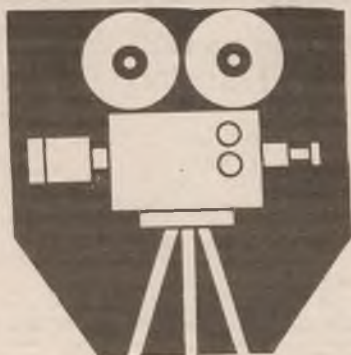
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Saturday, August 24: Backdraft (R), 7 p.m.

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A lieutenant from a Reserve unit tests on Common Task Skill Training. Soldiers from several Reserve and National Guard units participated in a Combat Life Saver course and other Common Task Training at Camp Roberts Aug. 21. See story on page 5.

New PSF Muni bus schedule

Starting Tuesday, the 82X Muni route will take over the service currently provided to the Presidio by the 30X Marina Express (see route diagram page 4).

The 82X will operate in the morning from the Fourth and Townsend CalTrain Station, along the Embarcadero to Levi Plaza and then continue on to the Presidio as the 30X Presidio service does now.

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WEEKDAY SERVICE ONLY

See BUS ROUTE, page 4

Congress, DoD debate drawdown plan

by Army News Service

Congress and the Defense Department agree on what the Army has to do and why it has to be done — the service must release close to 170,000 soldiers in the next five years because of a dwindling military budget and the changing threat abroad.

How to get there, while maintaining current capabilities, is where they disagree.

In July, the Senate Armed Services Committee proposed legislation to ban the Army from involuntarily separating soldiers who have served more than one term but are not yet eligible for retirement. DoD says that can't be done without deeper than desired cuts in recruiting, which would cause immediate readiness problems and 30-year shortages, especially among officers. For enlisted soldiers, DoD says the cuts would result in a loss of efficiency and experienced NCOs over the next 20 years.

The Army's force reduction plan already calls for a "dramatic" cut in accessions, said Lt. Gen. William H. Reno. To cut recruiting even further would result in severe personnel imbalances and slower promotion rates over the next 20 years.

He said restricting promotions will result in "a great loss of experience" and in highly qualified soldiers leaving voluntarily.

Lt. Col. Charles Abell, an Army Congressional liaison officer with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, said the Army must show Congress that "our drawdown plan is equitable and well-thought out, and that we should be given the authority to execute it" without limitations on involuntary separations.

Reno, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, is confident the service can reach Congressional

ally mandated strength figures without resorting to an involuntary reduction-in-force among enlisted soldiers.

He provided a bleaker forecast for many officers. Testifying before members of the House Armed Services Committee July 31, Reno said that captains and majors with less than 15 years service could be involuntarily separated, despite an anticipated loss next year of about 3,300 officers through the Voluntary Early Retirement/Release Program, the Selective Early Retirement Board and the Lieutenant Retention Board.

Officer end strength in fiscal 1991 is expected to be 103,020. By the end of fiscal 1992, the officer corps will be pared to 95,481.

Current accessions have already been reduced to sustain a corps of 82,300 officers, the end strength projection for fiscal 1995.

"To shape the officer corps consistent with the force structure and future threat... we need to conduct reduction-in-force actions on selected year groups," said Reno. "Our plan is to review a year group only once.

"While a RIF is painful, in a broader perspective, it is the most healthy option for the Army and the officer corps, given the markedly smaller Army we will have," Reno said that officers who are retained on active duty can expect career opportunities "commensurate with or better than today."

"End strength without readiness would be meaningless, and the Army drawdown plan is a readiness plan," said Reno. "The Army's plan and process is logical, rational and equitable to both the Army and to individuals."

Reno called the Army's enlisted drawdown plan "workable" and said that a sharp drop in recruiting

missions, along with "standard enhancement" programs and voluntary early release incentives should be enough to preclude an enlisted RIF.

The Army plans to have 38,000 fewer enlisted soldiers by the end of fiscal 1992. By the end of fiscal 1995, the Army's enlisted force will have shrunk from the current 598,400 soldiers to 452,700.

"We plan to reduce accessions dramatically, critically manage first term reenlistments and adjust the retention control points of enlisted soldiers," said Reno. "Given the current program, we feel that we can manage enlisted reductions using existing practices without a reduction-in-force."

He said adjustments to retention control points will "permit us to separate those soldiers who have not been selected for promotion in due course." The Army could lose 8,500 soldiers per year through retention control point adjustments.

Reno stressed to the committee that the Army would involuntarily separate non-retirement eligible soldiers only as a last resort.

A recent proposal by the Defense Department to provide incentive payments to soldiers who volunteer to leave the military, could reduce the Army's need for involuntary separations. Under the proposal, soldiers would receive an annuity based on 2.5 percent of their annual base pay times the number of years they served on active duty. The payments would continue for twice the member's years of service.

For example, a major with 12 years' service who volunteers to leave the Army under the plan would receive \$11,517 each year for 24 years after separation. The proposal is now in the hands of Congress, which has already approved a program to provide lump sum payments to some enlisted soldiers and officers involuntarily separated from the Army.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians -

Last week was a busy one but unfortunately much of it took me away from the Presidio of San Francisco. So, I hope all of you enjoyed your time here and again experienced it being a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

The real highlight of last week was the welcome home for C/864th Engineer Company. These young people truly did an outstanding job while in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. They set the pace for their parent battalion and won accolades from one and all. Their Family Support Group was the best I have ever seen. So, once again, to every member of C/864th Engineer Company—uniformed or family member—my congratulations on a job well done. Truly you all were HOO AH! And I must add a real thank you to all the folks at Presidio of San Francisco who helped and supported C/864th—DOL, DPT, LAMC, ACS, VA Employees, AAFES, and on and on—too many to mention them all. You, too, were truly HOO AH!

On Tuesday I was in Las Vegas to open a large conference of Army Engineers. Our Sixth U.S. Army Engineer office under Lieutenant Colonel Gonzales hosted this meeting of engineers from throughout the U.S.A.—some 150 plus. The entire conference was well organized and



photo by Adrienne Sims

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander, presents Mrs. Janette Cunningham, C Co. 864th Engineer Battalion commander's wife, with an award for her support of C Company while its soldiers served in Saudi Arabia.

professionally done. Congrats Sixth U.S. Army Engineers. HOO AH!

Wednesday and Thursday I was TDY to Washington D.C. My reason for going was to participate in the annual Reserve Component (United States Army Reserve and National Guard) General Officer Orientation Course. This is a school for new general officers and my job was to share with them my experiences—to



mentor them as they begin their careers as general officers. I was very honored to be asked to participate for the third consecutive year.

The remainder of the week was taken up with briefings and briefings and briefings! Then on Monday the 26th it was off to Washington again for a meeting with Commander In Chief Forces Command and the Chief of Staff of the Army. So, again I hope all of you enjoy the Presidio of San Francisco and continue to Fly Those Flags For Freedom! All of our troops from Southwest Asia are home but there are still lots of volunteers over there who deserve our support.

God bless you every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Battles are won by the infantry, the armor, the artillery, and air teams, by soldiers living in the rain and huddling in the snow. But wars are won by the great strength of a nation—the soldier and the civilian working together."

—General Omar N. Bradley

Army issues rules on enlisted separation pay

by Army News Service

Most soldiers on the receiving end of involuntary discharges will now get a severance check to ease their transition to the civilian sector.

However, according to the long-awaited rules on enlisted separation pay, released by the Army July 25, the amount on the check will depend on the kind of discharge a soldier receives and the circumstances under which he gets it.

The Defense Department recently released its rules on awarding the new pay, which became a permanent part of the military benefits structure in the fiscal 1991 National Defense Authorization Act.

According to a message to field commands from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, soldiers who are involuntarily discharged after June 20 will receive full or half separation pay if they meet these five criteria.

- Completed at least six, but fewer than 20 years of active service.

- Separating with honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions.

- Completed an initial term of enlistment.

- Agree in writing to serve at least three years in the Ready Reserve.

- Are being involuntarily separated or denied re-enlistment.

Soldiers discharged between Nov. 5, 1990, and June 20, 1991, will also be contacted by registered mail to let them know they may be eligible to receive the new pay. Enlisted soldiers who separated before Nov. 5, 1990, are ineligible for separation pay.

The basic formula for computing separation pay is

10 percent of a soldier's annual base pay times the number of years the soldier served on active duty. However, the ODCSPER message says the determination to award full or half separation pay — or none at all — depends on the way the individual soldier is selected for separation, and why.

"Half pay is for soldiers who, for some reason, have failed to meet one of the many standards for retention," said one official. "Full pay is for those who have met all the individual standards for retention."

Within those broad guidelines, Army personnel officials say legal considerations were of primary concern in selecting which soldiers would be eligible for full pay and which would receive half pay.

The message says that full separation pay will be awarded to soldiers who are "fully qualified" for retention but are involuntarily separated or denied re-enlistment and separated when their term of service expires. For example, full pay is intended for enlisted soldiers who fall victim to reduction-in-force actions, or are denied re-enlistment and separated under promotion or retention control point policies.

Because the service currently has no immediate plans to conduct an enlisted reduction-in-force program, Army personnel officials say most soldiers getting full separation pay will be those separated under high- year tenure policies, commonly known as the "up-or-out" rules. High-tenure policies specify how long soldiers at individual grades are allowed to remain on active duty without being promoted.

Half-pay on separation is intended for soldiers "not fully qualified for retention" and who are involuntarily separated or denied re-enlistment and

separated at ETS, the message says. Half pay will be awarded to soldiers who are:

- Denied re-enlistment and separated under the Qualitative Management Program or a local bar to re-enlistment.

- Involuntarily separated "for the convenience of the government." This category includes soldiers who cannot meet the Army's height and weight or body fat standards, soldiers separated for personality disorders and involuntary separations due to parenthood.

- Homosexuals, drug or alcohol rehabilitative failures, or soldiers separated for security reasons.

No separation pay will be paid to soldiers —

- Leaving active duty at their own request.

- Immediately eligible for retired pay after separation.

- Discharged or released during their initial term of service.

- Discharged as a part of a courts-martial sentence.

- Discharged under any conditions other than honorable.

- Separated for unsatisfactory performance or misconduct.

Soldiers who were involuntarily discharged between Nov. 5, 1990, and June 20, 1991, are eligible to receive separation pay under slightly different rules that have been in effect for officers since 1985. The rules were extended to include enlisted personnel who were discharged between the time the legislative authority to pay enlisted separation pay took effect and the day the Defense Department issued instructions to the services on the benefit.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

"After the failed coup, what's next for the Soviet Union?"

(In light of the rapid changes in the Soviet Union, it is worth noting that these interviews occurred Friday afternoon.)

Rosemary Olson, assistant manager Quartermaster Laundry: "The people have spoken for democracy and change. I think communism is a passe thing. They are getting used to a more open society and they won't go back."

David W. Anderson, Major, retired, U.S. Air Force: "Yeltsin will become the new leader. Seemed to me the Russian people were behind Yeltsin. Gorbachev gets credit for starting Perestroika, but Yeltsin seems to be the new popular leader. Gorbachev will have to speed up reforms or Yeltsin will take over. I wouldn't be suprised if Gorbachev were to retire in the near future and Yeltsin becomes the new Soviet leader."

Jose Mejia, auto mechanic AAFES: "I think they'll have another coup. I'm from Niqueragua and I know about our government problems. I think they'll try another one. They didn't have their act together for this one but they'll be back."

Sgt. Richard E. Carroll, DCSPER, 6th U.S. Army: "The dissolution of the Soviet Union as we know it today and the creation of several new nations."

Jacinta Rose, military spouse and AAFES employee: "They (the Soviet Union) might fall apart if Gorbachev doesn't make changes fast. Gorbachev is too slow giving the people freedom. There might be revolts from the people who want more democracy. This coup was from people who didn't want more democracy. But, the next one might be from those that want more democracy."

Lt.j.g. Brian Tetreault, Vessel Traffic Service, San Francisco: "Yeltsin will eventually come to power. Gorbachev lost a lot of face in the coup attempt. It also proves that the democratic movement will continue on in the Soviet Union. It's kind of the way to go."

Thanks!

Spec. David Zamlich, Military Intelligence Bn. (CI)(CE), 92nd MI Group, sandblasts a bronze sign leading to Fort Scott. The MI battalion offered to clean up the sign to thank the Presidio and Fort Scott for giving the battalion a home.



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Sgt. Lavonne Settlemire, administrative assistant, Garrison Staff Judge Advocate, was the master of ceremonies at the Women's Equality Day celebration Aug. 22. Settlemire served in Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Holiday Inns pay tribute to troops

by Army News Service

Dinner and dancing will be the order of the evening when 37 Holiday Inns throughout the United States pay a "Tribute to the Troops" with a night of complimentary entertainment.

Participating Holiday Inns will offer free food, dancing, entertainment and door prizes to military personnel and one guest each on a first-come, first served basis. In addition, the participating inns will provide overnight accommodations at discount rates.

Each of the participating inns will offer the "Tribute" one night between Sept. 12 and 15.

The "Tribute to the Troops" is the brainchild of 19-year-old Meghan Rice, a guest service representative at the Holiday Inn in Danbury, Conn. Rice wrote to 47 servicemembers in the gulf theater during the war and sent more than 300 "care packages" containing items donated by herself, Holiday Inns and the citizens of Fairfield County, Conn.

A press release from Holiday Inn says that military personnel should reserve a place for themselves and a guest by contacting one of the participating inns. Servicemembers must provide their name and assigned unit when making the reservation and present a military ID card when they arrive for the evening.

The offer is open to all military personnel who served during the war, whether deployed to the Middle East or not. For information on the nearest "Tribute to the Troops," soldiers can call (914) 225-2314 or 1-800-HOLIDAY.

Desert Storm vet needs marrow

William Wright, a 21-year old Desert Storm Veteran, is in need of a bone marrow transplant at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco.

Wright has Aplastic Anemia, a life threatening illness.

All of his family members have been tested but none of them are a genetic match. Mr. Wright's chances of finding a good match in the current donor pool are extremely slim because he is of African-American descent. There are relatively few African-Americans in the donor pool and the best chance of a match would be from another African-American.

Bone marrow donors are tested at their local blood bank. Any blood bank in the United States will draw the small amount of blood needed to make the genetic match test. The results of the test will be coded into the National Bone Marrow Donor Bank. You may become a donor for Mr. Wright or, as part of the pool, you could become a donor for someone else.

More information can be obtained from the VA Medical Center in San Francisco by calling Leslie Buchman at 750-2144 or Patricia Forsyth at 750-2141.



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Presidio star

Staff Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey III was named Presidio NCO of the Quarter Aug. 15. Lindsey is a journalist. **Spec. Michelle A. Deeter** was named Presidio Soldier of the Month Aug. 15. Deeter is a personnel systems analyst at the MILPO.

News/Views

Momentum increasing for early outs

by K.M.Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

According to the *Federal Times*, pressure is mounting on Capitol Hill to extend "early outs" to civilians or for Congress to come up with some other incentive plans to assist the transition of those soon to be caught up in the base closure and Reduction in Force time warp.

It was recently announced that Pentagon officials are looking at ways to ease the transition of from 22,000 to 24,000 military members back into the private sector by proposing incentives and "exit bonuses" for them to leave the service early before reaching retirement eligibility.

"Members of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee," says the *Times*, "plan to discuss with Defense officials whether and when they intend to make a similar proposal to help civilian employees affected by base closings and reductions." There are an estimated 90,000 or more civilians expected to be displaced by base closure and realignment actions.

Concerning military members and according to the *Times*, the Pentagon's proposed "Voluntary Separation Incentive" would give service members an annual payment of 2.5 percent of annual base pay, multiplied by their years of service. The payments would last twice the length of a member's service. Incentives would go to service members with more than six years of service but less than 20 in certain year groups, specialties and grades determined by each service.

"Comparable sweeteners should have been made available to civilians," says Bruce Moyer, Federal Managers Association legislative director, according to the *Times*.

Meanwhile, more civilians have been writing their legislators to get some action on either Representative Barbara Boxer's early out bill or one of the other early retirement incentive legislations, such as Senator William Roth's bill, designed to help civilians.

Boxer's bill proposes Congressional legislation to extend early retirement to civilians in all government agencies experiencing downsizing or cutbacks.

It would allow employees to add 4 additional years to either their age or time in service, or a combination of the two, to help them qualify for early retirement (age 50 with 20 years of service, or 25 years of service at any age).

The 4 additional years would also allow some employees to increase their age to "55" to avoid the 2 percent a year penalty for each year under 55, or for other senior employees to simply add more years of service to their time to increase their overall retirement annuities.

(Personal comment: Concerning the former, although there has been expressed interest among civilians, as well as rumors concerning a possible elimination of the 2 percent a year penalty for those under age 55 being considered as an added incentive, that possibility has not seriously surfaced in any of the discussions I have heard; I would say that's too much to hope for, so don't hold your breath)

Roth's Bill would open a 60-day window, government wide, allowing all civilians who qualify for an early out, within the same 20/50/25 age and time in service parameters, to retire; however, it would restrict agencies from hiring to fill the resulting vacancies for five years. Roth has introduced this bill several times, and passage appears unlikely.

Early out bills for civilians run into a variety of road blocks. Some agencies are openly opposed to offering early outs because they don't want their seasoned civilians to bail out and drain the experience pool. Some employees oppose it because they are not personally eligible to partake in it. Some who would be eligible are reluctant to leave early and face an uncertain job market in the civilian sector. Some dislike the 2 percent per year under 55 penalty, and some are simply waiting around hoping for incentive measures or passage of bills like Boxer's that would improve their retirement financial conditions.

According to the *Times*, "GAO is surveying 1,500 Army Materiel Command employees about their attitudes towards early outs." OPM's interest is increasing for many reasons, a major one of which is how many women, minorities, "later hires" and

those with lower seniority will be affected by the RIFs and base closures.

(Personal Comment: It seems to me that, with agencies wanting to hang on to senior employees, thus requiring that under RIF conditions they bump and retreat and displace junior employees, only to retire shortly thereafter anyway, this restrictive stand will not only still result in an eventual "brain drain" but could also result in the more serious permanent loss of young upcoming talent that could affect these same agencies considerably in the years ahead.)

One of the strong arguments used by agencies and OPM against offering early retirement is that "many employees who are eligible will not take advantage of it."

On this issue, the *Times* says, "Another potential problem is evidence that fewer employees eligible for early retirement are actually taking it. The proportion of takers had held steady at about 16 percent between 1983 and 1989. But last year it fell to 14.2 percent."

"Last year, 4,052 of the 28,539 eligible employees took early outs. Agencies had expected 4,730 employees to take advantage of the early retirements. There are 13,302 employees eligible under the programs approved so far this year, and agencies predicted 2,372 employees will take early outs."

(Personal comment: I hardly see all this as a "problem." This kind of "justification" and "rationale" makes no sense to me whatsoever. Where's the logic? Why deny offering a benefit based on an "assumption" that no one, or very few, will take it? Does this make sense to you? If it does, please explain it to me.)

Boxer's bill, however, is receiving intense employee interest and seems to be rapidly growing in popularity; additionally, according to the *Times*, her bill to date "has won 70 House co-sponsors." The *Times* also reports that "Boxer has asked for a hearing on her bill but none has been scheduled" yet.

Some developments in the early retirement arena are also happening on the CONUSA level. On July 26, Fifth U.S. Army sent a message to Forces Command

requesting "Collective Voluntary Early Retirement Authority for CONUSAs" for civilian employees soon to be affected by "a substantial cut . . . in the authorizations of civilian positions . . . determined to take effect in FY 92" and subsequently by base closure, realignment, and transfer of function.

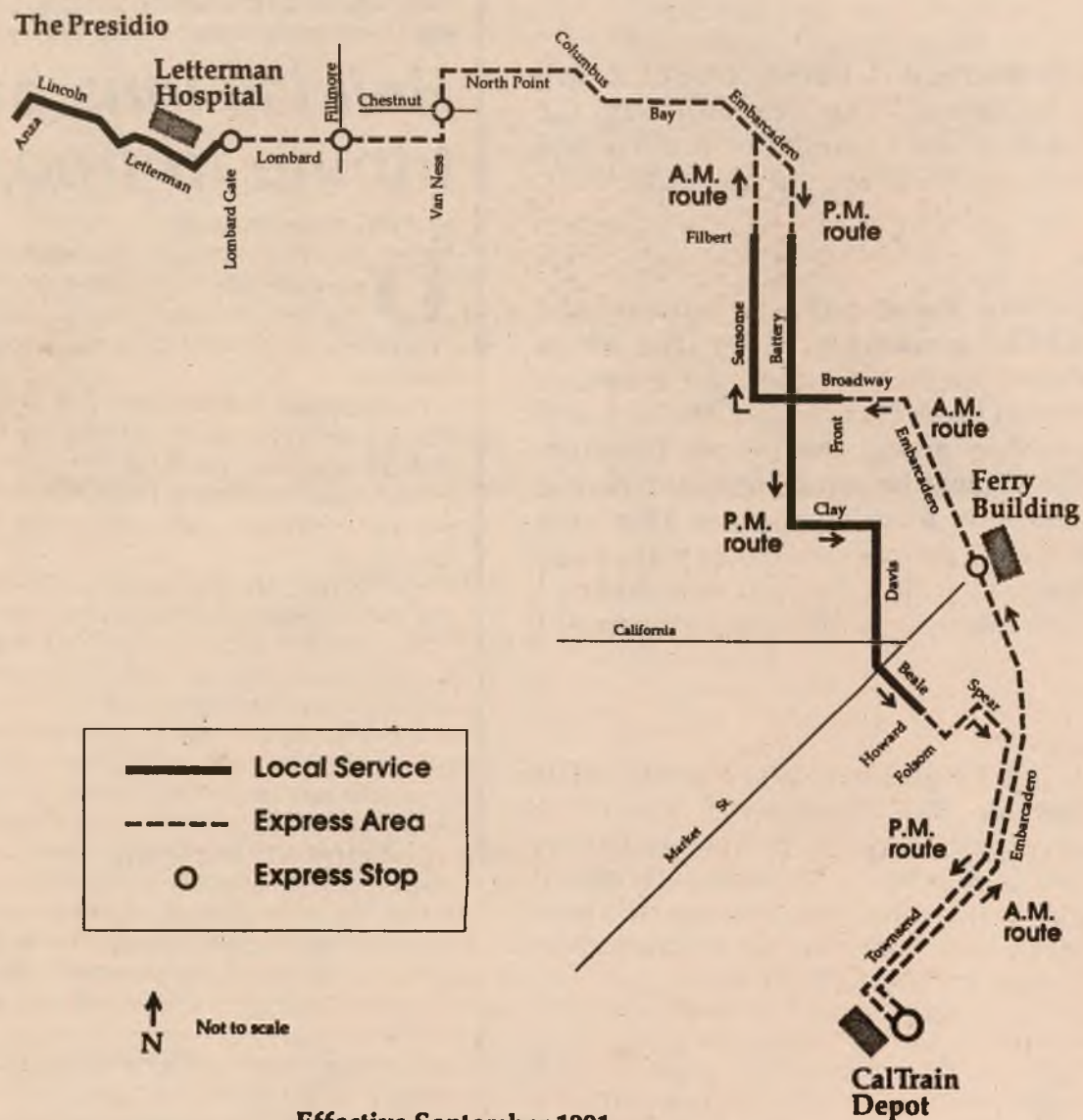
"The opportunity to retire through the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA)," says Fifth Army, "is very desirable to some employees and to this CONUSA as it will lessen the RIF burden and certainly allow some employees in low retention standing to maintain continued employment at Fifth Army."

Fifth Army further states, "We are certain that the other CONUSAs are also facing a similar situation as Fifth Army. Therefore, it is requested that HQ, FORSCOM obtain a collective VERA for all the CONUSAs rather than [to have] each one present similar information to OPM several times over. It is further requested that OPM be asked to provide VERA as soon as possible to enable eligible employees to retire at the earliest opportunity so that CONUSAs can start reducing their strength and payrolls and at the same time allow employment for employees who would otherwise be separated or downgraded."

On Aug. 11, First U.S. Army forwarded a similar request to FORSCOM, concurring with Fifth Army's action and also seeking similar early out authority "to minimize the impact of the downsizing of this [First Army] headquarters."

Robert Curtis, Sixth Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, says that FORSCOM has concurred with Fifth and First Armies' messages and has contacted all CONUSA CPOs requesting data. Presidio CPO is responding. FORSCOM wants to know, first, how many civilian employees are currently eligible to retire; and second, how many employees would be eligible for, and would seriously consider VERA. "We will let you know the results of the collective analysis of the situation and the data which is due here not later than 10 September 1991," FORSCOM replied to Fifth Army.

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News

Motivation drives reserve units to succeed

story and photo by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"I've had more training here in the last seven days than I've ever had at the station."

That is what Pvt. 2 Troy C. Dennis said about the training he received at Camp Roberts.

Dennis is with C Company, 4th Battalion, 160th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division.

Several National Guard and Reserve Units trained at Camp Roberts from Aug. 20 to Aug. 24. They received training ranging from evaluating a casualty to performing a function check on an M16 rifle.

Command Sgt. Maj. Otto M. Copeland, Sixth U.S. Army command sergeant major, flew to Camp Roberts to observe the troops at their best.

Copeland said he enjoyed the training and getting his boots dirty once again.

Copeland was joined by Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas A. Ward, Presidio Garrison command sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Jones, of Deputy Chief of Staff for Training and Sgt. Maj. James H. Bowman, Army National Guard Advisor.

Soldiers completed a land navigation course, refreshed their memories on how to send a radio message, map reading, fire the LAW, correct malfunctions of an M16, employ hand grenades, put on a protective mask, decontaminate skin, and react to a nuclear hazard. They also learned first aid skills, how to minister a nerve agent antidote, perform



Pvt. 1 Reuel S. Aquinaldo, medic, tests on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

mouth-to-mouth, put on field or pressure dressing, give first aid for heat injuries, prevent shock, and more. During their training at Camp Roberts, these soldiers learned or were reacquainted with almost

every common task skill.

The first three days of training were set aside for preparing soldiers to test on the Common Task Skills, according to Sgt. 1st Class Neru S. Saole, section sergeant.

Saole and other instructors came out from Fort Carson, Colo. to train the troops.

"At first it didn't seem right," Saole said. "But, everyone pulled together and it just started working."

Instructors trained soldiers to certify them so they could test others.

The soldiers that participated in the training all volunteered, according to Staff Sgt. Mike D. Bocher, platoon sergeant.

"These soldiers are very motivated towards the task," Saole said. "I wish we had more time to train with them. They've learned a lot in the last few days, but if we had more time we could teach them a lot more."

According to Saole, the hardest task for the soldiers was land navigation. "We didn't have time to spend training the soldiers on it."

"I've really enjoyed the training and learned a lot," Pvt. 1 Reuel S. Aquinaldo, medic, 340th Support, Los Angeles, said. "Learning to feed the 50-cal weapons was all new."

Soldiers went through a combat life-saver course.

It was set up for soldiers to ensure that they received something out of the training even if they did not pass all the common skill task.

"This is the smartest thing I've seen all day," Copeland said about the combat life saver course.

Soldiers had to lift fellow soldiers out of a tank and move them to safety, then evaluate the casualty. The soldiers were very efficient with each circumstance given.

They first had to lift a "Killed In Action" out of the tank. After they accomplished that mission, they had to treat a casualty with an abdominal wound after safely recovering the soldier from the tank. Another soldier pretended to have a back wound and was treated after being lifted from the tank. All the missions were completed quickly and safely.

Soldiers took tests the night before they actually performed the task.

"The overall average is pretty high," Sgt. 1st Class Rosalio G. Pacheco, NBC instructor said. "Six soldiers received one-hundred percent, another six just missed one question and five or six just missed two."

After Copeland viewed the combat live saver course he observed the many tanks in the area.

The training was an overall success.

The soldiers enjoyed it and learned a lot.

"I really enjoy the training," Sgt. Joey Hiral, C Company, 3rd Battalion 160th Regiment said. "I want it, give to me, Hoo Ah!"



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Training

Emergency rescues —a joint affair

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
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Public Affairs Office

There's always plenty going on at the waterfront at Crissy field what with joggers, people walking their dogs and wind surfers everywhere. But recently some military hardware in the area got most of the attention.

An Army water craft the size of a small ship and a Coast Guard helicopter teamed up to do some training in emergency medical evacuation, and they stirred up some interest in addition to the wind, water and sand.

The LCU "Coamo," a utility landing craft about 175 feet long by 42 feet wide, was used as the platform from which soldiers pretending to be injured were loaded into a metal basket and hauled up by cable into a helicopter hovering above.

The LCU belongs to the 481st Transportation Company (Heavy Boat), an Army Reserve unit from Stockton, Calif. The helicopter, an H-3 search and rescue aircraft, belongs to the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station in San Francisco. Commanders of both units felt the joint training would be good for their readiness.

The 481st also invited some medical participants, in the name of the 147th Medical Detachment, a reserve unit from Oakland Army Base which has a mission to operate a general dispensary for rear area troops.

The 147th has 10 soldiers, including a commander who is a physician, seven medics, a laboratory technician and a patient administration specialist. This was their first time to train on a water craft, according to the commander, Maj. Daniel Clark, who works as a general practitioner in civilian life.

This was the second week of annual training for the Army Reservists, and during the first week they underwent the Army Training Evaluation Program (ARTEP), a test of their combat readiness. And they passed with flying colors, literally.

Medics were placed on each of the 481st's six LCUs, and they lived and worked with the boat crews. They were included in the ARTEP and were tested on their medical skills. According to Clark, regulations require that a medic be on board when an LCU is sailed into the ocean, so this was realistic training for all those involved.

"We did everything the transportation unit did and became part of the crew," Clark said, referring to life on board the LCUs. The unit also performed some medical tasks, though, like operating a sick call service on board the vessels. Clark said he could even perform surgery if needed, but most soldiers with serious injuries or illnesses would be evacuated from the boat and flown by helicopter to the nearest land-based medical facility.

That's where the training with the Coast Guard comes in, because it is likely that the nearest helicopter would belong to that service.

Before the plan was put into action in the water, the Coast Guard crew gave a class on land to the Army Reservists. This included some instruction on handling the metal basket—how to ground it before it touched the boat's metal deck, how to secure patients once inside and what safety precautions to observe.

To make the training more valuable, the planners created a scenario that was as difficult as possible. Instead of simulating a situation where the injured soldier was found on the large deck of the Coamo, they decided to have the victim lodged in a narrow hallway on the upper deck, where it would be a challenge to move him without making his injuries worse.

Four different crew members each got their turn to be lifted up into the helicopter as the boat was underway in the San Francisco Bay.

Coast Guard pilot Lt. S. W. Kirchner said the



photo by Jack Mraz

Boat crew members from the 481st Transportation Company watch as a unit member is hoisted in a metal basket up to a Coast Guard helicopter hovering above their water craft.



photo by Wanda Arceneaux

Staff Sgt. Teeco Jewette-Tahoo (left), a medic from the 147th Medical Detachment, helps stabilize Spec. Michael Fast from the 481st Transportation Company, who is pretending to have a broken leg, on a metal litter while Maj. (Dr.) Daniel Clark, 147th commander, checks the victim's pulse.

helicopter hovers more effectively in the wind, so it was better that the boat actually be moving while the soldiers were picked up from its deck.

Sgt. 1st Class Jack Mraz, who plans training for the 481st, said his unit has already discussed doing this type of training again with the Coast Guard, and

they are even planning to involve a port construction unit in the near future.

It was a worthwhile venture for the Army and Coast Guard, because someday this kind of training may do more than just stir up some interest among those passing by—it might help save lives.

Recreation

Enter the amazing world of opportunity

Golden Gate Park has a little something for everyone

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Hotdogs, baseball and . . . waterfalls? Believe it or not, these three things and plenty more have something in common—Golden Gate Park.

There's more than just fun for everyone at the park.

The park offers a chance to play, relax, exercise, eat, sight-see—just about everything.

Kids can play sports, run around and sail boats in a pond.

Adults can do the same plus have romantic boat rides in Stowe Lake. The opportunities never cease.

Golden Gate Park has meadows for picnics, sports or just to kick back and relax. There's something for the whole family.

The scenery is beautiful.

There are small waterfalls, flowers arranged in unique designs, trees, ponds: the sights go on forever. There are nature trails to follow through the woods for a comfortable walk or an energetic run.

On the weekends the park often has a art show ranging from paintings of fruit to abstract drawings. The art is also sold at the shows.

If you enjoy watching animals, you can't go wrong in Golden Gate Park. This park goes beyond the norm of animals. It has nearly extinct buffalo roaming in a fenced area.

A bike isn't necessary to ride at the park.

There are horse riding stables and trails for those who like to break away from the every day bicycle ride.

Where do hot dogs fit in?

Well, besides for the picnic areas there are stands set up that sell hotdogs, chips, sodas and soft pretzels so you don't have to bring your own.

There's just about everything to do at the park and it doesn't cost a penny to enter the world of amazing opportunities.

Golden Gate Park stretches from Stanyan Street to the Great Highway and borders Lincoln Way to the south and Fulton Street to the north.



Waters run into Stowe Lake making a beautiful site for tourist.

photo by Adrienne Sims



photo by Debbie Robinson

Visitors to the Japanese Tea Garden admire the newly-renovated entranceway. Architects designed it in the traditional 17th century Japanese style, and without nails.



photo by Debbie Robinson

Horseback riding is one of the many activities at Golden Gate Park.

Presidio News

Chapel Ponderings



Quip of the Week: Your ability to relax is in direct proportion to your ability to trust life.

—Dr. Robert Anthony

By Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

Greetings from the Post Chapel staff and welcome home to the 864th. You were missed. We hope and pray that all members here at the Presidio in San Francisco are having a happy and edifying experience.

We are approaching the end of the summer and we are beginning to look September in the eye. We are beginning to make plans and setting-up our schedules for the coming year. The lazy summer days where we could lay down in the grass down by the pond and just ponder the blue sky or the green trees are coming to an end. We are now doing the school shopping and getting the children their physicals for the new school year. We are looking forward and planning ahead.

Let's look at two passages of scripture and ponder how they relate to this new way of approaching our day-to-day life. First, Matthew tells us that Jesus taught in a sermon on the hills surrounding the Sea of Galilee, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." (Mt. 6:34) The second passage is attributed to David, who wrote, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps. 118:24) Can we as military personnel with a mission here at the Presidio, or as a spouse responsible for the education and upbringing of our children, or as a civilian employee supporting the troops here at the Presidio, follow these directives? I think yes.

As we jump into September, we find that we can't sit idly by the pond and enjoy sitting idly by the pond. We now change our attitude and focus our energies on the tasks that need to be done. That is not to say that these tasks can't be enjoyable and

stimulating. And there is the feeling that we are a part of the whole and we are needed for the system to work. These are great feelings. As we churn through our "to do" lists, we can take great satisfaction in getting these things done. We know that we are growing and learning from these "mundane" tasks. We meet new people and see old friends in a new light as we deal with these tasks day-to-day. As we work through our tasks, like taking the children to school, we can look and see the beauty of the San Francisco Catholic Cathedral or as we deliver a box of supplies to the Sarge, we can look and see the awesomeness of the Golden Gate Bridge. What I am trying to say is that our moments here on this earth are numbered and, before we meet our maker, we need to develop the gifts that God gave us to their fullest, and we need to see and fully experience this life here on earth. The more significance we put on the day-to-day experiences, the closer we come to that person God so lovingly created. Enjoy what you are doing, realize that it is important and it is what you have chosen to do. Take pride in the tasks and enjoy where you are. There are so few days left; get involved. There are many volunteer organizations here on the Post that need you and your gifts. Use them, help others, help yourself. This truly is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it.

Speaking of putting some dates on your calendar, don't forget Sept. 8. That's the Post Chapel Picnic at Hamilton Field. Lunch will be served at around 1:30 p.m. We will have a bus to transport those who otherwise would not be able to attend. Please make reservations at the Catholic Masses or the Protestant Worship Services. Another big date to put on your calendar is Sept. 11. That's the date that the Bible Study Fellowship will begin for women. We have 55 women pre-

registered but there is still classroom space available. If you are a woman and interested in this stimulating study program, please phone the RAC. (By the way, after you have registered and attend once, they have a great children's program.) Our Protestant and Catholic Sunday Schools will begin their fall quarters Sept. 15. If you are interested in helping teach or participating, phone the Chapel or the RAC. (We need help and we could help you develop your education skills.) Our Senior High Teen Program will have a planning meeting in September to plan future events. We meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the RAC. If you are interested, phone the RAC and speak with Kathy Benjamin. The Presidio Bible Talk is continuing their bible studies at the RAC every Thursday at 8 p.m. (Note: I wrote that it started at 7 p.m. last week. Note the correction.) A new Choir Director has been hired; we will miss Lynn) and choir rehearsals continue every Tuesday night at the Main Post Chapel. It starts at 7 p.m.. We can use new voices in the choir.

Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5 p.m. in the evening and at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel. (For more information about the Friday events or any of the High Holiday Days schedule, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397.) Protestant Worship Services are held every Sunday morning at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Gospel Meetings are held at the LAMC Chapel every Sunday at 11 a.m. For more information about any of these events and/or services call the Post Chapel at 561-4239 or the Religious Activities Center at 561-3535. We look forward to hearing from you.

PSF Transportation Division moves it all

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

Household goods . . . equipment . . . soldiers . . . the Transportation Division moves it all.

The Transportation Division of the Directorate of Logistics makes it possible for Presidians to travel around the post on business; receive equipment from distant manufacturers and warehouses; and move household goods from one duty station to another.

The Transportation Division is responsible for the logistic support of movement of passengers, personnel and cargo. The division is required by Army Regulation 5-9 to support 48 Army Reserve and National Guard units with all types of movement to and from the units' home station. These requirements can include airline ticketing, commercial bus coordination, movement of equipment and supplies.

Also, the Transportation Division supports the units of the Presidio by processing their transportation requirements for shipping cargo and supporting Directorate of Logistics supply system by delivering requested equipment to the units.

"We not only work with the military as far as transportation requirements, we also coordinate with the civilian commercial industry for transportation assistance, both for truck and airline," said Carl L. Depp, chief, Transportation Division.

The Transportation Division was directly responsible for moving Company C of the 864th Engineer Battalion to Saudi Arabia.

"We move just about anything that the Army, the military or Department

of Defense uses, from small items such as radios to large items such as trucks and tanks," he said.

The Transportation Division makes arrangements for railroad and commercial truck movement of such cargo, with the help of the Military Traffic Management Command.

The MTMC in Oakland negotiates the rates for cargo movement and makes sure the carrier is bonded or insured. Transportation is not part of MTMC; however, MTMC is the transportation representative for all of DoD.

The Transportation Division is divided into two branches—the Transport Branch and the Movements Branch. The Transport Branch determines requirements for non-tactical vehicles (such as the Chevrolet Lumina and Corsicas used on post) and administers driver tests. The Movements Branch coordinates movement services of units and equipment, monitors the shipment of household goods and controls the use of bridge passes.

Transport Branch

The Transport Branch operates the Transportation Motor Pool for the Presidio. The motor pool maintains and services 207 vehicles supplied by the General Services Administration. These non-tactical vehicles are used to support base operations and tenant organizations such as Letterman U.S. Army Hospital, the Ordinance Detachments, Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters and Military Intelligence. Vehicles are also provided by special request to civilian entities under certain conditions.

The fleet has been upgraded to 1989, '90 and '91 model cars and vans. The Transport Branch is responsible for

driver training, licensing, testing and safety. Plus, the branch develops accident prevention programs and investigates accidents.

The Transport Branch determines the proper vehicle requirements, supervises vehicle operations, usage and inspection, maintains vehicle inventory control.

Movements Branch

The movements Branch handles the bulk of the division's responsibility. This branch handles everything from coordinating movement services, providing travel arrangements for DoD individuals and groups to determining the most advantageous method of shipment and tracking the cost of moving local household and office goods and equipment.

"If they desire to move [equipment or goods] by rail we make the arrangements with the railroad's and carriers and also make arrangements for commercial trucks to meet the railcars to off-load the cargo, move the equipment to the unit or to the port if necessary," Depp said.

The Movements Branch services moves to locations worldwide. The branch operates the post's Central Port Call Office and provides travel assistance to all soldiers who are traveling by privately owned vehicles.

The Movements Branch is divided into four sections to accomplish its mission. One handles the movement of personnel and soldiers; another section handles the movement of passengers, Navy and Air Force personnel in conjunction with Scheduled Airline Traffic Office. The branch also monitors SATO for the Sixth U.S. Army.

A third section is responsible for all freight matters, including commodities

that are shipped for repair, inventory, replenishment or supply, or being sent from one unit to another. These items can be shipped by any method from Federal Express packages to commercial truck or rail lines.

Finally, the fourth section of the Movements Branch has the responsibility of moving military units and equipment from one destination to another, whether it's for training purposes or for major exercises—like Operation Desert Storm. This section takes care of convoy clearances, makes sure hazardous materials are properly inspected and shipped and even works with local law enforcement agencies for traffic control.

"We assist units in the preparation for movements," Depp explained. "We assist them in training during peacetime for what they would be doing in war. They send an itemized listing of the equipment they have on hand . . . we know beforehand what is required to support that unit; whether that unit is moving from Richmond to Camp Parks or Richmond to a port we know they are going to take ten trucks or whatever.

"We have a general idea of what they have beforehand and this cuts down on a lot of the preliminary work that would result if we were to have an immediate emergency."

One thing the Transportation Division doesn't handle is medical supply cargo. Letterman U.S. Army Hospital is responsible for the medical supplies shipped to and from the installation.

However, the Transportation Division is responsible for moving everything else. If you need to get it here or move it from here to there, the Transportation Division gets the job done.

Sports

Sports Briefs

Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian Staff

Labor Day tourney

The Sports Branch Labor Day Softball Tournament will be played at Fort Scott Field starting on Saturday and will run through the Labor Day weekend. Individual and team trophies will be presented to the first and second place teams. For more information, call John Funes at 561-5032.

Nautilus training offered

Gym No. 1, Building 63, has 17 Nautilus weight machines available to exercise all essential muscles of your body. You must have a Sports Branch Nautilus Card or another Nautilus card from a military or civilian gym. If you know how to use the machines but do not have a card you must pass a short practical test.

Classes for beginners and certified testing can be made (by appointment only) with Bob Darling by calling 561-4120 or 561-4131.

Reno Bowling League starts

The Reno Winter Bowling League is scheduled to hold its organization meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Bowling Center. The league will consist of 10 teams with four players per team, one of which must be a woman. League play starts on Sept. 9. A trip to Reno will be scheduled during the months of January and April for league members.

Hui-O league meets Friday

The Hui-O Hawaii Winter Mix Doubles Bowling League is scheduled to conduct its organization meeting Friday at 6 p.m. in the Presidio Bowling Center. League play starts Sept. 6, at 6 p.m.

Bowling Center closed

The Presidio Bowling Center will be closed Monday for Labor Day observance.

Post Pool hours altered

The Post Swimming Pool will close at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 10 to Sept. 26 so that the Red Cross may conduct a Lifeguard Training Course. To enroll in the Lifeguard course call Lexa Meadows, Red Cross Station Manager, at 561-2187.

Diet, exercise, behavior changes keys to health and weight loss

by Maj. Jonathan C. Freundt, M.D.

Studies show that 35 percent of the adult population in the United States over the age of 30 is overweight. This common problem is a medical issue since overweight people are more likely to encounter medical complications.

High blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol are serious risks seen in overweight people. These problems can lead to stroke, heart attack and kidney failure.

You may ask, "why are so many people overweight?" This is difficult to answer. One fact is obvious: people gain weight when they take in more calories than they use. The body stores excess calories as fat. For every 3,500 extra calories taken in, a person will gain one pound.

In our society, these features lead to weight gain:

- Inadequate dietary education
- An abundance of affordable food
- Inadequate physical activity
- Reliance upon convenience food

Unfortunately, convenience foods are often high in fat, which leads to excess calorie intake.

What can you do to lose weight? The simple answer is take in fewer calories than you use. Unfortunately, weight loss usually is not that simple. A sound weight loss program has three parts: diet, exercise and behavior modification.

Diet

The weight loss diet should be safe, nutritional and practical for effective long-term weight control. You should eat foods high in fiber, low in fat and should drink eight to 10 glasses of water daily. You should limit sweets, alcohol and convenience foods. Use this as your dietary guide —

- Get less than 30 percent of your calories from fat.
- Get 15 percent of your calories from protein.
- Get the rest of your calories from starchy carbohydrates (such as spaghetti or potatoes).

How do you calculate percentages? Look at the food composition chart on food packages. First, total the number of calories you take in each day. For fat, multiply this by .3 (30 percent), giving you allowable daily fat calories. Then divide by nine to find your daily allowance of fat. For protein, multiply daily caloric intake by .15 (15 percent), then divide by four to find daily allowance of protein.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are very important. They provide fiber and vitamins. Eating several servings of these foods with each meal will slow down your eating, decreasing the chance of overeating.

Good sources of dietary information are the registered dieticians at your health care facilities or nutrition books in the library.

Exercise

Exercise is the second essential part of a successful weight loss program. Exercise does the following:

- It increases caloric use
- It promotes continued weight loss
- It decreases appetite

A sound exercise program consists of 30 minutes of regular exercise, three to five days a week. A person should aim for an exercise heart rate of 70 percent of their maximum heart rate. You can calculate this by subtracting your age from 220 and then multiplying by 70 percent. For example, the exercise heart rate for a 40-year-old person is $180 \times .7 = 126$.

Behavior modification

The final part of a weight loss program is behavior modification. Maintaining weight loss depends upon lifestyle changes. Behavior modification therapy helps to accomplish the necessary changes. The essentials of behavior modification are:

- Daily self-monitoring of food intake for three to four months.
- Practicing controlled intake of highly desired foods to prevent the "on-off" attitude toward dieting.
- Improving feelings of self-worth and self-control through assertiveness training.

Being overweight is a serious problem in America. For overweight soldiers, the problem can bring a swift end to a military career.

About 12,500 soldiers have their records flagged each year for being overweight, according to officials from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. A change to Army policy in May now requires that commanders impose bars to reenlistment or initiate separation proceedings for overweight soldiers who do not make satisfactory progress in the Army's weight control program after six months.

Also, initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers who fail to maintain body fat standards within a year after removal from the weight control program.

Another policy change denies enrollment to all soldiers who report to professional military schools (TDY or PCS) not meeting body fat composition standards.

Weight loss through a coordinated weight loss program can reduce the risks of serious complications, both health and career-wise. Remember, the three important parts of a successful weight control program are dietary changes, exercise and behavior modification. If you want to lose weight, your doctor can help you get started on a successful weight loss program.

(Dr. Freundt is assigned to Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii.)

Good nutrition and exercise lower cancer risk

by Kara Zeigler
National Foundation for
Cancer Research

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. No truer words were ever spoken if you are trying to "cancer proof" your body. Making just small adjustments in daily lifestyle can unlock a long and healthy life, when you know the keys of good nutrition and the benefits of a regular exercise program. So start now, with these helpful tips from the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Being seriously overweight is hazardous to your health. Obesity plays a significant role in many diseases, now cancer can be added to the list.

Adjusting your diet to one that is low in fat, combined with a regular exercise program, can significantly lessen the risk of a number of disorders, including cancer.

When adjusting eating habits, it is important to get the facts about fats. Fats are fine, even necessary, up to a point. That point, according to medical experts, is reached when fats make up more than 30 percent of daily calorie intake. Food fats are usually described as "saturated" or "unsaturated."

Saturated fats are derived mainly from animal sources and are usually solid at room temperature, such as butter, cheese or lard. Unsaturated fats are derived mainly from plant sources and fish, and are usually liquid at room temperature, such as olive, corn and other vegetable oils. If consumption exceeds that necessary amount, what you get is FAT. At worst, you may increase the risk of cancer of the breast, prostate, colon and endometrium.

Remember that just as fat increases weight gain, it also apparently increases the risk of cancer. Cut the fried foods, trim the meat, skin the chicken — this cuts fat calories in half — and take sensible steps to get fewer of your total calories from fat.

A quick and easy way to calculate the real percentage of fat in a serving is to multiply the grams of fat per serving by 30. If the result is greater than the total number of calories per serving, the fat content is more than 30 percent of the calories and should be eaten in moderation.

Food can still be enjoyable as you reduce dietary fat. Choosing chicken or turkey over bologna or hot dogs, pretzels or wheat crackers over potato chips, a poached egg over a fried egg, or low-fat yogurt over

sour cream, can significantly lower your fat intake.

A regular exercise program is an integral part of a healthy lifestyle. To start a regular exercise program you don't have to become "fitness crazy." The thought of exercise should not give you visions of spandex clad bodies running for hours on huge machines.

There is an easier way to shed extra pounds, improve your circulation, muscle tone, and overall body fitness, in just thirty minutes three days a week. As an extra advantage it requires no special skills, expensive attire, equipment or facilities and can be done in any weather.

What is this miracle exercise? It is ages old, and we do it everyday... walking! Walking is the fastest growing participant sport in the United States. It is a basic exercise, that when done regularly and combined with a low fat diet can significantly increase your overall health, which is the best protection from anything that may potentially ail you, even cancer.

For more information on this or any other cancer-related topics, contact the National Foundation for Cancer Research at 1-800-321-CURE.



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by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar



U.S. Park Service photo

Yesteryear returns

Larry Gill, a volunteer, dressed in 1890s cavalry uniform for the "Park Patrol, 1895," a living history program to tell about the beginnings of our national parks and to honor the 75th anniversary of the National Park Service. "Park Patrol, 1895," was held Aug. 25 by the Presidio Army Museum.

Computer problems

The ISC Information Center is available to all Garrison, Sixth U.S. Army and tenant activities who have computer-related problems. This includes troubleshooting and installation of hardware, software and peripheral devices. ISC also provides training, troubleshooting and installation for Professional Office Systems. For more information, call the trouble desk at 561-3287.

Commissary closure

The Presidio commissary will be closed Sept. 3 to observe the Labor Day holiday.

Officer professional education

The 6227th U.S. Army Forces School will offer education classes for Combined Arms Services Staff School and Command and General Staff College at the following sites: Presidio/Hamilton Air Force Base, Sunnyvale, Fort Ord/Hunter Liggett. The next school cycle will be offered from Oct. 1 to April 30, 1992. Address request for information to 6227th USARF School, building 916, Presidio San Francisco, Calif. 94129-7000. For more information, call David Young at 561-4377/5047 or Lt. Col. Garry Peters at (408) 336-8854.

School bus registration

All inquiries regarding school bus registration on the Presidio must be directed to the school your child is registered in. No busing will be provided by the Army this year.

Graduate Management Test

The Fort Scott Education Center will administer the Graduate Management Admission Test Oct. 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The GMAT is given free to active or reserve military members who plan to pursue a masters degree in business. Interested soldiers may order a test no later than Tuesday. For more information, call the Education Center at 561-3692/4030.

Stress Management Training

ACS is offering Stress Management Training free of charge. These classes will help you deal with the stresses of staff cutbacks, increased workloads, relocations, Presidio's closure or other conflicts in your life. Day classes will meet Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. and evening classes will meet Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Space is limited. To enroll or for more information, call 561-5155.

POWC luncheon

The first Presidio Officers' Wives' Club luncheon will be held Sept. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will be the annual activities sign up. A buffet-style soup and salad lunch will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. for only \$5. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call Nancy Carson at 928-8223.

Parenting classes

Parent Effectiveness Training is being offered by Army Community Services. Day and evening classes are available. Enroll in these PET classes and learn specific parenting skills that will help you create a happier family life. You will learn how to handle demands of parenting and create closer relationships with your children. The classes meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Karen Kaho at 561-5155.

Feeling stressed?

If you need someone to talk to about family problems, military downsizing or closure of the Presidio, just call 929-TALK and a trained telephone counselor can help you sort out your feelings and help you create a plan of action.

Carl's Jr. supports CPR

Save A Life Saturday announced Carl's Jr.'s active support of free CPR classes for the public. Carl's Jr.'s has agreed to donate 50 cents for each redeemed coupon offering a discount on their charbroiled chicken sandwiches to help sponsor the classes. Participating locations are listed on the coupon which is being distributed at McLaren Lodge Annex, Fell and Stanyan streets; Convention and Visitors' Bureau at Halidie Plaza; Justin Herman Plaza Friday at noon at the CPR Demonstration and Rally, and Candlestick Park, Sept. 14 at the Save-A-Life Saturday event 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Diane Palacio at 666-7107.

Leave donation request

Laneva Sweet, a Presidio employee, is experiencing a medical emergency and has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate leave may address any questions to the Civilian Personnel Directorate at 561-3780.

Lunch time Bible study

A lunch time Bible study will be held at the Letterman Army Hospital Chapel every Wednesday at noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Chaplain Leroe at 561-3474/2351.

Great America, Marine World tickets

ITT is offering discount tickets for both Great America and Marine World Africa U.S.A. For more information, call ITT at 561-3992.

Circus is coming

ITT is now selling Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus tickets for the Aug. 31 show at Cow Palace. The show begins at 11 a.m. and costs \$11.50 for everyone over 2-years-old. For more information, call Sandy Cornett at 561-3992.

Air base museum open

The Travis Air Force Base Museum, located in Building 80 at Travis Air Force Base, off Interstate 80, Fairfield, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Aircraft displays include cargo planes, fighters and helicopters. Exhibits include a NASA display showing the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions and a display of the Berlin Airlift. Admission is free. Visitors must obtain a visitor's pass at the checkpoint before reaching the main gate. For more information, call 1-707-424-4451 or 1-707-424-5605.

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Sunday, Sept. 1: One Good Cop (R), 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 2: Dutch (PG-13), 7 p.m.

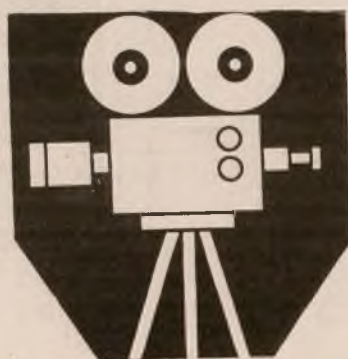
Friday, Sept. 6: City Slickers (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7: Life Stinks (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 8: Life Stinks (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 9: Point Break (R), 7 p.m.

It's Showtime!



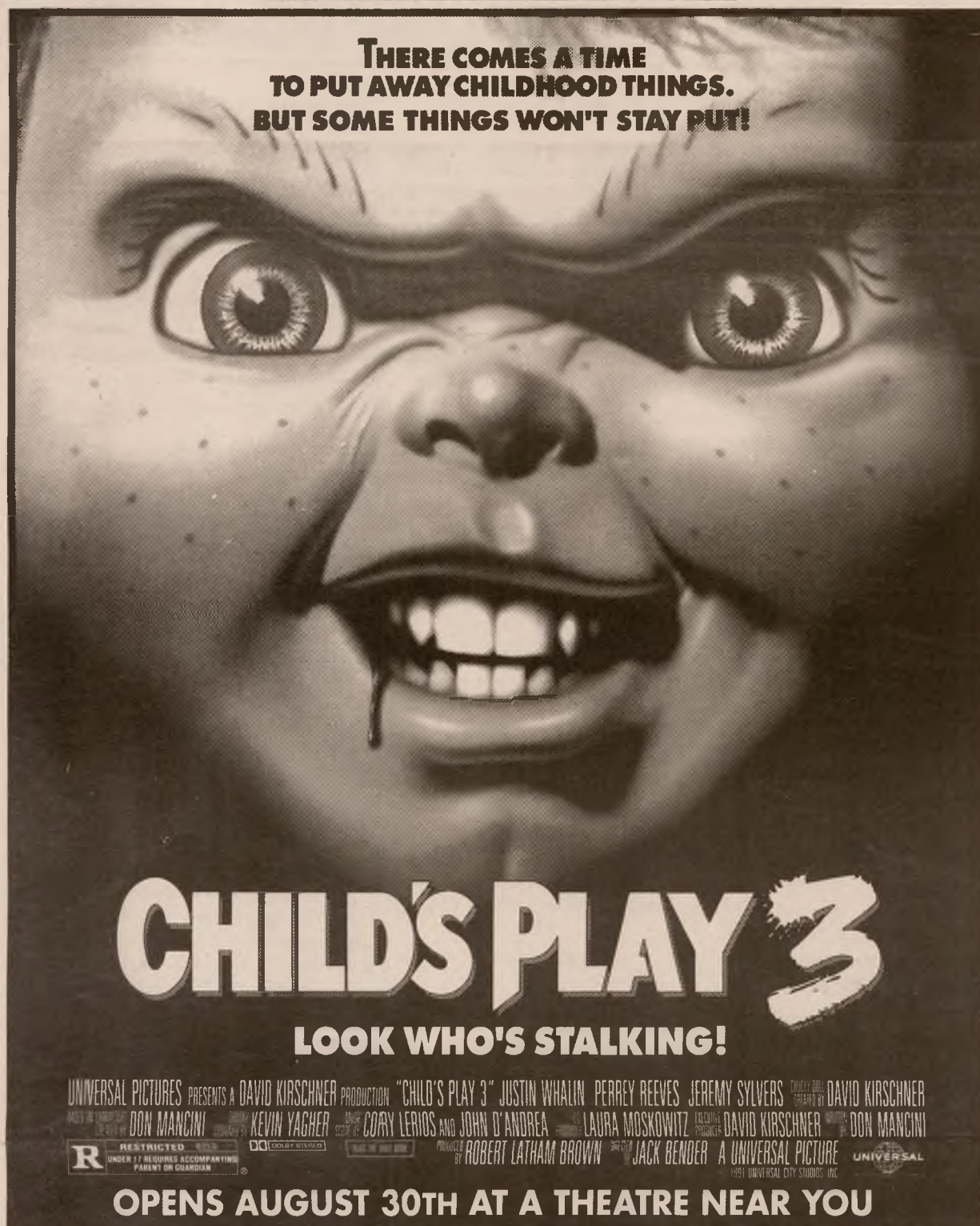
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Gen. Wepster to arrive

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
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The official Presidio welcome for Sixth Army's new Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Component, Brig. Gen. Jan P. Wepster, is scheduled as a retreat ceremony at 4 p.m. on Friday at Pershing Square (main flag pole).

Wepster has served most of his 28-year military career as an infantryman with the Oregon National Guard and still resides in that state. His most recent assignment was Assistant Adjutant General for the Oregon National Guard.

An ROTC graduate of Oregon State University, Wepster earned a bachelor's degree in Horticulture and works in that field as a civilian. He owns Wepster Farms, an orchard and nursery in Sheridan, Oregon.

In his new military assignment, Wepster is charged with assisting in command of Sixth Army units and providing a total force for mobilization and land defense of the United States.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony tomorrow so as to give Wepster a special welcome.



Brig. Gen. Jan. P. Wepster.

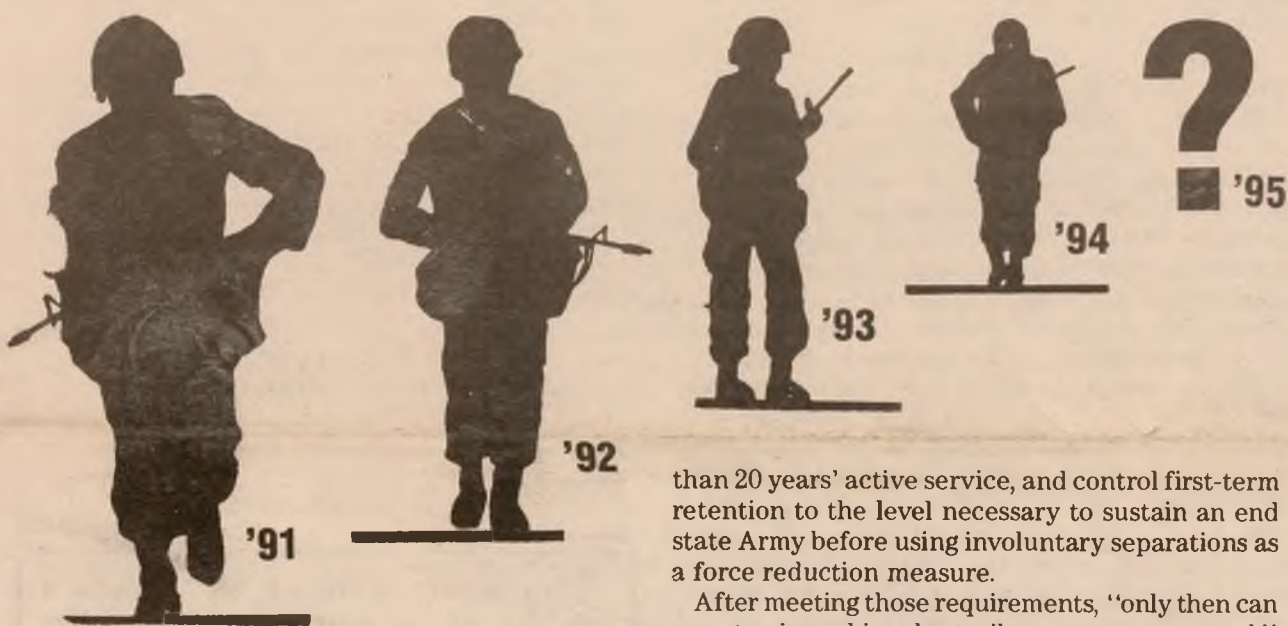
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DCSPER: Involuntary separations during drawdown



The Army's top personnel officer, Lt. Gen. William Reno, says that involuntary separations will be necessary if the Army is to reduce its ranks to 535,000 soldiers by the end of fiscal 1995.

Under current plans, the Army will be reduced by 50,000 in fiscal 1992, followed by about 42,000 annually through 1995. Another 80,000 civilian positions would also be eliminated from the Army, although about 30,000 would be absorbed by the Defense Department.

As the deputy chief of staff for personnel, Reno's task is to see that the Army gets smaller while maintaining readiness, quality and fairness. This will be accomplished in part by reducing accessions, separating some retirement-eligible soldiers early, and involuntarily separating soldiers who fail to maintain standards.

"One cannot reduce the Army from 1989 to 1995, 250,000, without involuntarily separating both officers and enlisted soldiers," Reno said. "It just cannot be done."

Reno outlined the Army's plans for keeping involuntary separations to a minimum. On the officer side, a combination of selective early retirement boards and reduced accessions is intended to limit the number of involuntary separations necessary to meet congressional end strength requirements.

For enlisted soldiers, accessions will be reduced to the minimum number needed to maintain the end state Army. This will help the Army reduce the number of career enlisted soldiers faced with involuntary separation, Reno said.

In addition, the Army plans to adjust retention control points for sergeants first class and master sergeants, and a selective early release board for command sergeants major and sergeants major, leading to an early retirement for many senior NCOs who have already served 20 years on active duty.

Those measures, combined with the recent tightening of weight and fitness standards, will help allow the Army to meet the legal requirements of the drawdown. Reno said that current law requires the Army to reduce accessions, retire soldiers with more

than 20 years' active service, and control first-term retention to the level necessary to sustain an end state Army before using involuntary separations as a force reduction measure.

After meeting those requirements, "only then can you step in and involuntarily separate personnel," Reno said.

Separate proposals in the House and Senate would restrict many options now available to reduce the force, effectively preventing involuntary separations and making executing a balanced reduction more difficult.

The Senate proposal would limit the Army to first-term separations and early retirements as its only drawdown measures; the House version restricts the Army to only current methods of separating soldiers. Reno said both measures were "unacceptable," and would likely prompt even deeper cuts in accessions.

"We really cannot, as an Army, accept that," Reno said. "We would not have a flow of skill-level one soldiers into the Army, so we would have sergeants doing private's work. You would have platoons in your combat force without platoon leaders. More important, you would have voids of one, two or three years — depending on how long the law was in place — in which you would not be growing a generation of sergeants to become master sergeants, to become sergeants majors, and lieutenants to become captains, majors and colonels."

Reno added that the Army could also slow promotions to meet officer end strength and keep NCO levels in line with force structure. This would also reduce the involuntary separations to meet end strength but, as mentioned earlier, would result in sergeants doing private's work.

"Our career attrition rates are not high enough to accommodate the drawdown," he said.

Reno said war planners in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans are shaping the Army into a four-corps, 20-division force; 12 of those divisions would be active Army units. Once the planners determine what kinds of units are needed, Reno's job is to make sure that the Army has the right number of soldiers in the right military occupational specialties at the right grade.

For example, no cuts are planned in Army special forces units. On the other hand, Reno said engineer and artillery units will be cut from the Army's force

structure, prompting reductions in the number of soldiers required in those fields.

Once the Army reaches its end state strength in fiscal 1995, it will enter what Reno calls a "steady state," maintaining accessions at a constant level. He added that because most of the Army will be based in the continental United States, longer tour lengths and less unit and personal turbulence should result.

News Briefs

Scheduled power outage

In support of an on-going contract, a power outage has been scheduled for Friday and Sunday, Sept. 6 and 8. The purpose for the shutdown is to repair relays/fuses for the power system on the Presidio. The shutdown schedule is as follows:

Friday, Sept. 6

8 to 9 a.m. Ruger Street: Buildings 563, 567, 569 and 572.

9 to 10 a.m. Sub-station 70: Housing areas 500, 700, 800; Buildings 42, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 64, 65, 67, 1027, 1028, 1229 and 1030.

10 to 11 a.m. Sub-station 1499: Buildings 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1411, 1413, 1421, 1423, 1425, 1431 - 1433, 1440, 1443, 1450, 1703 - 1713, 1750 - 1756, 1770 - 1773, 1788, 1789 and 1794.

Sunday, Sept. 8

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Building 1100, LAMC.

Any questions concerning the outage should be directed to DEH Inspection Branch at 561-6000.

Beware of faulty heaters

According to an article recently reported in the New York Times, an Italian company which manufactures portable electric heaters for home use produced more than three million faulty units between 1980 to 1988. The oil-filled devices apparently are a fire hazard. Approximately 270,000 heaters were sold in the United States with the Welbilt or Sears, Roebuck & Company tag. The manufacturer, DeLonghi S.p.A of Italy, has agreed to replace the faulty control panels on the radiator-shaped heaters. If your heater bears the serial code "816F," then phone 1-800-874-0981 to request your replacement.

Temporary ASP closure

The Ammunition Supply Point will be undergoing a wall-to-wall inventory from Sept. 23 - 25 and will be closed to normal operations. Emergencies on turn-in and issues must be cleared through the Chief, Supply and Services Division. Normal operations will resume Sept. 26. Your point of contact is Allen Young or Joe Diaz, Ammunition Section, at 561-2790.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Aloha, Presidians:

As I write these lines Mrs. Harrison and I are enjoying our final "leave" before our retirement. Following a few days at Barbers Point Naval Air Station, we will attend the annual National Guard Conference in Honolulu. Each day we look eastward and know that it is another great day at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place.

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I became aware this week of yet another fan of Presidio of San Francisco. Seems Mrs. Vivian

Fortress has had a long association with PSF and wanted one of the flags that had flown over the post. Some of her friends and relatives made this possible and we're all happy for Mrs. Fortress and send along a big loud HOO AH! to go with the flag.

On 28 August, I had the honor of presenting Mr. George Grace from our DCST office a Superior Civilian Service Award. Mr. Grace is a Military Occupational Training coordinator and was responsible for the individual training of more than 1,100 Reserve Component soldiers during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. This was post mobilization training to better insure they were prepared to go in harms way should that have been necessary. I know that because of Mr. Grace's efforts, these soldiers were more confident as they went into a combat situation. A big HOO AH! for George Grace.

On Wednesday the 28th it became obvious I was going to have to make an unanticipated visit with the TAGs of Idaho, Nevada and Oregon on Thursday the 29th. This is no small undertaking—redoing the schedules of four generals, arranging transportation, meeting facilities, briefings, etc. But it all happened and without a hitch. It was a very worthwhile meeting and hopefully will produce good results. My reason for sharing this with you is to compliment some folks who made it all happen—some folks who usually get little credit for all they do. Key players were my Chief of Staff, my Aide, the Secretary of the General Staff, the Aviation Section of DCST, the Flight Detachment, my driver, military secretary and Mrs. Teague, my secretary. All these folks work very hard day in and day out to insure the duties and responsibilities of this headquarters are carried out punctually and professionally. They are the real unsung heroes of Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army and I want to send each of them a big, loud HOO AH!



On Thursday afternoon we had our monthly retirement ceremony. Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Brown from our Inspector General's office was our only retiree but one or 100, our DPT always insures a great ceremony. Thursday was no exception. As always the Sixth U.S. Army band was great, the LAMC color guard and Company B, LAMC performed outstandingly. There was a special twist to this ceremony as Lieutenant Colonel Brown had a former fellow lieutenant from Vietnam days participate. Lieutenant Colonel Brown and Mr. Suessman have maintained their friendship throughout all these years. His presence made it even more meaningful for Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Brown. From all of us—congratulations and all best wishes to the Browns.

Some days ago one of our great volunteers here at Presidio of San Francisco asked me for some help. Seeking some expert help for her, Specialists Barron and Gonzalez from C/864th came to the rescue. So, to Barron and Gonzalez my thanks and a big loud HOO AH! Once again, it is YOU who make Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

Aloha and God Bless.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

As we contemplate closure, let us remember:

"To make an end end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

—T.S. Elliot

Gen. Sullivan visits Idaho Guard unit

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Advisor
Public Affairs Officer

Some things are so special they only happen "once in a blue moon." When U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Gordon R. Sullivan recently visited the 116th Cavalry Brigade of the Idaho National Guard, it was the first time that an Army chief of staff had ever visited or inspected the Idaho National Guard.

There were several reasons for the general's day-long visit. According to Capt. Michael Gollaher, brigade public affairs officer, the general wanted to tour Gowen Field, home of the three nation-wide armor related schools and known as the "little Ft. Knox" of the Army. Gowen Field boasts the Reserve Components Tank Commander School, the Combat Vehicle Transition Training Team and a Regional Training Site (maintenance). The area also supports the 138,000 acre Orchard Training Area (OTA), which includes the Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC), one of the premiere armor training sites in the nation. Gen. Sullivan also wanted to visit and observe the training of the 116th Cavalry Brigade, which is the round-out brigade to the



photo by Staff Sgt. Thueson

Staff Sgt. Foy, a TOW instructor at Idaho's Regional Training Site, talks to Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan as he visited the Sixth U.S. Army unit in Idaho.

active Army's 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson.

The OTA is used to train armored cavalry, artillery and air assault units. Combat engineers also use the area to practice breaching techniques, placing bridges and general combat operations. The MPRC is a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art computerized training and maneuver range for armored ve-

hicles. It may be the toughest maneuver range in the nation, according to Col. John Kane, brigade commander. The \$13.7 million range allows tank teams to perform gun siting, stationary gunnery and to engage computerized targets along maneuver lanes, all while being recorded on videotape and analyzed by computer. When team members finish the course, they receive immediate feedback on how well they performed.

Some of the units the Chief visited included Oregon's 3/116 Cavalry and Idaho's 1/148 Field Artillery. He spoke with several soldiers performing gunnery and battery.

Sixth Army Commander Lt. Gen. William Harrison accompanied Gen. Sullivan on the visit as the Idaho Guard is part of the Sixth Army area.

Rare though the visit was, it seems to have been a great success. Saying he came to "see how good units train for mission accomplishment," Gen. Sullivan was very impressed with the training opportunities, leadership and Guardsmen he encountered. Citing the lessons learned during Desert Storm, he remarked that "You need lots of maneuver room and lots of space for this type of training. Gowen Field gives us that kind of training capability."

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
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Will your children's lives be better or worse than yours' and why?

Sgt. 1st Class Stykes, parachute rigger, Defense Distribution Region West, shop site: "They'll be better. I have experience now to make it better for my children. I'll work hard for them and give them the best education so they can grow up and make it on their own. It will definitely be better."



Bob That, logistics specialist, Sixth U.S. Army: "Better, definitely. I'll plan for it by establishing for their education and quality of life."



Spec. Kennard L. Gunter, Military police, Law Enforcement Company: "As far as education, I think their lives will be better. As far as violence and children being misguided about drugs, I think their lives will be harder. The opportunities and education will hopefully make it better."



Lt. Col. David B. Monteith, actions officer, Emergency Operations Center, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations: "Their lives will be better. I'm smarter than I used to be and maybe they can learn from my experiences."



Spec. John F. Register, radio operator, satellite communications, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison: "I pray it will be better. It doesn't look like the world is getting any easier. Along with being a tougher world the things he'll have to guard against will also be greater. He'll have to be smart to safe guard his belong ings."



Maureen C. Bergson, retired military wife: "I think it's already harder than our lives. Because there are so many more temptations and more competition."



photo by Duvel White

School shear

The party is over for 6-year-old Michael Boone as Presidio barber Warren Smiley gives him his back to school haircut Saturday at the Main Post Exchange Barber Shop. Students throughout the city returned to school this week.

A Fond Farewell To A Lovely Lady

by Linda J. M. Adkins

There comes a time in every Army wife's career that she must say goodbye to a life she has come to know so well. Please join us on Friday, September 27 at the home of Mrs. Nancy Brady, 13337 Pope Street, the Presidio, for a farewell tea in honor of the lovely Mrs. Jo Harrison, wife of Lieutenant General William H. Harrison. Mrs. Harrison has had an outstanding career as an Army spouse and has added much life and color to the Presidio most recently, and many other Posts as well. She speaks kindly to all those whom she meets and offers a genuine warmth and understanding to soldiers and their families all over the U.S.

as a gracious representative of the Sixth U.S. Army. Lieutenant General William H. Harrison will be retiring from his Command of the Sixth U.S. Army in late September.

Please join us in a fond Farewell Tea - "Shades of Purple and White" - from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 in Mrs. Harrison's honor. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please make sure to R.S.V.P. to Sherri Miller at 386-3003 no later than September 24. If you have missed meeting this lovely lady, then take this opportunity to come and say farewell for all her special work for the Army and the Presidio of San Francisco.

Spec Hal Taylor, HHC Headquarters Command Battalion cooks up some breakfast vittles last week during a camping and white-water rafting trip sponsored by the Post Chapel. Taylor was named Soldier of the Month for Headquarters Command Battalion for August.



Battalion Non Commissioned Officer of the Quarter is Sgt. Gregory DeMo, of Law Enforcement Company.

Letterman Army Hospital's Soldier of the Month for August is Spec. Penny Mims, Patient Administration specialist.

News/Views

Letter to the Editor

Mr K.M. Petrack
Managing Editor, Star Presidian

Thank you for contacting me regarding the source income tax and the severe financial burden this tax places on retirees. I understand your concerns about this tax and appreciate your support, especially the effort you have taken in writing the article, "Source taxes - an ongoing issue" in the *Star Presidian*. As you know, this is a national issue.

On January 3, 1991, I introduced H.R. 431, which puts an absolute ban on the unfair practice of a state taxing non-residents' pension income. This bill currently has over 125 cosponsors and is identical to H.R. 1227, which I introduced into the previous Congress with 94 cosponsors. It is currently being considered by the Subcommittee on Economic and Commercial Law within the Committee on the Judiciary.

On March 22, 1991, I introduced H.R. 1655. Although it does not ban source income taxes in all instances, it solves the serious problems associated with these taxes. H.R. 1655, which has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, has over 35 cosponsors and would simply force states with source income taxes to treat taxpayers fairly. Any state intent on maintaining these taxes could do so only if it provided taxpayers with 1) advance notice of the tax, 2) a taxing formula that does not include income from other states, and 3) an opportunity for retirees to prepay the tax before they leave the state.

H.R. 431 and H.R. 1655 do nothing more than provide simple fairness and decency to our senior citizens and to all American taxpayers who may live in one or more states during their lifetime. Because of the efforts of people like you who have taken the

time to write, this message is getting through to more and more Members of Congress. An even greater aid in the passage of these bills would be for you to contact your Congressman and urge him to become a cosponsor.

Again, thank you for contacting me and please continue to keep me informed about other issues of concern to you.

Sincerely,

BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH
Member of Congress

Managing Editor's Comments: Although any of these bills would be an improvement over the current situation of your retirement income being taxed suddenly and with penalties by all the states (which have the tax) in which you may have lived and worked, H.R. 431 (same as H.R. 1227) would be the far better law in that it would, as Congresswoman Vucanovich says, put "an absolute ban on the unfair practice of a state taxing non-residents' pension income."

The alternate H.R. 1655 would "not ban source income taxes in all instances," but would put limitations on states - such as making them "give advance notice" to retirees that the tax is owed, disallowing them to tax "income earned in other states," or letting retirees "prepay the source tax" before they leave the state - thus, in actuality, allowing the states to continue collecting the source taxes under a different format.

I am not clear how H.R. 1655 would "solve the serious problems associated with these taxes." Perhaps

the "serious problems" H.R. 1655 would "solve" is that, under H.R. 1655, you would BE TOLD and would KNOW you are being "source taxed" and might thereby avoid the hefty penalty, such as California's penalty of 55 percent of the tax bill imposed on those who have not paid the taxes - in some cases for years; certainly you could learn early which states impose source taxes and could avoid moving to, or accepting jobs in, those states during your working career.

According to a staff assistant in Congresswoman Vucanovich's office, there are 33 states that have the source tax law on their books. Only 12 currently enforce the tax, of which 3 aggressively pursue the tax. California is the most relentless pursuer of retirees who have left the state, followed by Idaho and then Iowa. The other 9 states enforcing the source tax law are Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. New Jersey had the source tax law, but the state legislature rescinded it for reasons not given. Although abolishment of the law, like its creation, is within the states' power, it is doubtful that abolishment of the "easy money" the source tax brings in would be voluntarily stricken from most states' books unless laws enacted at the national level required it.

Therefore, I believe that, to really provide "fairness and decency to our senior citizens and to all American taxpayers," we need a law to END the source tax practice COMPLETELY; H.R. 431 would do that. H.R. 1655, on the other hand, would allow the states to continue collecting the source taxes under a modified set of rules.

K.M. Petrack
Managing Editor

Army won't scrap junior NCO promotion boards

by Army News Service

The Army recently concluded that as far as soldiers eligible for sergeant and staff sergeant go, rank is more valuable when promotion procedures are tougher.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command considered eliminating boards for promotion to those ranks. Appraisals from a soldier's commander and first sergeant would have replaced the boards. Yet feedback from major commands indicated they are not in favor of eliminating boards. PERSCOM reported four areas of opposition to the change.

First was the perception of fairness. Boards include minority representation and help preclude favoritism.

Second was tradition. Many noncommissioned officers view promotion boards as a rite of passage and essential to NCO development.

Third was training. Although some leaders look at promotion boards as training distractors, others see them as training vehicles to encourage soldiers to study basic military skills and to increase their knowledge.

Fourth was a concern about workload at company level. Some commands were concerned that the proposed new procedures would shift workload from the personnel action center to the company.

While the new procedures weren't implemented, PERSCOM officials say the review wasn't pursued in vain. It allowed them to take a critical look at how soldiers are selected for and promoted to sergeant and staff sergeant, and identified areas for improvement, like the annual promotion point recomputation system which was subsequently revised because of the PERSCOM review.

(This article originally appeared in the *Perspective*, the newspaper of the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.)

New reserve option proposed

by Army News Service

A proposed Army policy will offer separating soldiers a new reserve obligation option, according to officials at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Under the Selected Reserve Augmentee concept, soldiers released from active duty or a Reserve troop program unit could choose to serve in the SRA for the first 18 months of their remaining obligation instead of directly entering the Individual Ready Reserve as enlistments now dictate.

Future soldiers with remaining military service obligations would be required to enter the SRA.

As an incentive, SRA soldiers would receive benefits unavailable to IRR soldiers not on active duty training orders. Possible benefits being explored include exchange privileges, morale, welfare and recreation access, limited commissary benefits, Soldiers Group Life Insurance coverage and priority consideration for vacancies in troop program units.

Maj. Albert E. Bailey, ODCSPER, said the policy would provide the Army a more flexible mobilization

manpower pool. He said unlike IRR soldiers, who can only be mobilized after a declaration of national emergency or declaration of war, SRA soldiers could be involuntarily called to active duty under the 200,000 Presidential Call-Up authority.

"They would serve as fillers and replacements for early deploying active and reserve units," Bailey said. "This would keep us from depleting the remaining units which may eventually be called up."

During Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, IRR soldiers were mobilized Jan. 19, long after the president invoked his call-up authority. Bailey said those IRR soldiers fell into what would be the SRA category, having been released from active duty or troop program units within the previous 12 months.

Lt. Col. Hank Hanrahan, also of ODCSPER, said the SRA soldiers, like their IRR counterparts, may train if they desire, but are not required. He said many IRR soldiers volunteered to support DESERT SHIELD/STORM even before the presidential call-up and partial mobilization.

Push for women combat pilots

by Army News Service

The move to open combat aviation positions to women gained momentum in Congress last month.

Two separate Senate proposals — one to permanently lift the ban on women combat pilots, and another to allow the military to temporarily test women in combat roles — were passed in July. The latter proposal calls for the establishment of a presidential commission to study the feasibility of women in combat positions and to report back to Congress next year.

The House of Representatives passed legislation earlier this year to lift restrictions on women combat pilots.

Any amendment to the law barring women from flying combat aircraft would directly affect the Air Force and Navy. There is no law restricting the assignment of women pilots in the Army, but Pentagon officials say the Army's internal combat exclusion policy is closely linked to the other services' statutes.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has taken a "wait and see" approach to the Congressional action. In a televised interview Aug. 2, he called the Senate proposal for a presidential commission to study the matter "perfectly reasonable."

Under the Army's policy, women are excluded from direct combat skills and units. The policy, formally known as the "Army Policy for the Assignment of Female Soldiers," was adopted in 1978 to put the Army "in line with the other services and the statutes that affect them," said Maj. Marcene Etchison of the Soldier Policy Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

The policy states that "women will be assigned in all skills and positions except those which involve the highest probability of routine engagement in direct combat with enemy forces, or collocate them with direct combat units."

"The role American women will play on future battlefields is of paramount concern to our Army and its senior leaders," said Army Secretary Michael P.W. Stone in a prepared statement. "At present, we are awaiting the outcome of Congressional action as well as guidance from the Secretary of Defense. Our current policy remains in effect."

Supporters of the changes cite career advancement as the primary reason for the proposed policy change. They say women are prevented from attaining some of the top positions in the military because they lack combat experience.

Constitution Bicentennial

Nation commemorates adoption of Bill of Rights

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The five-year observance of the Constitution of the United States is in its final year, a year that commemorates the adoption of the first ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights outlines specific freedoms and liberties that are guaranteed to every citizen of the United States. Also, these rights apply to every member of the U.S. military and are reflected in federal laws, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Army Regulations and command orders.

(Ed. note: For consistency, all citizens of the United States will be referred to as "citizens" in this article, not as "Americans"—there are North Americans, Latin Americans and South Americans who have become citizens of this country. Also, capitalization and grammar are reproduced here as it was written in the original style.)

'Though debated many times in our nations halls of justice, the Bill of Rights has served the nation for 200 years.

Members of the Army swear an oath to protect these basic freedoms upon entry to the service.

Following is a list of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. All ten amendments in the Bill of Rights were ratified in December, 1791, and will be exactly 200 years old this year.

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The ideas in this amendment are so attractive to other peoples and cultures that it probably describes the most important reasons immigrants give for wanting to come to the United States.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

It is from this amendment that this nation employs the concept of the citizen soldier who serves in National Guard units in every state.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

King George's soldiers had a bad habit of taking over people's homes when they needed a place to stay.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

For 200 years, this amendment has protected citizens from improper search and seizure tactics.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

This amendment allows citizens to "plead the fifth" in a court of law, that is, to refrain from incriminating themselves in court testimony. This amendment also sets limits to the manner in which capital crimes are handled for civilians and military members. Additionally, the Fifth Amendment protects a citizen from "double jeopardy"—being tried twice for the same offense in the same court or jurisdiction.



Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed; which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

The Sixth Amendment guarantees a fair trial and fair court conduct to all citizens. Holding trials in public helps guarantee these rights.

Amendment VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

The Seventh Amendment extends the right to trial to civil suits.

However, citizens in civil suits are allowed to waive trial and have their case tried by a judge.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.

This amendment restricts the manner in which bail is imposed and sentences for crimes are administered. Citizens cannot be punished in a degrading manner nor in a manner based on the whims of the court.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

In today's language this amendment guarantees that rights specifically listed in the Constitution will not infringe upon or erase other rights that are commonly held to be true by citizens of the United States, even though those rights may not be specifically listed.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

The Tenth Amendment declares that the federal government has only those powers which are outlined in the Constitution of the United States—all other powers are controlled by the individual states. Further, if the individual states have not elected to practice certain powers, those powers then rest with the people.

In The New Federalist Papers, Aug. 28, 1989, in Montclair, Calif., the importance of the Bill of Rights was explained by Leonard W. Levy, professor of history at the Claremont Graduate School and editor-in chief of the Encyclopedia of the American Constitution, when he said:

"The importance of the Bill of Rights for the maintenance of the civil liberties of all of us as individuals and as members of minority groups (we all are members of some minority) is apparent. More significant, and not so readily apparent, is the importance of civil liberties to our society as a whole, to all of us as part of the machinery of self-government. That is, the Bill of Rights not only imposes the ground rules by which the majority governs, but makes self-government itself possible."

The Bill of Rights guarantee basic freedoms to all citizens—whether civilian or military. These first ten amendments spell out the freedom to practice the religion of one's choice, speak freely on issues and to congregate openly with others without worry of punishment or retribution.

These ten amendments outline rights that are not available to many people in countries around the world, but for 200 years have been guaranteed to every citizen of the United States.

And, as part of the Constitution of the United States, these ten basic rights are included in the ideals that we, the members of the U.S. Army, have sworn an oath to protect and defend with our lives.

Volunteers

There when you need them, the American Red Cross

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

No matter where, when soldiers need emergency help, the American Red Cross is there. And chances are that somewhere in the link between the soldier and their need, is an American Red Cross volunteer.

"We could not survive without volunteers," said Lexa C. Meadows, Presidio Red Cross Station manager. "I really respect someone who gets up in the morning, takes two kids to school and then comes to work without being paid. It takes a very special person."

The American Red Cross staffs 277 domestic and overseas U.S. military installations and is linked to every Navy ship at sea, according to an American Red Cross flier. Every 11 seconds, these stations combine with 2,900 local Red Cross Chapters to help current or former members of the Armed Forces who are experiencing an emergency.

Whether serving as a communications link for soldiers and their families, giving emergency financial assistance, providing information and referral or teaching health and safety courses, the American Red Cross has been there since 1881.

On the Presidio, the Red Cross operation is run by two staff members and approximately 100 volunteers. The volunteers work about 2,000 hours each month. One Red Cross volunteer, Agnes Twilley, a bright-eyed silver-haired angel of mercy who won't discuss her age, volunteers 40 hours a week at Letterman Army Hospital.

"Our volunteers are great," Meadows said. "A lot of them have been here for a long time and they are very protective. You hear them calling this, 'My hospital,' or 'My clinic.' They really take pride in volunteering here."

Meadows stresses the Presidio Red Cross station needs volunteer instructors to teach first aid, CPR and other health and safety courses.

"We really need instructors for first aid and CPR classes," she said. "It is important that everyone know how to help in any type of emergency."

Volunteer instructors are the key for training the general population. "If someone has any time to give, do it," Meadows said. "It increases self-esteem and helps many people. . . we also pay baby-sitting fees for volunteers to learn new skills."

The Presidio Red Cross station is offering courses



Friends and smiles—Volunteering with the Red Cross is fun and rewarding as the smiling faces of Marie Daugharty and Patricia Wright show.

for Community CPR Instructor, Standard First Aid Instructor and Instructor Candidate Training.

The Red Cross also offers classes in Community CPR covering adult, child and infant CPR, Standard First Aid with adult or child/infant CPR, and Advanced First Aid. Other classes are: HIV/AIDS training, baby sitting classes, life guard training and Infant/preschool Aquatic Program. For more information or to volunteer call 561-2187.

As an American Red Cross poster says, "Around the clock, around the world. . . We're there."



Presidians receive free CPR training during a Red Cross CPR Saturday

WE'RE THERE

Learning how to save lives is only one of the many goods the Red Cross offers.



Red Cross volunteer Alice Gascon.



photos courtesy American Red Cross

AROUND THE CLOCK, AROUND THE WORLD.

Recreation

Presidio Art Center, a creative place

by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian Staff

Where can you enjoy yourself, save money, and have something to show for the time spent? At the Presidio Art Center, building 122, at the end of Riley Avenue where it runs into Lincoln Blvd.

You can frame a picture, learn how to use a camera and develop the film, upholster a couch or chair, build a project in wood shop, create a vase, bowl or mug from clay, or learn to paint a still life subject in oil paints.

With the holidays just around the corner, it's not a bit too soon to start making some really great, unique presents for family and friends.

FRAMING

One of the most popular classes given, in addition to being practical and useful, is the Framing Class. A new class begins every other Wednesday, and is limited to six people at a time. "Military people are great collectors of items from all over the world, especially paintings, and pictures needing framing," said Dean Steiner, Director of Arts and Crafts, a branch of Community, Recreation Division. "Whether you do it yourself, or have the staff custom frame it for you, you save about 50 percent of what you would pay downtown. If you are looking for a really fancy frame, you save even more."

Every couple of months, the Art Center has a sale on custom framing and supplies, when you can save up to 30 percent off custom framing labor fees.

"The Art Center can frame anything from a small photo to very large pictures and paintings, or teach you to do the same," Steiner said. "After someone has taken the class, they can then use the framing shop on their own any time during open hours." "Every class is full and there is usually a waiting list," added Steiner. "It's been like that since they opened the frame shop five years ago." The instructor is Rik Livingston, the fee is \$15 plus supplies, and the class is 6:30-9:30 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The photo class, a basic introductory to black and white photography, is six weeks in length and the next one is from Oct. 2 through Nov. 6. A 35mm camera is preferred with aperture and shutter options.

"Some people take the class with a specific project in mind such as portraiture, still life, or night photography," said Tonya Hough, assistant director and photo instructor, "while others just want the basic photographic knowledge, how to use a camera."

It's a darkroom oriented class with one field trip as a group, and all other shooting done on your own. You come back to the Art Center and develop and print your own pictures. You learn the basic developing and printing techniques as well as how to lighten, darken, or enlarge your photos or crop them to enlarge only portions of them. You can do some exciting things in the way of presents for others with your own photography, and your own frame.

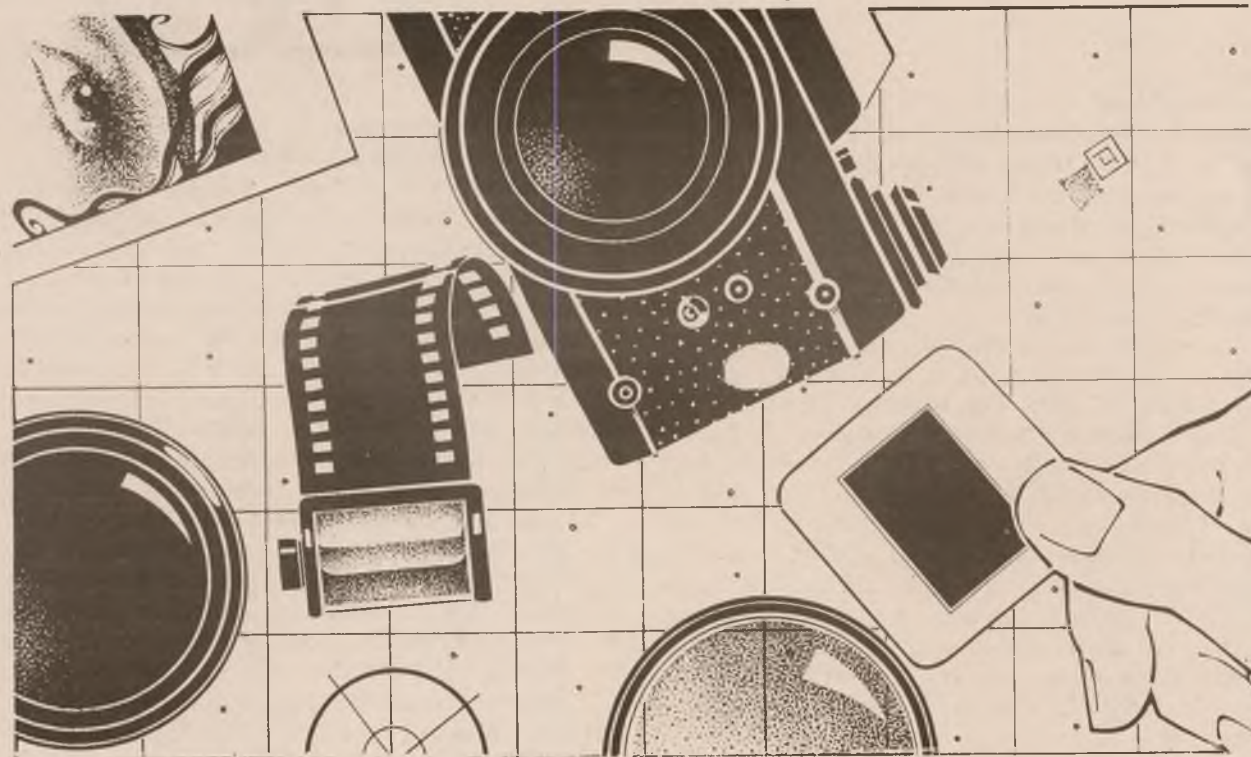
OIL PAINTING

The smell of turpentine fills the air as you enter the basement room where the Oil Painting class is held. This is an on-going class. You can start any Wednesday and experience is not necessary.

"Mr. Leroy Cleal has voluntarily taught this class since 1957, uses a traditional format and is a great colorist," said Steiner. He is a native San Franciscan and has seen many changes as the different eras of peace, war, and cold war evolved. Cleal stated the art classes have been held in various locations on Post over the years; at the Religious Activity Center, in a building by the library, and in different parts of the current Art Center.

"There is a cycle to the classes, sometimes they are real popular, then as personnel are moved to other locations, they get smaller for awhile." Cleal said. One of the painters, Mrs. Marie Strother, said she had been attending classes for over 20 years. A second one, Mrs. Chris Richardson, has only been in the class about a month. "Another regular is Elizabeth Delatorre, who has been painting for 10 to 15 years," said Strother. The Art Center has had exhibits over the years in which students may enter their work, and some students have won prizes for their pictures.

If you have ever wanted to learn to paint Still Life,



this is the class for you. You can check with the instructor to find out what you need in the way of supplies. Class meets from 6 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday and the fee is \$2.25 per meeting.

WOOD WORKING

Whether you have always wanted to build a stereo cabinet, wooden airplane, or a cradle for a baby, now is your chance. There are several classes to choose from. If you have had some experience, but it's been awhile, you can make arrangements for a "wood safety mini-class" if you don't have a wood qualification card. These classes are by appointment only and can be arranged through the front desk of the Art Center.

The next beginning wood class starts Oct. 2 and runs five weeks through Oct. 30. No previous experience is necessary. The emphasis is on basic techniques using power tools, what type of finish for your project, and safety. A wood qualification card is given upon completion of the class. The fee is \$20 plus supplies. The instructor for all wood classes is Mr. Fred Manss.

POTTERY

For all those budding potters around, a new class on "Wheel Throwing Techniques" started Sept. 4, and is held each Wednesday through Oct 2, with Karen Taylor as the instructor. This class is for the beginner or intermediate student and covers the techniques of centering the clay and developing shapes to include mugs, vases, bowls and plates. Design, decoration, and glaze finishes will also be emphasized. The class is from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and the \$20 fee covers firing, but supplies are extra.

On Saturday, Sep. 7, there will be a pottery/slab "mini-workshop" featuring large serving platters and or wall sculptures. It's all done on the slab roller with drape molds; it's fun, very easy, and you get wonderful results. Students will make up to four serving platters each; great for holiday presents or entertaining. The instructor is Tonya Hough, the fee for a gift.

If throwing pots and pitchers or making platters isn't your idea of fun, try the ceramics class. Classes are scheduled as needed on Saturday from 10 to noon. Students are introduced to slip casting which involves using liquid clay in commercial molds. There are a variety of molds: chess sets, lamp bases, nativity scenes, vases, Christmas and Halloween decorations, and many more. It's easy, lots of fun, and saves money while making super gifts for family and friends. The fee is \$6, the instructor is Tonya Hough.

There is also a two-session ceramic jewelry class in which you make the same type of ceramic earrings you see in downtown stores and at craft fairs. No experience is necessary. The techniques are easy and fun. You can make up to 20 pair of earrings in just two sessions. When you consider those earrings usually cost from \$10/\$15 a pair and up, the fee of \$12 is a real bargain. This includes the clay and firing, but colorants are extra. Tonya Hough is the instructor and classes are Saturday, Sep 14 & 21, 1-4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct 16 & 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m. (two separate classes)

UPHOLSTERY

Another very popular class is the upholstery class which is 12 weeks in length, limited to 10 students, and fills up rapidly. The next classes are Tuesday, Oct. 1 - Dec. 17 and Thursday, Oct. 3 - Dec. 19. Steiner said, "You can do any project to start, couch, chair, or loveseat, but, unless one is thoroughly experienced, no recliners are recommended." The instructor tells you just what you need in the way of materials to complete your project, and gives you a list of sources in the Bay area. There are a number of discount shops here, so you can get what you want at a reasonable price without the added labor costs. The class is for beginning and intermediate students and covers retying springs, replacing foam and padding, cutting, sewing, and application of fabrics. The fee is \$75, the instructor is Gina Palkovic. If you've got a project in mind, don't delay, get registered now, the spaces fill up fast.

AUTOMOTIVE

In addition to directing the Arts and Crafts Branch, Steiner also is in charge of the Automotive Skills center in building 662. The "Auto Shop" offers full maintenance capabilities to patrons for their automobiles, whether foreign or domestic. There are work stalls, grease racks, specialized tools and equipment available, plus a diagnostic test center, valve grinding capability, tire balancing and battery charging machinery. There are full-time mechanics to advise and assist you, and you can learn to maintain your vehicle yourself. For anyone who has had a simple tune-up or oil change recently, you know you can save money if you do the easy things yourself. They also have a used vehicle inspection program which can be arranged by appointment on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. For a \$25.00 fee a diagnostic inspection can help you determine if a used car is worth buying. They give sound mechanical advice, NOT a guarantee. For further information call Jim Porter, Auto Shop Supervisor, at 561-5521.

Steiner started as the assistant director of the Presidio craft shop in 1976. He had been the director of the Art Center at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Calif. and transferred here when it was closed. "Since most craft shop users are practical as well as talented," Steiner said, "during recessionary times, our business picks up. Do it yourself and save money in addition to having fun." "If the Art Center doesn't give a specific class and enough people want it, they will start one, added Steiner, just give them a call at 561-ARTS."

The Art Center has family day every Friday. This is a chance for you to bring your children, any age, to the Center to do your projects with you. Children are allowed in all areas, except woodworking, but must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult at all times. Children under 14 are not allowed in the center at any other times except for special classes. There are several classes given throughout the year just for children. Call or stop by the Art Center for the latest information on these or any other classes. Here is a way to save money, enjoy yourself, and develop your talents all at the same time!

Presidio News

Chapel Ponderings



by Steve Miller

Director of Religious Activities

Greetings from the entire Post Chapel staff. We hope and pray that your Labor Day weekend was safe and relaxing. The Chamber of Commerce tells us that September and October are the two best months, weather-wise, in San Francisco. Enjoy!

We can now look up into the evening skies and see something other than fog. In fact, we can actually see millions of stars. This brings to mind Psalm 8: "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou are mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor." (Ps. 8:3-5. Note: The masculine reference in this passage needs to be inclusive.) It truly is humbling to look up at the heavens and realize the magnitude of the cosmos and also realize that God is mindful of us . . . in fact God actually cares for us and what we do.

Before Iran was Muslim, they were Zoroasters (which by the way does not mean they worshipped Zorro.) One of the many beliefs they had was that Good (Ahura Mazda) existed in this world side-by-side with Evil (Ahriman). These two spirits fought the battle good and evil not on the celestial level but, rather, right here in this world using us, you and I, as instruments to do battle. People were essential to the gods to do battle on the eternal battle-field. You are probably asking, "What the heck is he talking about?" Well, to answer your question, it seems

to me that we are essential to our Judeo-Christian God, not to do battle against evil but rather to be in a relationship with the Father. God does not need us to do battle. (The fact is, God does not need us at all.) But, on the other hand, we read, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" God cares for us. God strives to establish a relationship with us, if we would only listen. God reaches out to us. We have the choice to reach back and accept the gift or to turn away and reject the gift. The choice is ours. Be that as it may, we are important to God. We are special, each one of us, to God. What we do matters.

So next time you look up into the autumn sky and see the millions of stars or as you travel around this world and feel entirely like a pawn or a non-entity, remember that hand that is reaching out to you. You are important, you are cared for. What you do in this world makes a difference.

Some important dates to remember: Next Sunday, Sept. 8, will be the Post-wide Chapel sponsored Picnic/Pot Luck. It will be held at Hamilton Field at around 1:30 in the afternoon. Transportation will be provided from the Post Chapel and Chapel of Our Lady. Phone either to make arrangements. On the 15th of September, we will have a special kickoff for our Sunday School and CCD Programs. Sunday School begins at 9:30 and we have classes for children 3 years old up through adult classes. CCD will begin at 11:15 and we will have classes for children 4 years old through Junior High. We have a great staff for both schools, so please join us for registration

next Sunday, at the Religious Activities Center or at either of the two chapels. Bible Study Fellowship for women will begin their year program on Sept. 11. Come by the RAC at 9:00 to register. This is a great four-year international program. If you move during the year, there will most likely be a BSF Program in the area in which you settle. The Jewish High Holy Days are approaching quickly. Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashana, and Sukkoth will be observed. For more information, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397. Our Senior High Fellowship Group is meeting weekly here at the RAC. Please phone the Post Chapel or the RAC for more information concerning this great program. The Presidio Bible Talk is continuing their bible study at the RAC every Thursday night at 8:00. Everyone is invited. Protestant Choir rehearsal is every Tuesday night at the Post Chapel at 7 p.m. We can use new voices in this choir.

Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and at 9 and 11 on Sunday mornings. Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Friday events or the High Holy Days schedule phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397. Protestant Worship Services are held every Sunday morning at 9 and 11 at the Main Post Chapel. Gospel Meetings are held at the LAMC Chapel every Sunday at 11 a.m. For more information about any of these events and/or programs, phone the Post Chapel at 561-4239 or the Religious Activities Center at 561-3535. We look forward to hearing from you.



photo by Duvel White

Thousands of blues fans enjoy the music during last year's San Francisco Blues Festival at Fort Mason.

Blues Festival

Producer Tom Mazzolini has announced the official lineup for the 19th Annual San Francisco Blues Festival, the oldest ongoing blues festival in the country. The concerts this year will take place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day at the Festival's long-time home, the beautiful Great Meadow at Fort Mason (Marina Boulevard at Laguana) overlooking the San Francisco

Bay. For more information, call 979-5588.

Tickets for the Festival are \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$22 for a special 2-day ticket available only in advance. Advance tickets are now on sale exclusively at all BASS/TM Tickets locations. Parking is free at Crissy Field with free shuttle service to the Great Meadow. A free kickoff concert will be held Sept. 13 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Justin Herman Plaza.

JAG offers free law school

by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The Office of the Judge Advocate is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

Under the program the Army projects sending up to 10 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense, if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 1992. Officers selected remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. The program is open to officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain with at least two but not more than six years of total active duty service (officer and enlisted) at the time legal training begins.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the fall offering of the Law School Admission Test. The original application must be coordinated with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Presidio of San Francisco, and forwarded through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at PERSCOM, and received in the Office of the Judge Advocate before their application will be considered. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline date is advised.

Interested officers must contact Capt. Saul Cantreras, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Presidio of San Francisco, 561-2588, for further information and assistance.

Motorcycle Safety —don't end up as road pizza

by Robert Kephart

Safety and Occupational Manager

Mile for mile, the motorcycle rider is between ten and fifteen times more likely to die in a crash than an automobile passenger.

One study concluded that approximately two-thirds of the accidents studied occurred at intersections. The typical accident occurred when an automobile in oncoming traffic turned into the path of a motorcycle. The fact is, most automobile drivers do not see the motorcycle and, frequently, failure of

the other driver to see the motorcycle was the cause of these accidents.

Debate concerning motorcycle helmets often become heated. However, prevailing research indicates that wearing an approved helmet can help to minimize head injuries and save lives. The Washington Post on June 4, 1986 reported the following:

- Motorcycle riders not wearing helmets are three times more likely to suffer a fatal head injury than rider wearing helmets.

- The United States Department of Transportation estimates that if every motorcyclist wore a hel-

met, more than 1,000 lives would be saved every year.

- A decade ago, Louisiana reinstated a motorcycle helmet use law after repealing it during the 1970s. Louisiana's 1982 motorcycle fatalities decreased 30 percent, even though motorcycle registration increased six percent.

- A study conducted by the University of California at Davis determined that hospital costs per injured motorcyclist averaged \$17,704. A large portion (72 percent) of hospital costs involving accidents is paid by the taxpayers.

Sports

Sports Briefs

Army ten-miler

The seventh annual Army Ten-Miler will be held Oct. 13 in Washington, D.C. The TAC certified course is largely flat, beginning at the Pentagon and continuing on through the Potomac River parks and back to the Pentagon. There is a \$12 registration fee for an individual or team runner. Team registrations must be received on or before Sept. 27. If interested, you may phone in your request for registration forms at 1-800-336-4570, extension 581.

Golf tournament

The Presidio Sports Branch Best Ball Foursome Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 19 with a shotgun start at noon. A \$20 team entry fee will be charged. This will allow individuals to form their own teams. Individuals can enter for a fee of \$5 with the Sports Branch placing them on a team. Entry blanks are available at the Presidio Sports Office, Building 63. Entry deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 17. For more information, please phone 561-5032.

Aerobics class offered

Do you want to enhance your health and have fun, too? The Post Gym offers on-going aerobics classes throughout the week for your convenience. You'll be led through the motions by four certified instructors who can also answer any questions you may have. For more information, phone the gym at 561-4131 or Beverly at 661-5617.

Bridge to Bridge Run

Thousands of dollars are in the offing for those lucky few who place in the 15th Annual Bridge to Bridge 12K and 5K races to be held Sept. 29. Registration costs are \$15 through Friday and \$18 thereafter. Known as "America's Most Beautiful Run," the Bridge to Bridge will also offer food, entertainment and drink after the race. For information about registration, call 995-6868.

Post pool hours changed

The Post Swimming Pool will close at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 10 to Sept. 26 so that the Red Cross may conduct a Lifeguard Training Course. To enroll in the Lifeguard course call Lexa Meadows, Red Cross Station Manager, at 561-2187.

Mandatory possession for PT uniform changed

The mandatory possession date for the complete Physical Fitness Uniform ensemble has been changed from Oct. 1, 1991, to April 1, 1992. This applies to active duty personnel only.

All soldiers must currently possess one PFU T-shirt and one pair of PFU shorts. By April 1, all soldiers must possess a second T-shirt, a second pair of shorts, one sweat shirt and one pair of sweat pants.

Extending the possession date will enable the supply system to support requirements of the Total Army and will also allow sufficient time for soldiers who deployed to Southwest Asia to obtain the required items. By April 1, sufficient quantities will be available in Army Military Clothing Sales Stores.

Commanders may continue to allow physical training to be conducted in utility uniforms or individually purchased athletic uniforms until March 31. Commanders may also authorize commercially purchased items such as tights, leggings, biking shorts, and head and wrist sweatbands, for wear with the PFU. If worn, they must be grey, neutral, white, or skin-tone in color and cannot bear any distinctive markings or patterns. Soldiers will not be required to purchase any of these items. They are strictly optional purchase.

When and where the PFU is worn on an installation is the commander's decision. However, soldiers may wear any element of the PFU, at their discretion, when not on the installation.

The Physical Fitness Badge is the only insignia authorized for wear on the PFU. When worn, it should be placed on the upper left front side of the PFU T-shirt and/or sweat shirt.



Pfc. Dino Napier practices his sprints on the San Francisco State Track as part of the Army World Class Athlete Program. Photo by Duvel White

Presidio trains world class athletes

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

As the sweat drains from his pores the athlete realizes that he has to drag the tire further. The tire flips and turns, making it more difficult for him to reach his goal of winning. To stabilize the tire, his coach adds the extra weight of a hurdle making it even more difficult to drive on without collapsing from muscle failure.

This is just part of the training for four athletes who are determined to make the Olympic team.

"You think PT is hard? Try dragging a tire and hurdle with a rope while you're running," Spec. John F. Register said.

Register is one of the All Army athletes who continues to push himself to the limit so he can make his dreams come true.

He qualified for the Olympic trials in 1988 before he joined the Army. "I was trying to complete school in Arkansas and I had to choose between the two," he said. "I didn't do very well at the trials."

Despite his last attempt at the Olympic team, Register still feels he has a good chance to make it this time around.

"I think I have a good chance in at least one of the events," Register said. "My safeguard is the 400 meter hurdles. It's like an Ace in the hole."

He's only ran his Ace in the Hole once, but Register is sure this is the race to go for.

Trying out for the Olympics was his intention when he signed up for four years of service.

"I wasn't ready to give up track and field, but I had to support my family," he said. "I heard about the Army's program and the All Army team so I enlisted."

Register made the All Army team in 1989 after attending the All Army Trials Camp here at the Presidio. He was on the All Service team for two years and competed in Rome and Finland in the 110 hurdle and long jump.

Track is not Register's only duty in the Army. He's a radio operator and served in the Persian Gulf from Oct. 17, 1990 until March 21. Along with Register two other athletes served in the war.

Trying out for the Olympics was Register's goal when he joined the service, but other athletes weren't thinking about track.

"Running track wasn't my goal when I came in," 1st Lt. Julia M. Turig said. "My goal was to put in 20 years and it still is."

Turig also qualified for the Olympic trials before joining the military, but that's when she thought it ended.

"I had basically given-up on track," Turig said. "I thought track and field was over."

She then went to Germany where she got back into track and won the European Championship.

After her success, she put in paperwork to make the All Army Track team.

Last year, Turig was ranked sixth in the nation. She wasn't ranked this year because she was also serving in the Gulf.

"I decided to participate in the World Class Program," Turig said. "I thought it's my last chance."

Turig participates in the 100, 200 and 400 meter events. She specifically is training on the 200 and 400.

Although Turig didn't see this in her military career, she said, "This is my dream come true."

"All my life I have not been able to get the training and coaching I needed to make myself competitive," Turig said. "The Army has made it possible for me."

"It's hard to hold down a job and still have the time to train," she added. "In Russia and Germany children are pulled out at an early age and they just train to become athletes. That's why they have great athletes."

Ironically, these world class athletes are trained and coached by the Russian Olympic coach from the 70s.

"He's tough," Turig said. "He's really getting me ready. He believes I have what it takes."

"I want to kick some butt," she added.

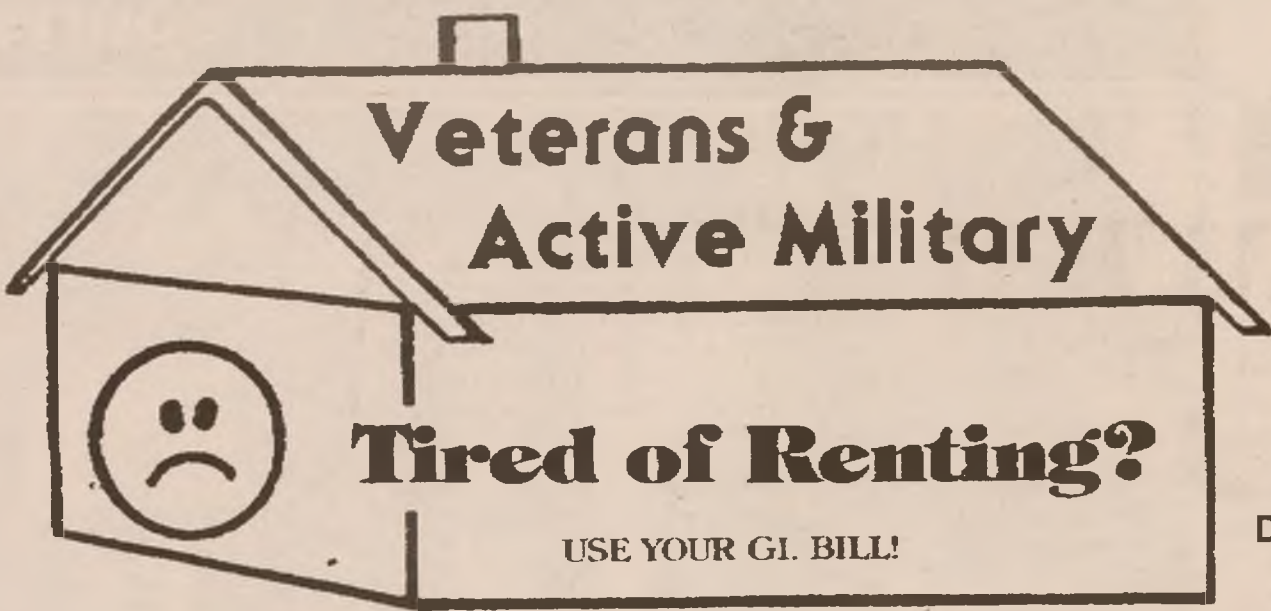
According to Turig, athletes have to be ranked at least third in the nation to make the Olympic team.

Track is not all these soldiers do for military service.

Besides going to track in Hayward, Calif., these soldiers are obligated to four hours of military duty every day.

According to Sgt. Allen, the program coordinator, the athletes work out three hours a day at the track.

"They're all doing really good," Allen said. "I think they have a good chance of making it to the Olympics."



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Competition will be as follows:

- A - Open Division (39 years and under)
- B - Senior Division (40 years and older)
- C - Women's Division (Open only)
- D - Men's Doubles
- E - Women's Doubles

After normal duty hours & weekends

Store closures

The Self Help Center Store and Garden Shop will be closed on Sept. 10, 11 and 12 for annual inventory. Individuals needing to clear the post will be assisted as usual on all three days. For more information, call the Self Help Center at 561-5127.

Diet classes

Most fast foods are high in fat. You can learn to be more discerning by attending the lecture *Fat Facts For Fast Eating*. It will be presented by a registered dietician to help you make healthy fast food selections by reading the labels. This class is open to all military personnel and will be offered for noncommissioned officer professional development on Monday and Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. in Torney Hall. Officer professional development for a class is scheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the same location.

Round-up 91'

The Presidio Cub Scout Pack 77 will be conducting its Round-up 91' at the Youth Activity Center, Building 133, tonight at 7 p.m.. They're looking for new members to join the pack in grades 2 through 5. Games, races, various sports and a campfire will be highlights of this gathering. Also, Pack 77 is looking for adult leaders for its program.

Crisis line volunteers

It's always comforting to know you have a friend to confide your problems to. But what about those who don't? The Presidio Crisis Line is looking for volunteers who are willing to be telephone counselors to those in distress. If you are interested in learning more about this worthwhile endeavor, call Karen Kaho at 561-5155. Training sessions begin on Sept. 12.

Vet Clinic exams

The Presidio Veterinary Clinic provides routine immunizations and medical services by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled by calling 561-3744 between 8 a.m. and noon daily. Children under 10 years of age are not allowed in the clinic due to the potential for animal bites.

Stress Management Training

ACS is offering Stress Management Training free of charge. These classes will help you deal with the stresses of staff cutbacks, increased workloads, relocations, Presidio's closure or other conflicts in your life. Day classes will meet Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. and evening classes will meet Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Space is limited. To enroll or for more information, call 561-5155.

Computer problems

The ISC Information Center is available to all Garrison, Sixth U.S. Army and tenant activities who have computer-related problems. This includes troubleshooting and installation of hardware, software and peripheral devices. ISC also provides training, troubleshooting and installation for Professional Office Systems. For more information, call the trouble desk at 561-3287.

Lunch time Bible study

A lunch time Bible study will be held at the Letterman Army Hospital Chapel every Wednesday at noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Chaplain Leroy at 561-3474/2351.

Girl Scout registration

On Sept. 12 between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., registration will be held in Building 563 on Ruger Street for new and returning girl scouts. You must be between the ages of five and 17. For more information, call Barbara Yarber at 751-1733.

USO class

If you need assistance in writing your resume for that all-important job hunt, then you may want to attend the USO's Resume Class & Job Club. It's open to all military personnel and their spouses and meets on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Also, the USO offers help in job placement and individual counseling by appointment Monday through Thursday. Additionally, the USO is offering two classes this fall: a military resume class and a course based on the book *What Color Is Your Parachute?* For more information phone 561-2436.

Volunteers needed

USO Presidio is in dire need of volunteers to help with office operations and various committees. If interested, please phone 561-2436.

Parenting classes

Parent Effectiveness Training is being offered by Army Community Services. Day and evening classes are available. Enroll in these PET classes and learn specific parenting skills that will help you create a happier family life. You will learn how to handle demands of parenting and create closer relationships with your children. The classes meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Karen Kaho at 561-5155.

Feeling stressed?

If you need someone to talk to about family problems, military downsizing or closure of the Presidio, just call 929-TALK and a trained telephone counselor can help you sort out your feelings and help you create a plan of action.



Cpl. Stephen Gwin jumps from a crane with only the support of a bungee cord. Crazy? Maybe, but he's not the only one. Many soldiers from the Presidio got together to take the 250-foot leap Aug. 23.

Conservation Corner

Coastal cleanup

Join thousands of Californians participating in the seventh annual California Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 21. Help to make California's coasts a cleaner and safer place to visit. Volunteers will spend the morning removing trash from beaches and other coastal areas. This year the coastal cleanup has been expanded to include the San Francisco Bay, delta, wetlands and marinas.

Each year thousands of animals die needlessly due to eating or becoming entangled in marine debris. Help the

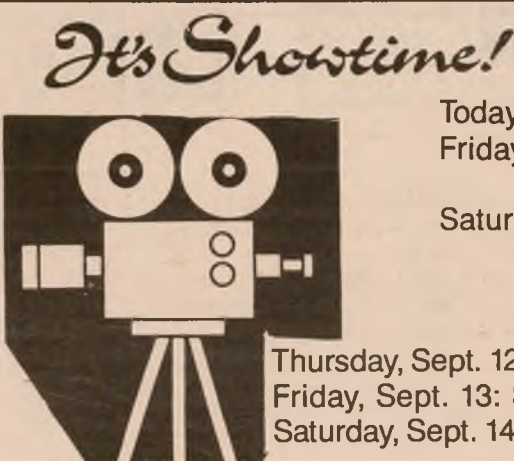
Center for Marine Conservation and the California Coastal Commission end the killing.

The Center for Marine Conservation is asking volunteers to collect data on the types of trash found during the cleanup. Data collection is easy to do and cards will be available to everyone. The information will be added to a national database and used to determine the sources of ocean pollution and to stop the polluters. All recyclable material collected will be recycled. For more information or to participate, call 391-6204.

Presidio Post Theater

Friday, Sept. 6: City Slickers (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 7: Life Stinks (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 8: Life Stinks (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9: Point Break (R), 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 13: Body Parts (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 15: V. I. Warshawski (R), 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16: Bill and Ted's Bogus Adventure (PG) 7 p.m.



Hamilton Theatre

Today, Sept. 5: Only the Lonely (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6: Only the Lonely (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Jungle Fever (R) 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 7: (Closed) Body building competition

Thursday, Sept. 12: Don't tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 13: Soapdish (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14: Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (PG-13) 7 p.m.

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Sails aflutter, a Soviet Tall Ship came for a port visit here in the Bay Area on Friday. This particular ship is used primarily for various training purposes.

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RIF actions for HQ, Sixth Army underway

By K.M. Petrack

Star Presidian Managing Editor

Four major actions took place at Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army within the past two weeks:

The Presidio Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) has begun working out details for a Mock RIF.

CPO is organizing an "early registration" period for the Priority Placement Program (PPP).

A RIF Reporting Committee was established to prepare a report to Congress on the pending RIF.

Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) was requested for eligible HQ, Sixth U.S. Army civilians.

Following is a discussion of these issues.

BACKGROUND

By direction of Congress, Department of the Army established the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) (Provisional) on 1 Oct 90. (USARC becomes operational on October 1, 1991.)

"During the period 1 Oct 90 to 30 Sep 92," said Dave Dickstein, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, "certain missions and functions will be transferred from all the Continental U.S. Armies (CONUSA) to the USARC. During this transition, the CONUSAs will be significantly downsized. Per Forces Command, the Sixth U.S. Army will not be resourced to maintain its current staffing lev-

els beyond 30 Sep 92."

Severin Johnson, Civilian Personnel Director, in a letter to FORSCOM dated August 21 (actually, on the subject of Voluntary Early Retirement), said, "The Sixth U.S. Army [Headquarters] will not be resourced to maintain its current staffing levels beyond 30 Sep 92. Therefore, the CONUSA will be significantly downsized. . . . Effective 1 Oct 92, the total authorized strength of this [Sixth U.S. Army] Headquarters must be reduced from 199 to 72, a 64% reduction. . . . there are [currently] . . . [168] civilian employees [assigned to] HQ, Sixth U.S. Army [to include 4 temporaries]."

"The downsizing will take place over one year prior to the scheduled Sixth Army HQ move to Fort Carson," said Dickstein. "Further TDA changes, both increases and cuts, are likely between now and then."

(According to Tom Galvin, Senior Analyst in the Base Realignment and Closure Office, the current plan is for Sixth Army Headquarters to begin its move to Fort Carson in September or October 1993; by January 1994, the headquarters is projected to be in place and fully operational. "That [projected 'in place'] date is still 'soft,'" said Galvin, "because we haven't even started construction yet.")

MOCK RIF

Based on the projected staffing levels and effective dates cited above, actual RIF letters could be in the mail sometime before September 1992 - possibly on or about August 1, 1992, which would allow for a 60-day window - with a projected effective date of 30 September 1992 for the RIF.

A Mock RIF is scheduled for November 30, 1991, at which time management will be able to have insight into who will be separated. Those who are identified by the Mock RIF will know, at that time, if they are possibly in a position where they will be terminated.

But, according to Severin Johnson, "A lot of things can change between November and July when specific RIF notices are issued - such as VERA, normal attrition, retirements, etc." The VERA option could result in senior employees retiring early, thus freeing up permanent positions and changing the Mock RIF results. Normal attrition could similarly affect the Mock RIF results.

EARLY PRIORITY PLACEMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION

With RIF action and planning underway, with the Mock RIF scheduled for November 1991, and with

see RIF Actions, page 5

New Reserve Deputy Commander talks about future challenges

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux

Reserve Component Advisor

Public Affairs Office

Perhaps the most important lesson the Army learned during the recent mobilization was what actually works versus what does not, according to new Sixth Army Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Component, Brigadier General Jan P. Wepster. He discussed his views on some of the issues of importance to Sixth Army soldiers in the next few years.

"What was theory is now fact," he said. "Everyone is focused." Wepster said that because we were able to put most of our plans into action during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, we can now deal with the facts rather than untested theories. This he feels has improved the training environment overall and serves as a valuable lesson for the way we do business now and in the future.

In discussing the operation, Wepster also felt that

family support programs in the reserve component worked smoothly overall, although it was apparent that some improvements can be made. "The active component has an advantage," he said, noting the difference between the well-defined communities in which they live versus the much more geographically dispersed reserve component families. Even though some activated units did not already have family support groups in place, other avenues were quickly found to get information out to family members.

Asked how he feels about criticism that some reserve component combat units called up for Operation Desert Shield/Storm were not ready for combat and therefore should no longer be relied upon to round-out the active combat units, he felt there was some misunderstanding of the concept. "Round-out units are here to stay," he said, adding, "it's an important part of the force mix. It has never been assumed by Army planners that round-out units

would be ready for combat without some additional training time after they mobilize." He explained that after round-out units are called up, they must go through validation training before they are considered ready for combat. One National Guard unit which was activated but never deployed to Saudi Arabia actually did validate, even though this required more time than Army planners had expected. He felt that this too was valuable experience, because it gives the Army more concrete information on which to base the training plan.

"The whole mobilization was a success," Wepster stated. "The reserve component can be proud of what we did. Everything that came out of the experience was very positive."

Another positive result of the operation, Wepster felt, is that it has helped achieve integration of reserve component units with active units.

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Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!



Aloha Presidians -

As you are aware, Mrs. Harrison and I have recently returned from our final "leave" in Hawaii. As always, it was a great leave and we very much enjoyed the National Guard Convention. There we heard the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Commander In Chief Pacific, Senator David Inouye of Hawaii, Congressman Sonny Montgomery of Mississippi and many others to discuss the status of our defense establishment and our future. All in all it was a very enjoyable and enlightening trip. But as always, it is good to be home.

Have you ever wondered why your own bed is the best and most comfortable bed in the world!

Mine is! And a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in your own house always taste best at your own table? Mine does! So, it is good to be back at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!—to be in or a part of our great trained and ready Army! HOO AH!

I hear a large number of you turned out on Friday to witness the welcome ceremony for Brigadier General Jan P. Wepster, our new Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Component. I'm glad you did and I appreciate your doing so.

And I would like to add mine and Jo's heartfelt welcome from the Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco family to Brigadier General Wepster and his family.

I continue to be amazed at the number and variety of people who stop and comment on this article. Ninety-nine percent of them want to know about HOO AH!—what does it mean? Where does it originate? Who started it? Why do I say it all the time? etc. Well, way back on 11 January 1990 in the Star Presidian I answered all those questions. But since obviously a lot of people didn't see that column, I'll try to explain HOO AH!

HOO AH! is generally a positive statement (not to be confused with "Gesundheit!") that can be substituted for any of the following expressions: "Yes", "Way to go", "Congratulations", or "Have a nice day." Some sergeants even use it in lieu of "Good night, sweetheart."

In short, "HOO AH!" is everything, but not everything is "HOO AH!" Flat tires, dirty weapons, extra duty, and monthly bills (and I've since added base closures) are definitely not "HOO AH!"

As to the origins of the expression, there are many different theories.

Legend has it that Julius Caesar uttered "HOO AH!" when informed of an important military victory (the chariot that brought the news was on his foot). His subordinate, taking it as an expression of elation, continued to pass the news using the same expression, or so the story goes. The Pentagon sought to have "HOO AH!" made into an acronym for "Here's One of our Heroes" (Pentagon staffers can't spell), but soldiers have never accepted the official version anyway.

But seriously, "HOO AH!" is nothing more than a greeting or acknowledgment, which when used by professional soldiers implies spiritual and mental toughness, determination, confidence, self-discipline and mutual respect. Its use also indicates the individual's dedication to mission accomplishment along with a strong commitment to and concern for fellow soldiers, the unit, the community and the good ol' USA.

So to our friends and neighbors in the San Francisco area, if you should ever receive a soldier's HOO AH! don't reach for your handkerchief. We're just saying "Yes," "Good job," or "It's a GREAT day to be in the United States Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, A Very Special Place!"

HOO AH!

So, there you have it, my explanation of "HOO AH!"

Since I have only two more of these articles to share with you I want to close today with a special thank you to a special group of people. During my tenure as Commanding General of Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio I have been very well and very faithfully served by our chaplains. Each day when I arrive at work, on my desk is a thought for the day written by one of our chaplains. These take the form of one 8x10 sheet of paper, double spaced with a thought for the day. They may be humorous, serious, insightful, thought provoking, damning or uplifting. They may reflect on a personal experience, a biblical passage or "guidance" for me from the chaplain. Whatever the subject, they have provided me great support and I want to publicly thank all my chaplains for this

help and support. Thanks group—ya' done good. HOO AH!

Monday was spent with wall-to-wall briefings getting caught up today after my absence. As always our staff does a good job of keeping me informed. One very special briefing was by Majors Miller and Arbuckle on all their good work tracking equipment and containers for our units returning from Saudi. These two young men have—pretty much on their own—developed the computer capability to track all these hundreds of items of equipment and get them to their rightful owners at least cost to us taxpayers. Now that's HOO AH! So, from all those units and from all us grateful taxpayers—a real loud HOO AH! to Majors Miller and Arbuckle.

Keep flying those flags for freedom and remember our service men and women still deployed to Saudi, Kuwait, Germany, Korea, et al.

God bless you every one.

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

**"It is a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."
—Somerset Maugham**



photo by Adrienne Sims

Military police take down the Presidio flag at retreat during the official welcome held for Brig. Gen. Jan P. Wepster, Sixth U. S. Army's new Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Component Sept. 6.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

What characteristics would your ideal mate possess?

Sgt. Donnell L. Warren, manager Funston House, Sixth U.S. Army: "Someone that will treat me like they want to be treated, work together with each other. Do things together. I want someone who will be fair, share their feelings, be truthful and honest and compromise when compromise is needed. And just have fun."



Sandra M. Edwards, cashier, Fort Scott dining facility: "Honesty, trust, sensitivity. Someone who is warm, caring and committed. Athletic and they must have a strong belief in God—a religious background."



Spec. William D. King, computer programmer/Sidpers system analyst, MILPO, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel: "A caring, loving individual especially towards children. They would have to have the ability to sit down and talk things out. Basically, be able to keep focused, stay motivated and drive on."



Pfc. Rick Gonzales, draftsman, C Company, 864th Engineer Battalion: "Anyone with enough patience to raise me."



Laurie D. Froelach, sales associate, PX: "Someone who shares responsibility and communicates."



2nd Lt. Bennie L. Morris, 1st platoon leader, C Company, 864th Engineer Battalion: "Understanding, respect, trust, dignity, possess high-self esteem and confidence."



Pvt. 1 Lori L. Weddle, records clerk, MILPO: "Money, understanding, a good personality and sex appeal."



"That MP looks pretty stiff"

That's no MP, that's a manikin. This is just another way the MPs are trying to stop traffic violations on the Presidio. They are putting manikins in the MP vehicles at different areas on post to discourage people from passing up a stop sign or speeding.



Spec. Rendon and Spec. Burks were recently promoted.

Awards

Sixth U.S. Army Band

Sgt. Maj. John Moffet received a Meritorious Service Medal before changing duty stations.

Sgt. David Benson received an Army Achievement Medal before transitioning out of the Army.

Staff Sgt. Dirk Robinson, Sgt. Frederick Crowther, Sgt. Jeffery Jaworowski, Sgt. David Winterhalter and Spec. Carrie Lodin received Headquarters Command Battalion Certificates.

Transition Point

Sgt. Maj. Jacob Massey and Master Sgt. Ralph Legrande received Army Achievement Medals.

Master Sgt. Sidney Maxwell, Master Sgt. Henry Bradford and Staff Sgt. Byron Crawford received Department of the Army Certificates.

Law Enforcement Company

Pfc. Carol Carter received an Army Achievement Medal before transitioning out of the Army.

Sgt. Gregory Demo received a Department of the Army Certificate for being named the NCO of the Quarter.

Cpl. Mark Bass received a DA Certificate for being named Soldier of the Quarter.

Spec. Tiffanie Demo received a Department of the Army Certificate for being named Soldier of the Month.

Cpl. Roy Dahleim received a Battalion Certificate.

Headquarters Company, USAG

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Colet, Staff Sgt. Anthony Allen, Staff Sgt. Mary Francisco, Staff Sgt. Leroy Franklin, Staff Sgt. Marino Jacob, Staff Sgt. Richard Nunemaker, Sgt. Anthony Garis and Sgt. Cheryl Lee received Army Achievement Medals.

Cpl. Cynthia Olivia received an Army Achievement Medal upon her retirement from the Army.

Spec. Edward Flowers and Spec. Alan Morales received Army Achievement Medals before transitioning out of the Army.

Spec. Melody Morris received an Army Achievement Medal before changing duty stations.

Staff Sgt. Raymond Nelson and Sgt. Gerald Gonzales received DA Certificates.

Promotions

Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison

Rich Rendon, protocol driver, was promoted to the rank of specialist Sept. 1.

Wade Matsuda, deletion deferments clerk, Strength Management, was promoted to the rank of sergeant Sept. 1.

Jennifer Sannicolas, strength management clerk, Strength Management, was promoted to private first class Sept. 1.

Sean Kirk, Sidpers Clerk, Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Command Battalion, was promoted to the rank of specialist Sept. 1.

Calvin Dixon, leave/finance clerk, Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Command Battalion, was promoted to the rank of specialist Aug. 1.

Law Enforcement Company

Gannon L. Burks, driver, was promoted to the rank of specialist Aug. 1.

Kevin Baisden, Military Police, was promoted to specialist Sept. 1.

C Company, 864th Engineer Battalion

Gary Phillips, heavy equipment operator, was promoted to the rank of sergeant Aug. 1.

Roger Erdmann, supply specialist, was promoted to the rank of sergeant Sept. 1.

Spec. Clark Jukes received a Battalion Certificate.

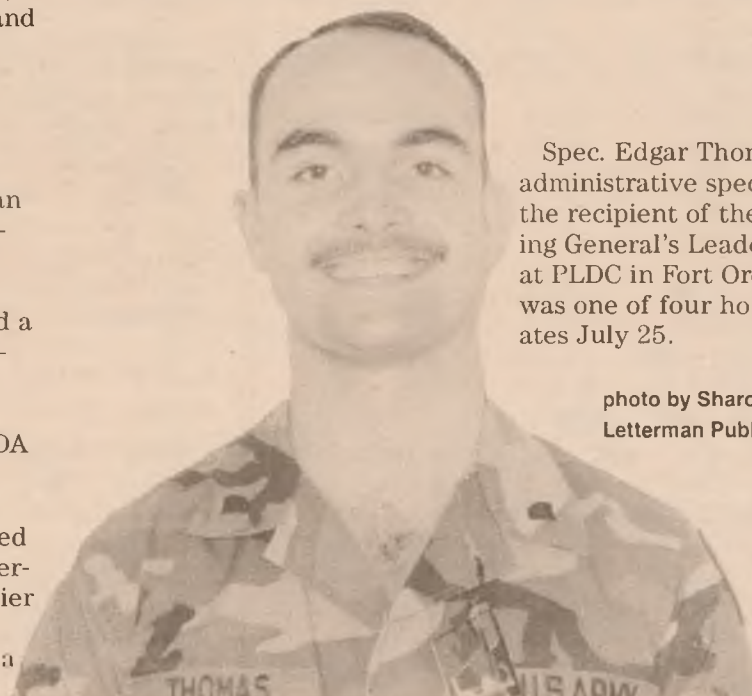
Spec. Sean Kirk accepted a Battalion Certificate for the Personnel Administration Center.

Letterman Army Hospital Beyond the call!

Maj. Kathleen Kelm, head nurse of Letterman's Surgery Department, went from car to car evaluating injuries in the recent four car accident on the Golden Gate Bridge. Kelm remained with one young man who was experiencing head pain. She let him know everything that was going on around him so he wouldn't move. She also informed him of what to expect from the paramedics.

Spec. Edgar Thomas, patient administrative specialist, was the recipient of the Commanding General's Leadership Award at PLDC in Fort Ord. Thomas was one of four honor graduates July 25.

photo by Sharon Everett
Letterman Public Affairs Office



News/Views

News Briefs

Career Awareness Program

A three-day workshop will be conducted by the California Employment Department at Oakland Army Base in the Navy Transportation School, Building 790. The program is designed and dedicated to assist those individuals separating from military service to affect a smooth transition into a rewarding and successful second career. The workshop will cover veterans benefits, interviews, self-analysis and appraisal, effective communication, goal setting, job sources and financial planning. It is suggested that military personnel or their family members attend one of the workshops three to six months before separation. The workshop will begin on the following dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 8 and 22, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17. To enroll, phone (510) 263-9571.

Pre-retirement counseling

A military pre-retirement orientation will be presented at the Presidio's Post Theater, Building 99, on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. An open invitation is extended to you and your spouse.

Disabled placard abuse

The Department of Motor Vehicles is intensifying its effort to spot and fine those individuals who illegally use disabled person parking placards. Preliminary information indicates relatives of persons who legally obtained a placard lead the abusers, but a good number of those cited indicated they were using a placard that belonged to a disabled friend. The penalties for conviction on charges of illegally using a disabled person placard are a \$500 fine and/or six months in jail. The penalties for the fraud charges are a fine of \$500 to \$1000 and/or six months in jail.

Office closure

The Provost Marshal's office will be closed on Sept. 20 for a training holiday.

GI home loans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that the San Francisco VA Regional Office is one of six offices selected to participate in an alternative documentation test program that will allow lending institutions to process new VA home loan applications faster. One way to achieve speed is to underwrite loans on the basis of valid documentation furnished to the lender by the applicant. The VA's alternative documentation program will allow veterans to verify income, employment and cash reserves with documentation readily available, in lieu of the lender obtaining new written verification which often results in delays or incomplete forms. For more information, please phone (800) 827-0641.

Helicopter crashes, kills two

(from a Colorado Air National Guard News Release)

Two Colorado Army National Guardsmen were killed last week in the crash of their OH-6 Cayuse observation helicopter approximately six miles southeast of Buckley Air Base in Aurora, Colo.

Killed were Lt. Col. Robert R. Wade of Westminster, Colo., and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Charles D. Yingst of Elizabeth, Colo. Both were experienced pilots, 42 years of age and members of the 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment. Wade was the battalion commander.

The pilots had begun a night vision goggle training exercise at 8 p.m. on Sept. 4. Two hours later, the aircraft was reported missing when the crew failed to call in at their normal 15-minute interval. The wreckage was found at the base of a tower by Colorado Army National Guard pilots during a search for the aircraft. Rescue and firefighting teams from Buckley and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office responded to the crash site.

A team of officers from the U.S. Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., and the Colorado Army National Guard are investigating the accident.

FROM THE PAST

The *Star Presidian* was first published in 1952. Since that time, profound changes have occurred socially, politically and militarily. It is our intention to highlight various articles from the newspaper's past to make you more aware of the dra-

matic alterations that have taken place in the world during the past 39 years. The following article was originally published in the *Star Presidian* on September 12, 1958.



photo courtesy of TASC

Squat sister of the sleek missiles which now ring San Francisco is destined to become a familiar sight throughout the Sixth Army.

Test firing shows Hercules best yet

The new, flashy sister missile to the veteran Nike-Ajax — the maneuverable, atomic warhead capable Nike-Hercules — has proved itself a "whale of a missile" during multiple tests recently concluded in Florida.

Six San Francisco-Travis Army Air Defense Command sites currently are being renovated to accommodate the stubby newcomer, which also can carry a conventional high-explosive warhead.

The local \$2 1/2 million "facelifting" project, which will not hamper operational efficiency of the currently available Nike-Ajax missiles, will add complementary launching facilities to sites at Fort Barry, San Rafael, Sharp Park, Lake Chabot and Travis Air Force Base.

For an idea of what the Nike-Hercules can do, check the findings from tests conducted in Florida:

The Army task force from Fort Bliss, Texas, commanded by Brig. Gen. John T. Snodgrass, tested the mobility of the anti-aircraft system using both air and ground transportation. The tests proved that every piece of Hercules equipment can be airlifted easily and quickly.

Other accomplishments of the task force included: the first firing of anti-aircraft missiles at target

drones flying in formation, successfully picking off the lead F-80 drone; the first firing of the Nike-Hercules with live warheads near a populated area; and the first firing of two Hercules missiles simultaneously in salvo.

The analysis of test results shows that the entire formation of three F-80 drones would have been destroyed had a nuclear warhead been used in place of the conventional high-explosive warhead.

Ground and air mobility tests with the Ajax conducted at Ft. Bliss during the past year prove that an Ajax unit could be moved great distances by air transport and then emplace and fire in less than three hours after arriving at a new location.

Ground tests show that the entire unit, including vans and radar, could be dug-in for blast protection and camouflaged against observation without loss of efficiency. Missiles can be resupplied with full warheads by H-37 helicopters.

Nike-Hercules is currently onsite and operational at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington-Baltimore. It will be operational at Philadelphia in the next 10 days and during the next six months, many additional metropolitan areas will be defended by the Hercules missile.

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Emphasizing total integration of forces is one of Webster's responsibilities in his new assignment. He said that we now know where we can improve integration as a result of the experience. For example, he said, "Computer systems don't match up. They can't communicate with each other."

Although much integration has already taken place, Wepster says the best way to ensure it continues is for soldiers in all components to get cross-exposure. He believes that all active component soldiers should work with reserve component units, and all reserve component soldiers should work with active units to increase understanding and cooperation.

Another of Wepster's responsibilities in his new job is providing command emphasis on safety. On this subject, he said, "Safety is first, middle and last. There is nothing that outweighs the importance of it. The Army can be proud of its safety record." He feels that most commanders do a good job emphasizing safety, but most infractions occur at the junior level when soldiers get fatigued or get in a hurry.

Asked how, if at all, he believes the roles of women in the Army will be changing in the near future as a result of the debate on women in combat, Wepster predicts there will be changes, and they will be a function of the mind set of the times. "It's cultural, social, an evolving thing," he said. He said he has already seen some changes over the years and expects that to continue.

On the environment, Wepster stated "The

Defense community is acutely aware of the environment. There are many plans in place." He said we must be good neighbors and ensure that awareness goes all the way down to the junior level.

Training is very important to Wepster, and he plans to get out to visit units on weekend drills, field exercises and annual training as much as possible to see what soldiers are doing. He understands how important time is to a reserve soldier and believes most of it should be spent on task-oriented training instead of on administration, which he calls "ankle biters." He believes we can do a better job on individual training. His philosophy is, "Leaders must train soldiers rather than vice versa."

What are the biggest challenges facing the Army as Wepster begins his new assignment? In his opinion, the three top challenges are restructuring the force in the face of personnel reductions, creating and implementing a viable training package in the face of budget reductions and working for a smooth transition as the new U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) takes over Army Reserve units.

Thus far, Wepster has good things to say about his welcome at the Presidio. He stated, "I am impressed with the staff and pleased with the reception."

He sums up his new assignment very simply, saying, "I represent reserve component soldiers. I will try to help the active component understand them." He plans to begin visiting units while they train in the very near future to see firsthand what their special problems are so he can get to work on solutions.

News

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the actual Sixth Army Headquarters RIF projected to take place on September 30, 1992, CPO will conduct an "early registration" for PPP. The early registration is tentatively scheduled to take place during January 1992.

"The early registration action was specifically directed by General Harrison [Lieutenant General William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander]," Dickstein informed. "Such early registration is not typical, but was directed by General Harrison strictly because of his concern for taking care of civilian employees."

A job fair, with representatives of both government agencies and private industries invited to attend, has also been proposed for June 1992.

The *Star Presidian* will provide information on these issues as it becomes available. CPO will also notify Sixth Army Headquarters civilian employees as the early registration period gets nearer.

RIF REPORTING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

A RIF Reporting Committee was established last week, the purpose of which is to prepare what is called a "Request for RIF Authority" to be sent through Forces Command and Department of the Army to Congress. Robert Curtis, Senior Personnel Management Specialist, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, HQ, Sixth U.S. Army, who is also serving as committee chairman, says that the committee has a two week suspense - by the middle of September - to complete the report.

The total package will include a proposed press release for National distribution. "This report to Congress," said Curtis, "is a notification letting them, and the 'citizens of the world,' know what we're doing, and why."

"Actually," he said, "whenever 50 or more people are separated, this sort of package must be prepared. Currently, Sixth Army Headquarters has 199 authorized civilian positions; effective October 1, 1992, we will be authorized only 72 spaces. Any excess civilians will be RIFed."

Beginning the last week in September, right after the report is sent, said Curtis, CPO has scheduled briefings for civilians on an office by office basis. "The office meeting will include individual reviews," says Johnson.

VOLUNTEER EARLY RETIREMENT AUTHORITY (VERA) REQUEST

Under the current planning for transfer of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters to Fort Carson, Colorado, the headquarters Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) will be drastically reduced.

It is normal procedure for VERA, if approved by OPM, to be offered *before* a RIF so that eligible senior civilians might take early retirement and thus save jobs for junior employees. (You will recall that the process did not follow normal procedures for the Letterman Army Hospital RIF because LAMC was awaiting Congressional decisions on some issues; LAMC released RIF letters *before* it obtained VERA authority, which, incidentally, was only approved for LAMC in mid-August.)

As mentioned above, with the pending September 30, 1992 RIF, VERA has now been requested for HQ, Sixth Army - first, in a CPO response to a FORSCOM

request seeking the plausibility of asking OPM for a "collective" CONUSA-wide VERA (this issue was addressed in detail in the August 29 issue of the *Star Presidian* in the article entitled "Momentum increasing for early outs") - and second, in a separate action last week by DCSPER.

To support both of these VERA requests, CPO provided Curtis a list of names of those who would be eligible for normal retirement and early retirement, if offered. CPO's list indicated that, at Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters, 23 civilian employees are eligible for normal retirement and 23 others are eligible for early retirement under RIF (age 50 with 20 years of service, or any age with 25 years of service).

Concerning the former 23: "Most [of these] employees will probably wait for the last minute to decide because they don't have to jump," said Curtis. "They can decide at any time whether they want to retire or continue working until the headquarters transfers to Fort Carson."

Of the latter 23 eligible for early retirement, they could accept VERA, if offered, or wait until their jobs are abolished or transferred and then retire under the Discontinued Service ("involuntary/early") Retirement option.

Curtis telephoned each of those latter 23 who would be eligible for VERA to determine whether or not each would seriously consider accepting a "voluntary early out." Curtis was not looking for an actual *commitment* at this time. The results were included in the CPO and DCSPER letters.

"Fifteen said they *would* seriously consider accepting; eight said they *would* decline," said Curtis. "Therefore, more than two-thirds of those who would be eligible for VERA might opt to take it. That makes a big difference. DA might seriously consider going to OPM to request VERA if more than 50 percent would accept the offer. If only *one* would consider taking it, then there would be no sense in DA's approving our request and forwarding it on to OPM. But with two-thirds seriously considering it, it sounds like we could justify VERA based solely on this."

Of the eight who said they would decline an offer of VERA, several said that, because they would also be eligible for Discontinued Service Retirement when their jobs were abolished or transferred, they would rather wait for the "involuntary" separation so they could collect their Lump Sums which would not be available to them if they accepted VERA.

Considering the two-thirds figure, therefore, and if all goes smoothly and *if procedures follow the normal course*, VERA could be offered to Sixth Army Headquarters civilians from between 30 to 60 days before RIF letters are released - possibly by May or June 1992.

However, VERA could happen a lot sooner. Colonel F. M. Crocetti, HQ, Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel, in his September 5, 1991 letter through through CPO, Forces Command, Department of the Army, to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), requested VERA and proposed a "primary window" of January 1-31, 1992, and an "alternate window" of February 1-29, 1992, as the periods during which eligible Sixth Army Headquarters civilians could take advantage of an "early out" offer.

"VERA is requested for all [eligible] employees," said Crocetti, "including special salary rate em-

ployees because these employees occupy positions with occupational series to be affected during the RIF.

"With VERA," he continued, "employees with seniority and relatively high retention standing are targeted. Allowing these employees to take advantage of the VERA would provide placement opportunities for less senior employees in the same affected occupational series and minimize the adverse impact of RIF."

He estimated that, if VERA is *not* approved, 88 permanent employees would be separated by RIF and 5 (7 percent of remaining permanent authorizations) would be demoted. He estimated that 8 (5 percent of current permanent workforce) would leave the organization voluntarily before the planned effective date of RIF. He also said none (0) would be transferred to a different local commuting area, and there would be *no new permanent hires* to replace employees who accept early retirement.

CONCLUSION

Obviously, actions are accelerating. Those of you waiting for an offer of early retirement may soon get your wish.

If you are waiting for something to happen with Congresswoman Barbara Boxer's "early retirement bill," HR 1820, which would add 4 years to time or grade or a combination of the two, you may just want to hang on - but don't count on the bill being passed as there are a lot of concerns as to how such an elaborate bill could be funded. A September 3 letter received from Congressman Gary L. Ackerman, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits, says "One of the factors which will determine what action can be taken on HR 1820 will be its cost; the new 'pay-as-you-go' budget rules require that any expansion of an entitlement (such as retirement benefits) must be offset by a corresponding reduction in another entitlement or by a tax increase."

If you are in the "retirement eligible" category but want to, or *need* to, continue working and plan to seek PPP, you can discuss this option with CPO during the one-on-one sessions or during the early PPP registration period.

Those others of you who may be in early, mid, or not-yet retirement eligible career positions, and who will be affected seriously by the pending RIF should register in PPP and also continue with your plans to find employment (scout around on your own, even in addition to PPP). If you have not already begun your job search, please don't wait! Time is already too short!

But remember, once you register (or choose not to register) for PPP - and depending on whether you qualify for retirement, early retirement, job placement, and so forth - you may incur certain obligations, restrictions, or even penalties. For example, as stated in an earlier *Star Presidian* article, you *must* register for PPP in order to be eligible to collect severance pay if no job is found; on the other hand, you need not register if you are eligible for retirement or early retirement.

Finally, should you be in a position where you must find employment, you might follow Robert Curtis's advice in an earlier *Star Presidian* article on RIF planning, and that is, "if you get a *permanent* job offer at any other government agency, you should seriously consider it."

Patrons' Action to Restore the Environment

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

There's a saying that if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.

The problem. We are using tremendous amounts of resources and energy to create products that are used only once and thrown away. This is a problem because our planet is running out of raw materials to produce these products. The energy needed to create them is polluting our air, water and land. We are also running out of space to dispose of all the trash we throw away.

Many food products are packaged in materials like aluminum, glass, plastic and other materials that are easily reused.

Take aluminum cans. You can make 20 recycled aluminum cans with the same energy it takes to make one new aluminum can, according to a flyer published (on recycled paper) by Patrons take Action to Restore the Environment. P.A.R.E. also goes on

to say that mother nature takes 500 years to return the same aluminum can to dust if it is put into a landfill.

When people separate their trash and turn it back in, or "recycle," they become part of the solution in a number of ways according to Presidio Commissary Officer Robert L. Varela.

"It is an obvious way not to waste," he explained. "Recycling contributes to a cleaner environment and a nicer place to live. It also lets us look ahead to take care of the future for our kids and those that come after us."

To help Presidians become more aware of recycling, the Commissary recently began placing small green P.A.R.E. signs on the shelf with items that come in easily recyclable containers. Flyers were stuffed into grocery bags explaining the new P.A.R.E. system. Signs listing recycling points on and near the Presidio are posted in the front of the store.

Varela says the P.A.R.E. program is just the begin-

ning for recycling efforts at the Presidio. "The P.A.R.E. stickers are designed to increase awareness," he said. "Instead of dumping things in the trash can, we want to say 'Hey guys, you can do your part.' These things can be reused; don't just throw them away."

In the future Varela hopes to have recycling igloos placed in front of the Commissary to make recycling "more convenient for customers." He also thinks food packaging will become more "earth friendly."

"Future food products will be packaged more in biodegradable or recyclable materials," he predicted.

As you're pushing your cart down the commissary aisles Varela hopes you'll consider the products with the little green P.A.R.E. labels.

"Of course price and personal preference are big considerations," he said. "But, we also need to look at what we can do for the environment. If all else is equal I would choose the one packaged in earth friendly material."

Safety

Drive safe: Children's lives depend on it

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidians

Only one accident involving children walking to school or to a school bus stop occurred on the Presidio last year, according to Sgt. 1st Class Warren L. Brockenberry, Provost Marshal sergeant.

The Presidio Military Police are going to work even harder to prevent accidents this year. "When school starts, radar traps will be set up in the morning and afternoon at each intersection," Brockenberry said. Violators will appear in court and be fined. Normally the citations don't include a fine.

There are precautions parents and children can take so children can get to school safely. Parents first need to prepare their children by informing them of the safety precautions they need to take.

Parents should go over the safest route to school with their children before school starts. According to Brockenberry, the safest route isn't always the shortest. Children shouldn't go through alleys or wooded areas.

Reflective tape on your child's backpack or jacket will help the child be seen in bad weather.

Parents need to obey signs that say where to unload passengers especially during bad weather when drivers' visibility may be affected.

Children should wear bright colors, especially in the mornings and on cloudy days. Brockenberry said.

Walking behind or to the side of a school bus is dangerous. The driver won't be able to see small children. Because of their size, kindergartens and first graders are at the greatest risk of being injured.

Where there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

Kids should walk in groups so they can be seen more easily, according to Brockenberry. Also a group of children is less likely to be harmed by strangers than a child walking alone. Brockenberry also suggest that children hold hands or walk with an adult or teenager when possible.

A safety tip by an American Forces Information Services article suggest that children only cross at intersections and not dart from between parked cars.

Before crossing, look both ways. Children need to obey traffic lights and signs, said the Provost Marshall Office sergeant.

The safest route for bicycling will probably be different from the best walking route. Cyclists should try to avoid busy streets and use bike paths if available. They should ride in a single file line going the same way as traffic, Brockenberry added.

Motorist can also make it safer for children to get to school. "They need to look for the children, slow down and be more cautious of traffic laws," said Brockenberry.

Parents don't need to worry too much. The Presidio is a safe place for children, according to Brockenberry. "Presidio is the safest place I've worked in my 18 years in the Army," he said. "The citizens are more considerate and cautious—they really care."

McGruff knows how fast you're going

Another method MPs plan to use to prevent speeding is displaying a board that can record a driver's exact speed and the post speed limit. This way the driver will know when he's speeding.



photo by Adrienne Sims

Parents, children go to school together



by Gregory Dejean

It is your responsibility to be a good parent. Because of this, the Parent Education Programs of City College of San Francisco is sponsoring tuition-free classes for you and your young child. Known as a child observation class, it allows you to share your child's first school experience. It is set in a nursery school environment which will allow you to observe and discuss with teachers the learning process. The class is for children (age 15 months to kindergarten). Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon in Building 563. For more information, call 561-1921.

Sobriety Check Point benefits Presidians

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio Military Police will hold a Sobriety Check Point Sept. 24 at Lincoln and Graham Avenues.

This will be the sixth Sobriety Check Point held this year on the Presidio, according to Sgt. 1st Class Warren L. Brockenberry, provost sergeant.

"The Sobriety Check Point is a program designed to act as a deterrent towards driving vehicles while consuming alcohol," Brockenberry said. "It helps make the community aware of the effects of drinking and driving."

MPs have to follow the California Vehicle Code when conducting a Sobriety Check Point. According to Brockenberry, these rules consist of informing the public of the check point, giving drivers an alternate route to avoid the check point and chase cars are prohibited—a MP can not follow a car that avoids the check point if there is no reasonable cause.

No one has yet been apprehended for Driving Under the Influence, according to Brockenberry.

Many minor traffic violations have been noticed,

such as too many individuals riding in a front seat and small children not in safety chairs. Violators received warnings.

Brockenberry feels the Sobriety Check Point benefits the Presidio.

"It benefits the community by letting them know the MPs are conducting a program that deters drinking and driving," Brockenberry said. "It benefits public safety by making people think twice about drinking under the influence and most of all it benefits the driver. If a person is stopped for DUI that one stop may save his life or save him from killing another."

The MPs also have an added measure to fight against drinking and driving. If Presidians are under the influence, they may leave their car and call an MP to take them to their quarters, "No questions asked," Brockenberry said. However, they must have a car. MPs will not just give rides to people because they don't want to walk. "The point behind the program is to keep them from driving while under the influence of alcohol."

Recreation



Running the rapids — crewmembers get ready to dig in as they enter the white-water.

Photos by Duvel White

Presidio soldiers ride wild white-water waves

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

A funny thing happened recently — sixteen Presidio soldiers paid \$32 each to spend two days in the woods.

Admittedly the Presidio is unlike any Army post in the world, but homesick infantrymen paying to go to the field? Stir in administrative clerks, supply specialists, military policemen . . . and it all makes for some strange stew simmering on the old campfire.

"This is great," chortled Capt. Randall Dolinger as he sat by the campfire. "For this, we're getting paid and building up leave too." Whoa! I've heard of optimists but this is ridiculous.

The 16 soldiers spent August 28 and 29 in the mountains east of Sacramento (not a field problem), enjoying a chapel-sponsored overnight white-water rafting trip on the South Fork of the American River. Dolinger, Headquarters Command Battalion chaplain, explained the trip as, "A chance to think of the long haul of life."



Chaplain Dolinger leads a campfire sing-a-long as Spec. Victor Waters roasts a marshmallow.

"The soldiers get to know the chaplains and we get to know people in a setting away from their offices and work," Dolinger said. "The Presidio has so many desk type jobs that this allows soldiers to get together on a personal level and develop tighter bonds," he said. "After this trip soldiers can say, 'We've been through something together. I really know you.' Now they are not just another soldier or number; they are somebody."

The first day was spent driving to the camp site and setting up camp. After everything was set up for a night under the stars, it was free time. Some braved the icy river water for a refreshing dip. Others read books, fished or hiked. Spec. Hal Taylor was part of a general military knowledge study session that helped propel him to being chosen as the Headquarters Command Battalion Soldier of the Month.

"It was a great break," Taylor said. "I wanted to stay up there. As a soldier it helped me see another side of my peers. We were away from the usual pressure of work and getting together doing something other than going to bars."

The next morning broke crisp and clear. Everyone huddled around the campfire and talked of the river and riding the rapids. Taylor and Chaplain Kenneth

Renfrow whipped up a big country breakfast of bacon and french toast. After eating, it was off to ride the wild rapids for five hours. Everyone was split into three crews and given life-preservers and paddles for the frothy foray.

"It was the most fun I've ever had in the water," Taylor said. "For \$32 I got out of work for two days to go white-water rafting for my first time. That's squared up."

Chaplain Dolinger explained the value of the excursion as building teamwork to meet a challenge and building morale.

"When we come back to work, the Army gets soldiers who are more motivated, refreshed and feeling better about themselves and being in the Army," Dolinger said. "They feel better because they took on a challenge and won as a team."

Strangely enough, the chaplains couldn't sell all the tickets to the rafting trip. But they hope their next excursion will draw a better response. A climb of Mt. Whitney is scheduled for Oct. 22-24. Any soldier may sign up for a \$5 registration fee. Each hiker only needs to bring their own camping equipment for cold weather. The chapel will provide the food. For more information, call either Chaplain Renfrow at 561-4719 or Chaplain Dolinger at 561-2742.



Water fights in the smooth water made for some colossal battles.

Presidio News

Chapel Ponderings



by Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

Greetings from the Post Chapel staff. We hope and pray that you are healthy and taking full advantage of your stay in the most beautiful city in the world.

As the new school year begins, we feel as if we are starting afresh. Our schedules are taking form and activities planned for the new school year. We are starting over again. We tell ourselves that we are going to get back into shape or that we are going to read at least one book a month or that we are going to lose that five pounds that is sitting on our waist line. Whatever it is, we now have the excuse to make new commitments.

It is interesting; this year, according to the Jewish lunar calendar, September 9th is New Years Day. It will be followed on the 18th by the greatest holiday in the Old Testament, Yom Kippur. Well you may ask, "What makes Yom Kippur so great?" It is the time of year that we become "at one" with God (at-one-ment or atonement: the Jewish Day of Atonement). We can read about an interesting tradition in Leviticus 16:20-22. It is the tradition of the "scapegoat." At this time each year, the Chief Priest would take a goat, lay his hands upon the goat's head and confess all the transgressions of the people, thus transmitting the sins to the goat. The goat would then be sent out into the wilderness, thus wiping away the sins of the people. As the Hebrew people were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, after their escape from Egypt, it became necessary for "God's

chosen people" to feel forgiven for their transgressions and disbeliefs. If God's people were going to remain God's chosen, there needed to be a mechanism to continue the relationship.

God's people were human and being human, they naturally doubted and sinned. How were they to look God in the eye and maintain the relationship if they felt unworthy to look God in the eye? The rite or ceremony of the scapegoat was established so God's people could continue the relationship with God despite their weaknesses.

Today, we, as God's people, need to look to the heavens, face the fact that we have not been the person God intended us to be, face the fact that we have sinned, face the fact that we have doubted the very existence of God and ask God to send our doubts and transgressions out into the wilderness, thus re-establishing our true relationship with God. God will forgive, but, we need to ask. After we have faced our weaknesses, we can get on with the new school year; we can start afresh. We can re-commit ourselves to that life we want to live. We can lose that five pounds and get back into shape.

Two major events that are happening in the near future: One is the opening of the fall quarter of the Protestant Sunday School and Catholic CCD. Sunday School begins Sunday morning at 9:30 at the Religious Activities Center. We have classes for children three years old through adults. Catholic CCD classes begin at 11:10 and they have classes for children

Quip of the Week: One of most difficult things to give away is kindness—it is usually returned.

—Anonymous

three years old through Junior High. If you are interested in registering your children, please come by the RAC this Sunday to register.

The second event is the Jewish Sukkoth celebration. We will erect the tent out front of the RAC on the 19th and have a special program in the following week. For more information concerning the Sukkoth, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397. Our Senior High Fellowship has been moved to Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the RAC. All Senior High Students are welcome. The Thursday Night Presidio Bible Talk Program is at 8 p.m. here at the RAC. No registration is necessary, just come by the RAC Thursday night and join in. Bible Study Fellowship began this week. They meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m. here at the RAC. This is a Bible Study for women of the Presidio.

Come by the RAC Wednesday to register. Protestant Choir rehearsal is every Tuesday at the Main Post Chapel at 7 p.m.

Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and at 9 and 11 on Sunday mornings. Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel. Phone Ruth Callmann for more information concerning the Jewish programs here at the Presidio at 561-4397. Protestant Worship Services are held every Sunday morning at 9 and 11 at the Main Post Chapel. Gospel Meetings are held at the LAMC Chapel every Sunday at 11 a.m. For more information, phone the Post Chapel, 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

Army switching to color for official photos

by Army News Service

The Army is switching from black and white to color for official full-length photographs.

Soldiers don't have to stampede their local photo labs to have new pictures taken, though. The Army has allowed for a two-year phase-in period to ensure soldiers have the opportunity to have color photos taken, according to an Aug. 29 message to the field from the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va.

Photo labs will make the switch Oct. 1, the same day revisions to AR 640-30 will be published implementing the change.

As part of the phase-in period, selection boards convening before Feb. 1, 1992, will accept black and white photos only, the PERSCOM message said. While boards convening after that date will accept color photos, they "will be advised that not all soldiers will have color photos and that the black and white photo on file is sufficient."

PERSCOM will provide a separate message to inform the field when boards will only review color photos.

Sgt. Maj. Logan McMinn of the Army visual information staff, said the change will make it easier for board members to



"read" the photos. "It will just be a better quality image all around," he said.

To prevent an initial workload surge on photo facilities, color photos will be taken on a priority basis —

— First priority. Soldiers in the zone for DA selection boards after Jan. 31, 1992. "It's to the soldiers advantage to wait until he knows he needs a photo, that way the board will have the most up-to-date information when it makes its evaluation," said McMinn.

— Second priority. Soldiers who need initial photos taken for appointment to command sergeant major, and promotion to first lieutenant, chief warrant officer and staff sergeant.

— Third priority. Soldiers who are directed by their commanders — lieutenant colonel or higher — to have a new photo taken due to a significant change in the soldiers' appearance.

— Fourth priority. Soldiers scheduled to take periodic photos — every five years — during the anniversary month of the previous photograph.

— Fifth priority. Soldiers not in the zone for promotion who request new photos for such reasons as a promotion, new awards, or change in appearance.

Officers' Wives' Club offers tour

by Linda J. M. Adkins

Are you looking for something new and interesting to do? Why not join the Officers' Wives' Club and take one of their fascinating tours throughout the Bay Area? Tours chairperson for the Presidio OWC is Mrs. Ellen Litney and she has really come up with some terrific places for us to see!

Coming up October 10 will be a tour of the Sunset Magazine Publishing Company facilities in Menlo Park. You need to R.s.v.p. to Ellen Litney at 346-9436 no later than October 7 if you plan to attend. Reservations are necessary so that Sunset can know exactly how many to expect. "Tour"-ists will meet in the Presidio Officers' Club parking lot at 9:45 a.m. sharp to carpool to the site. There is always an optional lunch planned after the tours and the October 10 lunch site is the tearoom at Allied Arts. Allied Arts is a non-profit consortium of artists that run a tearoom and several shops to benefit the Stanford Medical Care Home, a convalescent hospital for children. There is no cost for the tour itself, but everyone buys their own lunch. Come out and see what Presidio OWC has to offer. Don't forget to R.S.V.P. See you there!

Active and reserve units new role

by Army News Service

In an era of strategic and fiscal change, the active and reserve components must work together to mold a smaller, quality force, according to Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, Army chief of staff.

Sullivan told attendees at a general conference of the National Guard Association of the United States Sept. 4 that state adjutants general would have a hand in shaping that future force.

"We must not kid ourselves," Sullivan said. "The challenge of preparing large combat formations to fight is formidable. We will continue to rely on the Guard for combat formations."

Sullivan added, however, that "We will be smaller, but we will retain our effectiveness. There is no room for forces that we do not need. We live in a new world, and we do not need an Army structured for the old world."

Sullivan went on to report, "We have crafted a force that has the right mix. We have planned to

shape a balanced force of four corps and 20 divisions — 12 active and eight Guard."

The chief of staff said the Army is working closely with the National Guard Bureau to select the units to eliminate or reorganize. The aim is to ensure the Guard can accomplish both its combat mission and its vital state responsibilities.

Sullivan also pledged to improve the systems that pull active and reserve forces together as a Total Army team. He said Guard units would continue to receive modern equipment, and he promised to define pre- and post-mobilization readiness standards for the Guard and Army Reserve. Sullivan also said he was prepared to accept varied readiness levels among National Guard units.

According to the chief of staff, "The world is changing, and the Army is two years into the execution of its plan to accommodate these new realities."

He added, "As we reshape the Total Army, the Army National Guard is a vital player."

Sports / Health

Sports Briefs

Run for your life

So you have decided to begin a running program. Do you need some motivation or goals? There is a Run For Your Life program which can help you along the path to fitness. It is open to the military community here at the Presidio. With its scenic views, flat or hilly routes and nice training weather, the Presidio is an ideal place to run. If interested, visit Bob Darling at Post Gym 1, Building 63 or phone 561-4120.

Sports award

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports invites you to earn a Presidential Sports Award. The program emphasizes regular exercise rather than an outstanding performance. You can become part of a nation-wide effort towards a healthier, more vital America! Awards can be earned in any one of 49 sports and fitness activities. Any individual 15 years or older is eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$6 per event. For more information, contact Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Fitness activities

If you are bored and restless, then the base gym may be the place for you to be. It offers an array of activities that will certainly restore your sense of well-being. For adults it offers aerobic dancing, a weight lifting room, golf, swimming and fencing lessons and much more. For children it provides Taekwondo lessons, youth ballet, jazz dances and junior bowling. For more information about any of these classes, contact Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Partial closure of gym

Post Gym 1, Building 63, will be utilized for testing of candidates for West Point Academy on Sept. 22. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon. It will re-open upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

Youth Services activities

There are many constructive activities our youth can be involved with here on the Presidio. The following events are being sponsored by Youth Services for the month of September.

Girl Scout registration (ages 5 and up) is today between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Building 563. For more information, phone Barb Yarber at 751-1733.

The Presidio Swim Team is going to be recruiting capable swimmers on Oct. 7. You must be between the ages of five and 14. If you are interested in trying out, contact Maj. Koplin at 561-4224.

Teens between the ages of 13 and 19 who are interested in joining the PSF Teen Council should contact Youth Services at 561-5143.

Ballet, tap and jazz classes are being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Building 1331. Enrollment is open for youths five years and older. Your point of contact is Lourdes Mitrovich at 885-4619 or Youth Services at 561-5143.

Karate classes are being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Building 1331. Enrollment is open to youths six years and up. Phone 561-5143 for more information.

Sign-up for the Youth Bowling League will be on Saturday and Sept. 21. Additionally, the Winter Bowling League will begin on Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Bowling Center. Contact Youth Services for more information at 561-5143.

DoD Adopts 181 Health Goals For Year 2000

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

U.S. officials are not pleased with the general health of the nation.

Twenty-six percent of Americans are obese, they say. For women below the poverty line, the rate is 37 percent. The national goal for the year 2000: Reduce the obesity rate to 20 percent for Americans age 20 or older and to 15 percent for teen-agers.

Only 7 percent of pregnant American women ingest the amount of calcium recommended to ensure healthy bones and teeth for their babies. The goal for the year 2000: Raise the rate to at least 50 percent.

Reported cases of measles are rising steadily. Some 25,000 cases of the preventable, sometimes deadly, disease were reported in 1990. The goal for 2000: zero case

Only 22 percent of Americans exercised for 30 minutes five or more times per week in 1989. The goal for the year 2000: Increase the percentage to 30 percent.

The incidence of syphilis, after steadily decreasing between 1943 and 1985, is on the rise. In 1989, 18.1 cases per 100,000 population were recorded. In the year 2000, health officials want to see no more than 10 cases per 100,000.

The sexually transmitted disease gonorrhea is the most frequently reported communicable disease in the United States and is a special concern because new strains are resistant to antibiotics. In 1989, 300 Americans out of every 100,000 had the disease. The year 2000 national goal is to reduce that to 225 or less per 100,000.

The Department of Defense is participating in the ambitious national health objectives program for which these goals and many others have been set. Measurable, outcome-based objectives for improving health can make a difference, because "experience shows we can meet goals if we take them seriously," said Navy Dr. (Cmdr.) Kenneth A. St. Andre, a senior policy analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

The "user's manual" for the program is "Healthy People 2000," a telephone-book-sized report on what Americans need to do to improve their health. Three years in the



making, under the leadership of the U.S. Public Health Service, the report includes extensive input from DoD; other national, state and local health officials; and organizations ranging from the American Heart Association to community groups. The report's inside cover notes more than 10,000 people helped select and refine the 300 national health objectives.

"We chose 181 of the objectives as appropriate to the Department of Defense," St. Andre said. "Many are things we've been working



on, such as encouraging people to stop smoking or not begin, occupational safety efforts and so forth." In many health areas, he noted, the military population already does better than the national guidelines — weight standards and regular fitness testing ensure that.

"But being part of a national effort is good, because the work done by other organizations reinforces what we are doing," he said. "We want to emphasize that health promotion isn't just the responsibility of the individual or of the command. It takes everyone working together."

Healthy People 2000 affects other DoD assistant secretariats besides health affairs. For example, substance abuse treatment programs fall under force management and personnel; monitoring the environment and use of toxic chemicals falls under production and logistics.

"When we think of health promotion, we think about exercise and smoking cessation, things the individual can do. But health promotion has to be looked at from a larger perspective. For example, having laws requiring seat belt use and educating people about that are also parts of the picture," St. Andre said.

The greatest number of DoD's objectives, 71, involve clinical services. These services include the advice, counseling, screening tests, physical exams and prescriptions given by health-care providers. For example, one goal is to ensure physicians, dentists and nurse practitioners tell parents not to put their babies to bed with a bottle containing anything other than water. (Acids, sugar and nutrients in juices and milk give all-night encouragement to germs, tooth decay and other oral problems.)

"Some advice has an impact on a patient just because the provider cared enough to talk about it," said St. Andre. "We have research indicating what type of provider counseling provides the most 'bang for the buck,' and those are the areas we'll urge our medical people to focus on."

Although DoD has adopted 181 goals, local leaders decide which to emphasize. "Health promotion approaches must be localized — the submariner in Groton is different from the Marine at Camp Lejeune, who is different from the soldier at Fort Bragg, who is different from the airman at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. There are different risk factors and disease patterns in different communities," he said.

Local emphasis is a big part of DoD's proposed coordinated care program, St. Andre continued. Military medical facility commanders are presumed to know their community's medical problems best and decide what resources are needed and how to get them. For example, he said, if a medical commander decides his people need more clinical services, he may ask for a PRIMUS clinic.

"It is a lot of new responsibility for the commander, but we think it will result in better health care for DoD beneficiaries," St. Andre said.



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Community Calendar



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September 1-30

Lunch time Bible study

A lunch time Bible study will be held at the Letterman Army Hospital Chapel every Wednesday at noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Chaplain Leroe at 561-3474/2351.

City's photography center

Fall classes in basic black and white photography and basic photo enlarging techniques will be offered by San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Photography Center at Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building, 50 Scott Street. The unique municipal facility has 40 photo enlargers, developing rooms, a studio and drying/matting equipment. Basic black and white photography will focus on the mechanics of cameras, matting, films, design/composition, and printing skills. Class meets Thursdays, beginning Sept. 19 through Nov. 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fee is \$60. Basic photo enlarging techniques will cover various black and white films, enlarging paper and development of darkroom skills. Materials will be provided. The class will be held Mondays, Sept. 23 through Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Fee is \$80. For more information, call 554-9522.



JOHN CANDY stars as Jack Gable, a soap opera writer who learns that he has the ability to script the events of his own life in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's comedy, "DELIRIOUS."

CHAMPUS news

CHAMPUS will now share the cost of lung and heart-lung transplants for patients who have serious heart and lung disease and whose condition hasn't improved with other treatment. The effective date for coverage of the transplants was Feb. 28. Patients must meet certain specific CHAMPUS criteria in order for the government to share the cost of the surgery and follow-up care. In addition, the facility where the transplant is performed must also meet certain requirements including experience, success rates and staffing. For more information, contact your Health Benefits Advisor.

Carousel festival

During August, Bill Dentzel, a fifth generation carousel maker, constructed an original carousel with the help of Bay Area kids for the permanent collection of the Bay Area Discovery Museum. This authentic piece of contemporary American folk art is now complete and the Museum plans to celebrate its inclusion on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Along with rides on the brand-new carousel, a parade will be held on the Museum's Main Street, led by a marching band, jugglers, clowns, stilt walkers and the children themselves. There will also be arts, crafts, music and stories to round out this day of fun for the whole family. Admission is free. For more information, call 332-9646.

Girl Scout registration

A Girl Scout registration meeting will be held tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in building 563 at Ruger Street by Lombard Gate. For more information, call Barbara Yarber at 751-1733.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPT. 15 - OCT. 15



NAF job vacancies

There are five Non-Appropriated Fund job vacancies: an intermittent on-call bartender position for \$7.31 an hour is open at the Presidio Officers' Club. Another bartender position is open for \$6.90 an hour at Camp Parks in Pleasanton, Calif. The NCO/Enlisted Club has a cook position available for \$8.77 an hour, Intermittent On-Call. The Child Development Center needs a child development program assistant for regular, part time and intermittent on-call for \$6.41 an hour. An assistant leader position is also available for full time earning \$8.78 an hour. Submit applications to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, NAF Personnel Division, building 37 or call 561-5095/2947.

USO news

The USO Presidio Class & Job Club meets Tuesdays at a new time from noon to 1 p.m. The class is open to military members and their spouses. Job placement and individual counseling are available by appointment. For more information or to make an appointment, call 561-2436.

Zone system photography

The zone system of photography will be taught in a workshop for beginners Wednesdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 6 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation and Park Department's Photography Center at the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building. Zone theory teaches techniques for producing fine photographic prints through exposure control. For more information, call Diane Palacio at 666-7106.

Slideshow presentation

A slideshow will trace the impact of human development on San Francisco's lands and native plant communities in a presentation of the Natural History of San Francisco. It will be held on Monday, Sept. 23 at the Strybing Arboretum from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The slide show will also depict the last natural areas in San Francisco, along with publicly-owned open spaces awaiting restoration. Admission is \$2.

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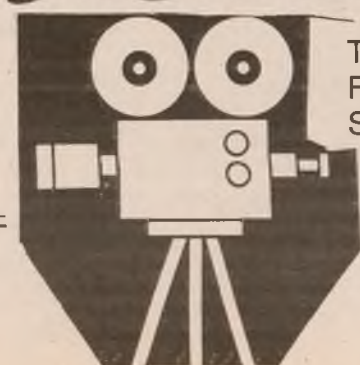
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Sunday, Sept. 15: V. I. Warshawski (R), 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16: Bill and Ted's Bogus Adventure (PG) 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20: City Slickers (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21: Delirious (PG) 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 22: Mobsters (R) 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23: Another You (R) 7 p.m.

It's Showtime!



Hamilton Theatre

Thursday, Sept. 12: Don't tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 13: Soapdish (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14: Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (PG-13) 7 p.m.

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News Briefs

For computer enthusiasts

The monthly meeting of the Presidio MacIntosh User's Group will be held on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Headquarters Command BN Conference Room, Building 1214. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 561-2528.

Office closure

The Military Personnel Division, including the ID Card Section, will close at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 27 for the annual DCSPER picnic.

Volunteers sought

The Presidio Retirement Services Office is seeking Army retirees to serve as members of the Retiree Council. You must be willing to devote time and energy in bringing the needs and concerns of retirees to the ear of the installation commander. At some future point in time, each member will serve as an agent armed with knowledge of various concerns of the retired population, such as Survivor Benefits, CHAMPUS/MEDICARE, etc. If interested, please contact Mr. Fleming at 561-2721 or Ms. Wilkes at 561-3183 or stop by Building 86, Room 8, on Graham Street between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Tests for mechanics

Written exams for automotive and truck mechanics for Automotive Service Excellence Certification will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center on Nov. 7, 12 and 14. These tests are sponsored by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Tests will be given for automobile, heavy-duty truck, body repair and painting, and engine machinist certification. Testing is available for military personnel only. Soldiers must have had at least two years of hands-on training. Information booklets with sample questions are available at the Education Center. Soldiers with certain MOS' will get partial funding. A registration fee of \$20 is charged to each soldier tested, along with a \$15 fee for each specialty exam. Tests must be ordered no later than Sept. 26. For more information, call one of our counselors at 561-2974.

Office relocated

The office of the Installation Mortuary Officer has been moved from DOL, Supply and Service Branch, Building 1163, to DPCA, Mil Pers Division, Building 86 (adjacent to the bank). The telephone number remains the same: 561-3827.

Scholarship program

The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation Awards Scholarship Program has announced that the Olmsted foundation will underwrite three outstanding Company Grade Officers for two years of graduate study at a non-English speaking university, such as the University of Paris or University of Vienna. Company Grade Officers applying for the scholarship should contact the Education Center immediately. Additional point of contact is Mr. S.L. Smith at 561-2151.

Medical news of note

The Letterman Physical Exam Clinic has moved. Its new location is Room 215 on the second floor of Letterman. Additionally, the Letterman Walk-In Clinic has moved. Its new location is Room 214. Hours of operation and telephone numbers were not affected in either case.

Office closure

The Provost Marshal's office will be closed on Sept. 20 for a training holiday.

Pre-retirement counseling

A military pre-retirement orientation will be presented at the Presidio's Post Theater, Building 99, on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. An open invitation is extended to you and your spouse.

C. Co. equipment returns from desert



photo by Chuck Blancet

C Co. soldiers drive vehicles back from Oakland Army Base.

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion's, equipment arrived at Oakland Army Base Sept. 9.

The ship holding the equipment left Saudi Arabia Aug. 14 and wasn't expected before 30 days. The ship carried approximately 121 trucks, bulldozers, backhoes, scrapers, graders, generators and other heavy equipment, according to Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Barrion, heavy equipment operator.

Soldiers with the unit—one of three line companies with the 864th Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis Wash.—moved the heavy equipment from Oakland Army Base back to the Presidio Monday.

Four soldiers from C Co. sailed back on the ship to protect their equipment and count each item as it was removed from the ship. These soldiers volunteered to sail back with the equipment.

Unloading of the equipment began Sept. 10 at Oakland Army Base. According to Barrion, soldiers weren't permitted to unload the equipment. Civilians

unloaded the equipment while soldiers assisted in ensuring the vehicles were operable.

It took only four days to unload all the equipment from the ship, Barrion said.

Charlie Company soldiers began hauling equipment from Oakland Army Base returning from block leave. All equipment arrived at C Company's motor pool in just one day. Soldiers left for Oakland to begin hauling the heavy equipment back at 9 a.m. Monday. All equipment was returned to the Presidio by 4:30 p.m. the same day.

Charlie Company soldiers were given a police escort through San Francisco. After arriving on the Presidio, Military Police escorted the equipment to the motor pool where soldiers awaited to assist in unloading equipment.

The unit, called "combat heavy," used the heavy equipment to do any type of obstruction or construction needed to help U.S. troops defend, maintain or take territory in the Persian Gulf throughout the 8-months C Co. spent in the desert.

Military retirees may get greater protection under RIF

by K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

A new bill, HR 2945, introduced by Michigan Congressman David E. Bonior would "amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that, for purposes of a reduction in force affecting Federal civilian employees, a military retiree shall not be denied military preference on account of having performed 20 or more years of active service in the armed forces."

Under current law, those who retired with 20 or more years of military service and who now work as civilians for the federal government, are not covered by the RIF rules and regulations which apply to other veterans who served in the military for less than 20 years and who did not retire from the military.

These latter veterans are accorded special Veterans preferences under RIF; for example, they have special rights for retention, bumping and retreating in addition to rights acquired through normal civilian seniority, grade, and time in service.

Military retirees, just as other veterans, do receive special consideration for hiring, but not for RIFs, according to OPM. Under RIF conditions, military

retirees are given the same consideration as non-veterans.

Currently, according to Severin Johnson, Civilian Personnel Office Director, retired military "get credit only for service where a campaign badge was awarded, much less than the whole 20 plus years, while non-retirees get credit for service for all military time."

All this would change if Bonior's bill is enacted into law. Military retirees would suddenly get greater protection. HR 2945 would correct what some perceive to be a long-standing inequity toward military retirees who, after retirement, went to work for the government - the majority of whom went to work for the Department of Defense.

"The purpose of this Act," reads HR 2945, "is to provide that, whenever there is a reduction in force affecting Federal civilian employees, a military retiree shall not be denied military preference on account of having performed 20 or more years of active service in the armed forces."

"For the first time since 1904, most retired military veterans [if HR 2945 becomes law] would be

see RIF protection, page 4

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians

As I know you know by now—it remains a great day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place. And reflecting on my article of a couple of weeks ago—you know why—because of YOU!

I was away most of last week at Vandenberg Air Force Base attending the Sixth U.S. Army Joint Command Readiness Program VII. It was a super conference well planned, organized and executed by our Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations. Specifically, Lieutenant Colonel Dale Litney was the spark plug behind it all. But he had lots of help and I want to thank them all, congratulate them and send along a real sincere HOO AH!

On 10 September I presided at my final Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter/Soldier of the Month Ceremony. As always I was honored to be able to help recognize these outstanding soldiers. Sergeant Pleasant Lindsey III was our Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter. Sergeant Lindsey is the editor of the Star Presidain and does a super job for Presidio of San Francisco and our Army.

Soldier of the Month was Specialist Michelle A. Deeter, a personnel information system management specialist. Both these soldiers are to be congratulated for their outstanding achievement and sent a big loud HOO AH!

Shortly we will be losing several employees at Letterman Army Medical Center through a reduction in force action we were required to take due to Letterman Army Medical Center phase down. I regret we had to lose any civilian employees this way but I am very proud of our employees, LAMC staff and Civilian Management Directorate. Initially we lost about 250 slots but due to the hard work of a lot of people we will end up having to let go a very minimum number. This is the result of much hard work, compassion, concern, care, finding new employment, retraining, early retirement, transfers, etc. To the faithful employees we must let go may I say thank you and God bless your efforts. And to add a really big HOO AH! to each of them. And to all the agencies who worked so hard to lessen the impact—our thanks and a HOO AH! to you also.

Last week we had an unexpected power outage centered primarily in the Pershing Housing Area. I regret these outages but I assure all of you it doesn't happen because DEH doesn't plan, doesn't care or fails to notify you. In this case it was totally unexpected and our folks got on it as soon as it was known. Unfortunately, sometimes these things are more complicated than other times. This one was unexpected, unduly long and very much regretted by all of us.

Although I missed it, Sunday was Battalion Sunday at the Main Post Chapel. The band played and several Headquarters, Command Battalion troops participated. I am told it was very well

done. Congrats and HOO AH! for all involved. On the chapel program for Sunday was an interesting note. Mr. Joseph Lafferty, who over the years has visited many folks at Letterman Army Medical Center, is now himself confined. He would appreciate anyone who could stop in to see him. He is in Hillhaven Convalescent Center, 2043 19th Avenue, San Francisco, 94116, Room 32C. His phone number is 661-8787. I am sure he

would love a visit or even a phone call. HOO AH!

This is my penultimate Commander's Column in the Star Presidain. I have used some previous ones to talk about YOU, about Presidio of San Francisco, etc. Today I want to talk specifically about a very vital, a very hard working, a very wonderful group—our Volunteers. I don't know the total number we have or the dollar figure they save Presidio of San Francisco every year. But I do know we could not run Presidio of San Francisco without you. At LAMC, Thrift Shop, Family Programs, ACS, Hands Across the Presidio, Chapels and on and on and on. Each of you everyday is appreciated by all of us. So—since we will soon be claiming the Presidio of San Francisco has been an Army base under some flag for 216 years I am citing 216 wonderful volunteers! These 216 represent all the hundreds of volunteers who have gone before, who serve until that day in 1994 when we turn the deed over to GGNRA. From all of us—past, present and future—to all of you HOO AH! and thanks.

God bless you every one. Keep flying those flags for freedom!

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Lieutenant General, USA
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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Pleasant Lindsey III
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“What gives you inner peace?”

Staff Sgt. William Hart, Construction Equipment Repair, Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion: “Hearing the word of God and obeying the word, which is a challenge because Jesus Christ is a hard act to follow.”



Violet Sakayan, Barber, PX Mall Barber Shop: “Reading my Bible and believing in God. I see peace in everything when I read my Bible.”



Leslie Gwin, florist, Plant, Flowers and Things, PX Mall: “Arranging flowers is peaceful and relaxing. I’m doing something that I really want to do, as opposed to doing something I have to do.”



Jean Flores, visitor: “I have my religion to fall back on. I talk to God and I have learned how to ‘listen.’”



Joe Tripp, Presidio family member: “I go to church and listen to music.”



Staff Sgt. James DoBynes, records NCO, Deputy Chief of Staff/Personnel: “I seek God’s face and seek his joy.”



Stray animals problem on Presidio

by Staff Sgt. Steven L. Sias

Has an MP recently approached you and advised that your dog needs water or needs to be on a leash or even cleaned up after? Have you seen a couple of MP’s walking around the neighborhood with a small cage, only to take a stray cat away a short time later? Have you seen these same MP’s attempting to catch a racoon or help an injured animal? If not, we’d like to introduce ourselves. We are the Provost Marshal’s Animal Care and Control section.

It is our duty to actively support the conservation of installation wildlife and domestic animal population, enforce pertinent law and regulations, and respond to the needs of the community. We further serve as the investigative body for incidents concerning animal abuse and neglect. Finally, we are the installation’s point of contact with federal, state and local Fish and Game agencies.

The Animal Care and Control Program is designed to maintain a healthy and humane control over predator and domestic animals on the Presidio. In addition, the program seeks to improve the environmental and safety impacts that such animals have on the installation.

The program ensures that help and information

are provided to persons residing here as they relate to animals. Section members, in conjunction with the San Francisco ACC Office are currently receiving on-the-job training in response to, handling and investigating incidents involving animals.

The sections operate within the community on a request basis only. It provides most of its services during the duty day and early evening hours. The section seeks to work through the Presidio’s Mayor’s Program in order to facilitate the community’s proactive involvement.

Currently, the Presidio is having a major problem with stray cats and racoons. In addition, it should be noted that the installation is teaming with a wide variety of wildlife that is readily indentifiable. Some of these wild animals can be dangerous.

One important note we would like to share with the community here is that the San Francisco County area, of which we are a part, is currently having a problem with rabies. Although it may be nice to pet or feed the local racoons, stray cats or the cute puppies, it could have severe health repercussions if you are bitten.

We invite your questions, comments or concerns. You can contact us at 561-3593.

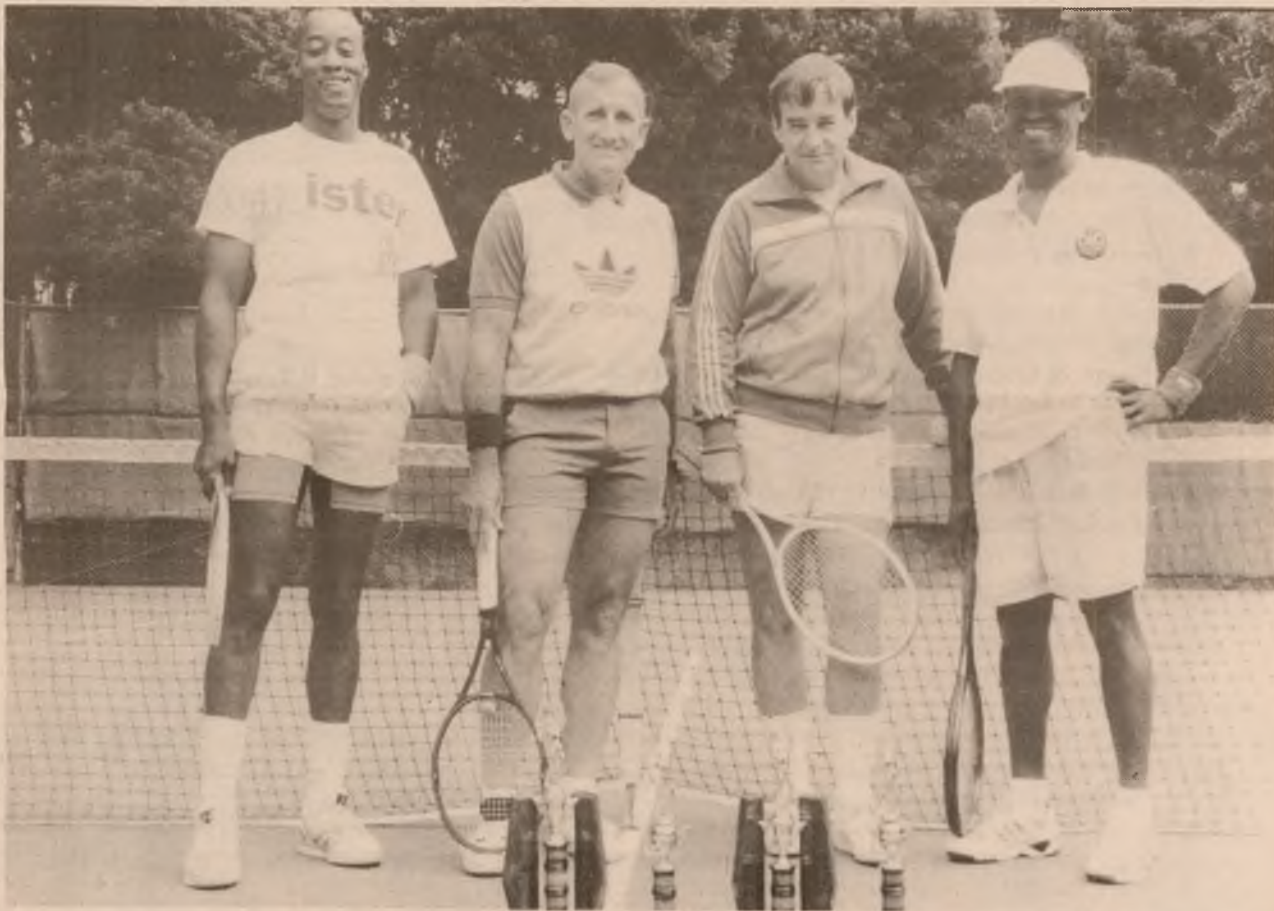


photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Richard Fears, Lonnie Myers, Patrick Kelly and Tony Bowlin take a break before finishing their battle for the Post Tennis Tournament Doubles Championship title on Sept. 15. The first and second place trophies are by their feet, waiting to be snatched up.

Let the good times roll!

B.B. King “lets the good times roll” as he jams on “Lucille” before 12,000 Blues fans Sunday afternoon on Fort Mason, one day before his 66th birthday. King was the headliner for the two-day 19th Annual San Francisco Blues Festival. At one point, King handed his guitar to Bay Area rocker Robert Cray and told him to play before the capacity crowd. “You must be good if I let you play Lucille,” King said.

photo by Duvel White



News

Veterans exposed to radiation offered help

(from a VA press release)

The Department of Veterans Affairs has inaugurated a special toll-free telephone help-line for veterans who were exposed to radiation during their military service.

Current information on VA benefits and services, medical research related to radiation exposure and legislation, as well as assistance in filing or reopening disability compensation claims related to radiation exposure will be offered.

The 24-hour, toll-free number is 1-800-827-0365 and is available to veterans and family members weekdays from 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Pacific time). It is staffed by counselors at the VA Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia. After-hours and weekend callers may leave a recorded message, which will be returned the following business day.

More than 200,000 veterans were potentially exposed to radiation as a result of atomic weapons testing between 1945 and 1962, as prisoners of war in Japan during World War II, or as members of occupation forces in Hiroshima and Nagasaki after World War II. Exposure also could have resulted from a variety of military occupations or from X-ray therapy.

This new help-line supplements toll-free information on VA benefits and programs provided by the San Francisco VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-0641 between 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Pacific time).

FROM THE PAST

(The following article first appeared in the Feb. 14, 1958 edition of the Star Presidian)

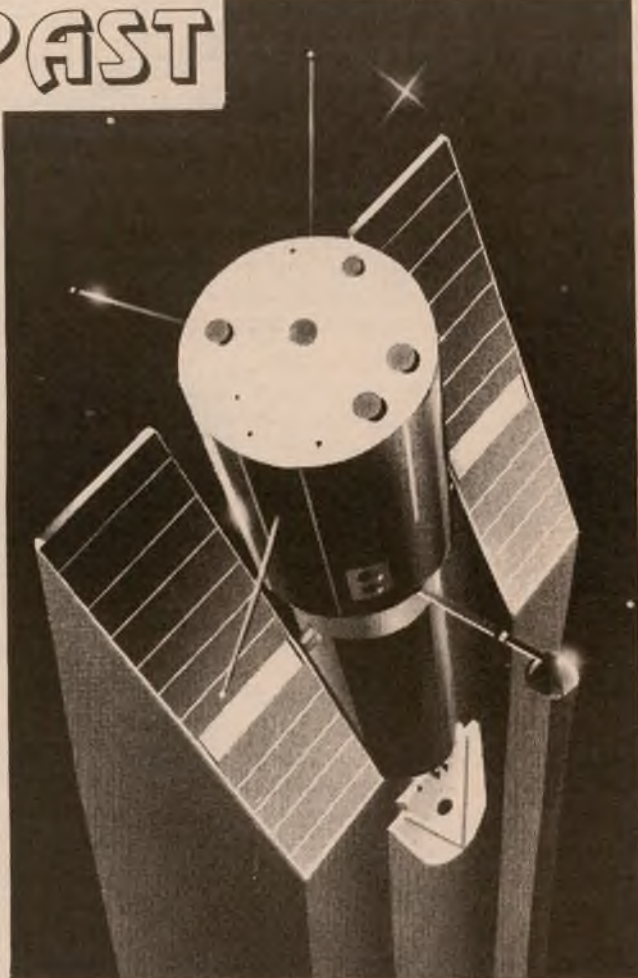
Army's Space Sentry in contact with moon

Amateur radio operators throughout the Western Hemisphere, recently, were picking up radio signals "bounced" off the moon by the Army's giant new radio transmitter, the Space Sentry.

Before the launching of the satellite Explorer by the Army, the Space Sentry beamed its signal to the moon every other day for two weeks and the returning signals were used to calibrate satellite tracking instruments.

The calibration tests, which began Jan. 14 and ended Jan. 28, assured that all Mini-track listening posts would be tuned precisely to the same frequency, and were also used to check the internal computing systems of the stations. "These operations are vital," one spokesman said, "for coordinated observation of the satellites."

Space Sentry, operating on a frequency of 108 megacycles, fed its signal to a 50-foot dish-shaped antenna, a modification of Radar Diana which made man's first contact with the moon in 1946. Amateur radio operators who cooperated with the satellite effort were also tuned to this same moon-bounce frequency.



The signal tests, conducted on even days of the month, were transmitted from Fort Monmouth, N.J., to the moon on each test date for five hours. This period, between moonrise and moonset, bracketed the moment when the moon was at the same longitude as the station site.

U.S. POW/MIA team meets with Vietnam officials

by Army News Service

The head of a U.S. POW/MIA team called recent meetings in Vietnam and Cambodia "cordial and productive" toward speeding the resolution of cases involving unaccounted-for Americans from the Vietnam War.

The U.S. team, led by Col. Bill Jordan, principal advisor to the secretary of defense for POW/MIA matters, met Aug. 21 and 22 in Hanoi, Vietnam with officials from that country's "Office on Seeking Missing Persons." Additional meetings were held Aug. 22 and 23 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

According to an Aug. 28 DoD release, the meetings focused on "developing methods of accelerating the

resolution of the remaining discrepancy cases that have been presented to Vietnam." A discrepancy case involves an unaccounted-for American "for whom there was strong evidence that he survived his incident of loss and was captured, or about whom the Vietnamese government should have some information," DoD said.

During the visit, Phnom Penh authorities turned over remains they said were of an American missing in Cambodia. The remains have been taken to the U.S. Army Casualty Identification Laboratory in Hawaii for analysis.

Since 1988, retired Gen. John W. Vessey, presidential emissary to Hanoi for POW/MIA affairs, has

presented 119 discrepancy cases to Vietnam. Defense Department officials said 62 of those cases remain unresolved.

During the meetings in Hanoi, the U.S. team recommended expanding joint field activities with Vietnam and conducting more rapid investigations of "live-sighting" reports. The team also recommended that Vietnam allow more open access to field activities by the news media.

In Cambodia, the U.S. team presented information on 83 American servicemen and civilians missing in that country. The team also provided the Cambodians with casualty resolution techniques and on U.S. policies related to the POW/MIA issue.

Military strength at lowest point since 1950

by Army News Service

The number of active duty U.S. servicemembers has dropped to its lowest level since before the Korean conflict in 1950, according to Defense Department military strength figures released Aug. 29.

Total strength of the armed forces on July 31 was 2,018,361, a decrease of 10,762 since June and a drop of 31,362 from the same time last year.

About 1.46 million people served in the armed

forces in 1950; since then, U.S. military strength has never dipped below 2 million. That should change soon, according to DoD officials. Under an April 8 directive from Deputy Secretary of Defense Don Atwood, the number of active duty servicemembers cannot exceed 1,992,758 by Sept. 30.

End strength ceilings by that date are 710,000 for the Army; 573,086 for the Navy; 195,672 for the Marine Corps; and 514,000 for the Air Force.

The number of people in the service on July 31 were 725,569 for the Army; 574,194 for the Navy; 197,316 for the Marine Corps; and 521,282 for the Air Force.

The figures, reported monthly by DoD, represent full-time servicemembers comprising regulars, reserves on extended active duty, and officer candidates, including cadets at the three military academies.

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veterans for RIF purposes," says the *Federal Times*.

"Congress [originally] limited the RIF rights of military retirees working in agencies because lawmakers believed military retirees with more than 20 years would have unfair advantages over other, younger veterans and non-veteran civil service employees," said the *Times*, referring to a letter sent by the Office of Personnel Management to Members of Congress in response to Congress' questions concerning veterans and RIFs; "the law now provides that armed forces retirees would not retain veterans preference in RIF competition after beginning a second career in the federal service."

According to the *Weekly Federal Employees News Digest*, "Another provision of the... bill would give

any veteran (retired or not) with at least a 30 percent Department of Veterans Affairs disability additional RIF retention credit by moving him or her into a disabled vet subgroup."

"The Defense Department and the military services" says the *Times*, "together employ nearly 60 percent of all federally employed veterans." Overall, says the *Times*, "as of September 1990, 10,539 former military officers and 95,133 former enlisted people worked in government agencies."

The legislation comes at a critical time when many agencies are cutting back. The Department of Defense is especially vulnerable as many installations are undergoing a severe draw down, are slated for closure or realignment, are experiencing transfers of function, have identified many positions for elimination, and expect to experience major RIFs.

"Those that [would be] hurt by this bill are not the

non-retirees who now have veterans preference, but the civilian employees who now compete directly with retired military," says Johnson. "Although one can argue the equity of retired veterans getting preference, it is equally easy to argue why veterans who have already received preference in getting a job should receive preference in keeping a job when they are already drawing an annuity for their military service. They would then have the ability to bump non-veterans who may have more civilian service and are not yet able to qualify for an annuity."

Passage of HR 2945, although more equitable for military retirees, could therefore have an adverse affect on some employees during a RIF. Federally employed military retirees with 20 or more years under their belts and now pursuing second careers, could, under a RIF, bump junior employees or those with less retention standing from their first careers.

News

New water purification equipment tested under fire

U.S. Army Troop Support Command

The war in the Persian Gulf forced the trial-by-fire in the early fielding of many equipment items. Water purifiers were among those pieces of equipment fielded early and tested under actual combat conditions.

Adequate potable water is important for survival in any environment, but it is critical in the harsh desert climate of Southwest Asia.

"The Army had adequate water purification support in Southwest Asia. Skid units with a 150,000 gallon-per-day purification capacity and barges with a capacity for 300,000 gallons-per-day were used for general support and 600 gallon-per-day units provided division support," said Sgt. Maj. Thomas Rosenthal of the Petroleum and Water Logistics office, U.S. Army Troop Support Command. "What was needed was a 3,000 gallon-per-hour machine for corps support to fill in the gap."

The Troop Support Command, commonly known as "The Soldier's Command," is in charge of the research, development, fielding and maintenance of a wide range of equipment items including operational rations, clothing, shelters, camouflage, mine detection and clearing equipment, watercraft, power generation, air delivery equipment and fuel handling and storage equipment.

The Army uses a three-step process to purify water. Regardless of whether the water began as brackish or salt water, all impurities and contaminants, including chemical and biological agents, are removed. The end product is water that is much cleaner than the tap-water in most households.

First, the water is passed through a multi-media filter which removes the majority of the particles. Then it is forced through cartridge filters which remove the remaining particles. Finally, it goes through the reverse osmosis element which rejects the ions, allowing only pure water to pass.

The Troop Support Command's Project Office for Petroleum and Water Logistics had previously recognized the requirement for an intermediate capacity reverse osmosis water purification unit, and had

been developing it for some time. Operation Desert Shield/Storm created an ideal situation to field test this new unit.

It was arranged to have three 3,000 GPH prototype ROWPU's airlifted to Southwest Asia in October due to the need for a mobile intermediate range machine. Item managers also hoped to determine from this move if the length of the test cycle could be cut by field trials.

"Our results for purifying fresh well water were very promising," said Rosenthal. "The units were easy to operate and made good water."

The 82nd Quartermaster Detachment out of Fort Irwin, California trained on the units and ran them during the war at King Khalid Military City and Log Base Charlie in Saudi Arabia. The units purified two and a half million gallons of water at KKM from October to January and eight million gallons at Log Base Charlie from mid-January through mid-April.

"When the fighting stopped and the units were no longer needed in the northern part of the country we arranged for the 3K ROWPU's to be tested on sea water," said Col. Robert Weimer, Troop Support Command's Project manager for Petroleum and Water Logistics.

"The units worked well on sea water, but the high salt content did cause problems," said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Allen of the 82nd Quartermaster Detachment.

"When you operate on sea water, maintenance time more than doubles," Allen said. "The salt content in the Arabian Gulf is two and a half times that of normal sea water so we figured this would be the best place to test the unit."

The 82nd ran the sea water test 24 hours a day, seven days a week for two weeks. The test data was then forwarded to the project manager to complement first article test data already collected.

"Overall, we are very pleased with the operation of the 3K ROWPU," Weimer said. "It is a very positive addition to our existing family of water purification equipment."



U.S. Army photo
Spec. Savauiau Hall, a water purification specialist with the 82nd Quartermaster Detachment, changes the reverse osmosis membrane on the 3,000 GPH ROWPU.



Russian masterwork on view

Konstantin Makovsky's large and vivid masterwork *The Russian Bride's Attire*, 1889, is on public view at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, located in Lincoln Park at 34th Avenue and Clement Street. It will remain on view through Sept. 29. The painting, which depicts preparations for a 17th-century aristocratic Russian wedding, was in storage for several years due to a need for extensive conservation treatment.

Konstantin Makovsky was a key contributor to the realist movement that

dominated late 19th-century Russian art. He was born in Moscow, son of an art collector and brother of the equally famous painter Vladimir Makovsky.

One of the primary examples in America of Russian history painting, *The Russian Bride's Attire* documents major tendencies in late 19th-century Russian art, such as the assertion of national identity through historical subjects, the marriage of realism with history and literature, and the loosening of academic technique through historic exuberance.

CHAMPUS cost-shares cochlear implants

by CHAMPUS Public Affairs Office

Cochlear implants are electronic instruments, parts of which are surgically implanted to stimulate auditory nerve fibers, and parts of which are carried or worn by a person to capture and amplify sound.

Cochlear implants approved by the Food and Drug Administration are covered for services obtained on or after March 2, 1988, by adults aged 18 and older who suffer from profound deafness which occurred after they had learned to speak, and who don't benefit from the use of normal hearing aids.

When CHAMPUS contractors have made the necessary administrative adjustments to their systems, the implants may also be covered for children aged two through 17 who are profoundly deaf in both ears, and who don't benefit from standard hearing aids. This became effective June 27, 1990. However, even though a child may have deafness in both ears, the cochlear implant would only be recommended for one ear.

There are other guidelines to meet as well for CHAMPUS to cover cochlear implants. Check with your Health Benefits Advisor for details.

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News

A mosaic: Hispanic people in the United States

by Lt. Schuyler C. Webb

The word "mosaic" is defined as a surface decoration made by inlaying small pieces of variously colored material to form pictures or patterns. The diversity among Hispanics in nationality, lifestyle and interests indeed forms a unique and rich "mosaic" within the American picture.

Terminology to describe this "mosaic" of people is sometimes difficult to understand. The terms Hispanic, Spanish-origin, Spanish-speaking, Hispano, Hispanic-Americans, Spanish-Americans, Latinos/Latins, Latin-Americans, and others, have been used by a number of writers. Of these terms, the first three are used the most. The terms Hispanic and Spanish-origin are used by writers of government documents. Spanish-speaking lacks accuracy, because not all households identified use Spanish as their usual language. Overall, 80 percent of Hispanic persons live in households where Spanish is spoken in one of the 12 dialects.

Moreover, the differences among the Hispanic groups themselves make the Hispanic community a very elusive and heterogeneous community. For example, the term "Hispanic" can apply to a generation Guatemalan who has just arrived in Central America as well as to someone where his ancestors have lived for centuries.

In any case, Hispanics are citizens of the United States who trace their ancestry to Latin America and Spain.

Why is it important to know about Hispanic Americans? First, Hispanic-Americans are often labeled as "one kind of people." That perception is stereotypical and is simply not a fact. American Hispanics are not a homogeneous group. Although united by a common language and origin in Spanish colonization, they maintain distinct ethnic groups. Each sub-group has its own proud and unique heritage; may be White, Black, Indian or a mixture of races; has its own religion such as Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, African or Indian spiritualist; reflects its own folklore, myths, holiday celebrations, artistic expressions, culinary specialties, style of dress and social structure.

Second, Hispanic-Americans should be understood as they really are and for the valuable contributions -people, places and things- of lasting historical and cultural significance they continue to offer American culture.

In addition, knowing something about the Hispanic culture is necessary if some level of true understanding, acceptance and appreciation is to develop. Although it is interesting and enlightening to learn about the traditional and historical cul-

ture of the Hispanic-American, we will focus on the present day transition of Hispanics and other Americans as they adapt to the multiple ethnic society in the United States.

Though Hispanics are a prominent group in America, few of their contributions to American society are mentioned in most history texts. One possible reason is offered by a Hispanic researcher. According to Gary Archuleta, during the Mexican-American War, which started in 1846, and the Spanish-American War of 1898, propaganda was used to turn popular sentiment against the enemy. Hispanic people were characterized as notoriously criminal, "banditos," lazy and stupid. A negative public image of Hispanic people was needed to justify the wars. The propaganda campaign was effective on two fronts: Americans believed it, but many Hispanic-Americans did as well, and they began to feel the negative stereotypes were true. This led to poor Hispanic self-images. Unfortunately, these stereotypes linger in society at large and may be factors in Hispanic school and employment dropouts.

Columbus Day celebration offers fun, tradition

It's a little bit of 15th century Italy as North Beach turns its attention to the intrepid, if not a little wayward, explorer Christopher Columbus for the annual Columbus Day celebration.

Three weeks of festivities get off to a driving start tomorrow with the second annual Columbus Day Golf Tournament at Lincoln Park, beginning at 11 a.m.

Fun, along with tradition, continues as Bimbo's 365 Club hosts the Queen Isabella pageant on September 28 starting at 11:30 a.m. The coronation takes place on Oct. 4 as Mayor Agnos crowns the next Queen Isabella in the City Hall rotunda beginning at noon.

For a detailed events calendar and more information, contact the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau Information Center at 391-2000.



San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau photo by Split Image

Christopher Columbus sails again in the annual Grand Parade of the three week long Columbus Day Celebration. Capping the Sept. 28 to Oct. 13 festivities, the Oct. 13 parade celebrates the exploits of the intrepid, if not a little wayward, explorer.

How to plan ahead for second career

from The Retired Officers Association

Are you leaving the service due to the force drawdown? Unhappy with your current assignment and thinking of retiring or leaving the service? Whatever the circumstances, if you are considering a transition to civilian life, you owe it to yourself and your family to read further about this most important personal decision.

"Unless you have to leave, you should stay in the service as long as possible and use that time to develop your post-retirement job game plan," says Col. Doug Carter, USAF-Ret., author of *Marketing Yourself For a Second Career* and noted lecturer on career transition.

With over 10 years experience aiding thousands in the job search, Carter says, "people do not realize that it may take six months to a year, for some even longer, to find a good job. Proper planning will prevent you from ending up underpaid, over-qualified and unhappy in a job you really don't want."

In 1990, Carter, director of the Retired Officers Association's Officer Placement Service, talked to over 25,000 active duty officers, senior NCO's and their spouses at 100 military installations all over the country. He offers this sound advice to those leaving the service.

- Develop a milestone chart that maps out your plan, including suspense dates for everything you need to do: books you will read, documents you will research, people to call, broadcast letters to write, etc. Use these things to document progress.
- Prepare. Expect to spend 60 to 80 hours a week on the job hunt. The higher you want to go, the harder you have to work at it.
- Determine where you are willing to work. The cost of living, state and local taxes, job market and pay scales will affect your decision.
- Decide what you want to do. Ninety-five percent of all service members don't really know what

they want to do upon retirement. Read professional journals, research the companies you'd like to work for and use the network system. Find out who hires people with your skills. Zero in on three or four job preferences.

- Identify the person who has the power to hire you. Generally, it isn't the personnel officer. Personnel officers usually hire at the entry level. Send your letters to, and try to network directly with, the person in power.
- Write a focused, competitive, marketable resume.
- Develop proper interviewing skills.

Changing jobs is a big step. Job hunting is tough duty! Get help from your service's transition assistance office, retiree affairs office and education office. Go to job fairs. Join a veterans or military-related association and civic club.

At the Zoo

San Francisco Zoo, a changing place

story and photos by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian staff

From its beginning in 1889 with a grizzly bear named Monarch, donated by the San Francisco Examiner, through its current program of breeding endangered bald eagles and peregrine falcons for release in the wild, the San Francisco Zoo has worked to constantly change and improve its facilities.

Monarch was exhibited in Woodward's Gardens and later in Golden Gate park. In 1922 the City's Park Commission purchased 125 acres from the Spring Valley Water Company, now the site of the current zoo, which opened in 1929. Currently 65 of those acres are under development with the balance scheduled for development in the next decade.

Zoo 2000 is a long-range development plan which will completely redevelop and reorganize the San Francisco Zoo. It is one of the first zoos in the world to integrate its overall physical plan into one unifying an educational theme. It will replicate five of the world's most fascinating bio-geographic regions with exhibits designed to help visitors explore how animals behave, why they are found where they are and how they adapt for survival.

One of the first things you notice as you come into the zoo is the Mother's Building, which now houses the Zoo Shop. This building, originally commissioned by Herbert and Mortimer Fleishacker in honor of their mother, Delia Fleishacker, to be used as a place where mothers could go to relax and to care for their children, will eventually be restored as a museum.

Just a short distance into the zoo you can hear the stirring music coming from the wooden carousel built in 1921 by William H. Dentzel for the soon to be defunct Pacific City Amusement park, and moved to the Zoo in 1925. In 1978, a \$100,000 project was funded by the San Francisco Zoological Society to restore the carousel's collection of hand-carved horses, giraffes, ostriches, cats and other fanciful animals to its original beauty.

The zoo now exhibits approximately 240 species of animals and birds and 64 species of insects and other arthropods, reptiles and amphibians. An additional 45 species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians are used in educational programs at the zoo and in the community.

In the children's zoo, a five-acre park operated by the San Francisco Zoological Society, you find three different areas starting with the Barnyard, where visitors can feed and touch the Barnyard's domestic animals: sheep, goats, donkeys, chickens and geese.

Next you find the Animal Nursery, where zoo animals requiring special care are handled. The



It appears that these two seals are telling secrets.

public can watch as staff and volunteers feed and take care of the special infants.

Staffed by Junior Volunteers, the Nature Trail allows you to get close to ferrets, opossums, hedgehogs, a great horned owl and other mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. In some cases, you can touch them and the volunteers can tell you about their habits. Other questions can be answered by reading the signs posted on the trail.

The major exhibits at the zoo include: The Kooala Crossing, which is one of only five exhibits in the country to show these appealing marsupials;

Gorilla World, one of the world's largest naturalistic gorilla exhibits, and the Thelma and Henry

Doelger primate Discovery Center, which exhibits 15 species of rare and endangered monkeys and prosimians in naturalistic settings;

Penguin Island, opened in 1984 and renovated in 1991, provides the zoo's Magellanic penguin colony of about 50 birds with a spacious 200 foot pool and an island with nesting burrows. It is the most successful breeding colony of captive Magellanic penguins in the world, producing its 100th chick in 1991;

The Musk Ox Meadow, a 2.6 acre habitat for the zoo's herd of rare white-fronted musk oxen was completed in 1980. In 1986 there were three births, the first successful zoo births for this variety of musk ox;

The Lion House, home to three species of big cats: African lions, Tigers, and Siberian tigers, including Prince Charles, a rare white tiger;

The Insect Zoo, opened in 1979, is one of only four insectariums in the country. More than 40 species are exhibited. At the popular Incredible Insects in Action (a presentation held daily throughout the summer and on weekends during the rest of the year) visitors can explore the hidden world of insects and other arthropods. You can watch honey bees build a hive, velvety ants run a city, see scorpions and different types of cockroaches in addition to a multitude of other insects.

The San Francisco Zoological Society helps the zoo in a number of ways. As a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the zoo, there are several major fund-raising activities conducted each year. The membership program, Adopt an Animal program, Zoofest and annual Zoo Run are the biggest activities.

By joining the Zoological Society, you are entitled to unlimited free admission to the main zoo and the Children's Zoo, as well as receiving invitations to special events throughout the year.

Regular admission is \$6 for adults, ages 16 to 64, \$3 for youths, ages 12 to 15, and for seniors, 65 and older; and free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

For a fun way to spend the day, journey out to Sloat Boulevard, just east of the Great Highway and enjoy yourself at the San Francisco Zoo. For further information about the zoo or any of its programs, contact the Zoological Society at 753-7080.



A black bear rests in the sun while people-watching.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings

by Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

Since the school year has just begun, let's ponder a new word, (or at least a word that we don't usually use in our day-to-day conversations) "paradox": "A seemingly contradictory statement that may nonetheless be true." As an example of paradox, let us use the concept of freedom in religion.

Freedom, in general, as we know it here in the USA and in the USSR since the "coup," is the ability and/or right to think and do many different things. Things that are not dictated by others. We have the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion. We are free to think and decide on our own. FREEDOM.

In our Bible we are told that because of the gift of God's love, we are set free. It is indeed a gift because we do not have to earn God's love; it is there for the taking. I have a picture of an ugly dog hung in my office with the quip that reads, "I am not loved by God because I am valuable, I am valuable because I am loved by God." God loves us human beings and we are not perfect. God loves us. FREEDOM.

That brings up the questions, "Then why not go out and kill somebody? Won't God love us anyway?" Well, the Bible does tell us that God's love is very deep and God's ability to forgive is vast, BUT! Now let's look at the word "paradox." Yes, we are free to do anything, but as religious people, freedom has responsibility. In the Bible we find three different reasons for not exercising our freedom in the abso-

lute way. The first reason is that we are models for others. "All things are lawful, but not all things build up." (1 Cor. 10:23) If it causes your brother or sister to stumble, don't do it. The second reason can be found in Matthew and it is the primary instruction of Jesus. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:39) The third reason can be found in Paul's writings and it can be explained in the picture of the ugly dog on my wall. God considers each one of us valuable and, as such, we must treat each other as if God loves and cares for them. The paradox of freedom. Fact: We are free and we want to strengthen our relationship with God. We are free and we want to build up our neighbor. We are free and we want to do to others as we want them to do to us. We are free and we want to treat others as precious individuals. We are FREE.

Protestant Sunday School and Catholic CCD Classes have begun. Sunday School is held every Sunday morning at 9:30 at the Religious Activities Center. Catholic CCD classes are at 11:10 every Sunday morning also at the RAC. If you are interested in attending, please come by the RAC Sunday morning or

drop by the Main Post Chapel and pick up your registration forms.

The Jewish Sukkoth Celebration is next week. We have the tent erected in front of the RAC and a lunch is planned. For specific time and date, please phone

Quip of the Week: "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none, but also the dutiful servant to all."

—Martin Luther

Ruth Callmann at 561-4397.

Our Senior High Youth Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. This is a great time to meet new friends and enjoy games and food. All Senior Highers are invited. No registration is necessary. For further information, phone Kathy Benjamin at 561-3535.

The Thursday night Presidio Bible Talk Program is held at the RAC starting at 8 p.m. No registration is necessary, just come by the RAC and join in a stimulating discussion.

Bible Study Fellowship meets every Wednesday at the RAC at 9 a.m. There are presently 60 women registered for this great bible study. If you wish to join these ladies, drop by the RAC on Wednesday morning or phone Marge at 922-6085.

Protestant Choir practice is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5 and 9 p.m., and 11 a.m. every Sunday morning.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening in the LAMC Chapel and every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The Chaplain's Office is in the basement of the Main Post Chapel, Bldg 130. If you just feel like dropping by for a chat and a cup of coffee, feel free.

For more information, phone the Post Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

Teleconference Center alternative to TDY travel, expense

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Tired of making those seemingly endless trips to places unknown, just to share information with or obtain information from somebody else?

All that TDY travel can sure be a pain—especially if you don't want to be there. It would be great to just pick up a phone and have a conference, if only you could see everyone else on the phone line.

Well, now you can.

The Presidio of San Francisco Video Teleconferencing Center offers Presidio organizations an option that can save TDY dollars yet maintain that personal interaction that only a conference can provide.

The Teleconferencing Center is located in the basement of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters, Building 38 and is a member of the U.S. Army Forces Command network. The Center is maintained by Stan Moore of the Training Support Center.

The FORSCOM teleconferencing network began in May of 1989 with 15 sites and now includes 17 sites total. The FORSCOM network is part of the larger Defense Commercial Telecommunications Network.

DCTN consists of seven smaller networks. In addition to FORSCOM's sub-network, DCTN includes: the Navy's NAVAIR with nine sites, the Army Material Command's AMC network with 16 locations, the Air Force SDIO/AFSC network's 18 sites and AFLC network's eight sites, and the Department of the Army Training and Doctrine Command's 22 network stations. DCTN's 90 teleconferencing centers cover an area from Maryland in the northeast to Hawaii in the west.

AT&T provides communications lines 24 hours per day, seven days per week for all of the facilities on the network. The Presidio facility can be used in one of three ways—for point-to-point conferences, multi-point conferences or video recording conferences.

Point-to-point conferences consist only of two locations and are somewhat private. Yet, multi-point conferences allow a number of groups or interested parties to participate. Multi-point video conferences may be the answer to cutting TDY costs.

And, if time should be a factor, conferences can be recorded as they happen and sent out to other interested parties to be viewed at a later date. The videotaped conferences are especially handy for people who don't have access to teleconferencing facilities.

However, the policy for using this facility is clear

on this practice—the facility is not to be used as a television production facility. Video recordings should only be used for conferences.

Ron Nash, FORSCOM's network administrator, cited an economical reason underlying the use of teleconferencing centers for Army purposes: the teleconferencing centers cut the cost of TDY travel expenses.

Instead of sending a group of people to attend a conference at a remote location on government expense, units can set up teleconference meetings on local sites. This eliminates the added cost of transportation, lodging in hotels and meal expenses.

An added benefit to using teleconferencing facilities is the personal interaction these facilities allow the users to experience, even though the users are located at more than one site. This interaction is not available when making a simple phone call.

For instance, a caller can't read another's body language or show charts over the telephone. But a teleconference site allows all parties to see one another and share charts, graphs and other visual aids.

The Presidio Video Teleconference Center is equipped with five video cameras. Three face the conference table for full spread shots and close-ups from left and right angles. Another camera is placed in the ceiling above the table and is used to relay graphs and papers that are placed on the table. The fifth camera faces a wall for wall charts and graphs.

There are two 31-inch color video monitors that face the table. One monitor will show the other conference members as they take turns speaking from their remote locations. Simultaneously, the second monitor can show close-ups of the other conferees' charts and graphs.

Plus, the second monitor can be used as a mirror so that the users of the facility can make last minute checks on their appearance. Vanity has its place.

The Teleconference facility has videotape recorders to record conferences for future use, and a video printer that can print out video images.

The equipment is normally operated by the facility operator, but can be operated by the users of the conference room. The facility operator's controls are duplicated on two panels imbedded in the conference table. The controls can be raised for easy access by the conferees and feature a touch sensitive graphic screen, so there are no buttons to push.

Four users can sit at the conference table and a raised area immediately to the rear can comfortably



Stan Moore, Teleconferencing Center operator, shows how the facility's users will appear on the 31-inch color video monitors. This photo was reproduced using one of the video cameras and the video printer.

accommodate eight more people. Again, it is more expensive to send three people across the country than it is to sit 12 people in one spacious room.

If your organization needs to meet face to face with other people in different locations but can't afford the travel expense, then the Presidio Video Teleconferencing Center provides an option to consider.

To make reservations for using the facility, call Stan Moore at 561-3750.

Sports / Health

Sports Briefs

Partial gym closure

Post Gym 1, Building 63, will be utilized for testing of candidates for the West Point Physical Aptitude Test on Sunday. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It will reopen upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

Summer basketball

Play-off action is under way at Post Gym One for the top four teams in the Presidio Summer Basketball Program with two games scheduled this evening beginning at 5 p.m. Semi-finals are scheduled for Monday starting at 5 p.m. The championship game will be held on Wednesday at 5 p.m. LAMC, pulling all of their basketball talent into one team, was undefeated in the round robin competition with six wins and zero losses. They loom as the tournament favorite. Action should be hot and heavy as the summer basketball players will be out to show who is the best players here at the Presidio.

On-going aerobics class

To reduce stress, lower cholesterol, improve circulation, increase calorie burn and strengthen your heart muscle, join us for aerobics. There are four certified instructors who, with the help of great music, will help you reach your fitness goals. They are also there to answer any questions you may have regarding aerobics. For more information, call the post gym at 561-4131.

Fitness activities

If you are bored and restless, then the base gym may be the place for you to be. It offers an array of activities that will certainly restore your sense of well-being. For adults it offers aerobic dancing, a weight lifting room, golf, swimming and fencing lessons and much more. For children it provides Taekwondo lessons, youth ballet, jazz dances and junior bowling. For more information about any of these classes, contact Bob Darling at 561-4120.

Youth Services activities

There are many constructive activities our youth can be involved with here on the Presidio. The following events are being sponsored by Youth Services for the month of September.

Girl Scout registration (ages 5 and up) is today between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Building 563. For more information, phone Barb Yarber at 751-1733.

The Presidio Swim Team is going to be recruiting capable swimmers on Oct. 7. You must be between the ages of five and 14. If you are interested in trying out, contact Maj. Koplin at 561-4224.

Teens between the ages of 13 and 19 who are interested in joining the PSF Teen Council should contact Youth Services at 561-5143.

Ballet, tap and jazz classes are being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Building 1331. Enrollment is open for youths five years and older. Your point of contact is Lourdes Mitrovich at 885-4619 or Youth Services at 561-5143.

Karate classes are being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Building 1331. Enrollment is open to youths six years and up. Phone 561-5143 for more information.

Sign-up for the Youth Bowling League will be on Saturday and Sept. 21. Additionally, the Winter Bowling League will begin on Sept. 28 from 3:30 a.m. to noon at the Bowling Center. Contact Youth Services for more information at 561-5143.

Grueling tennis competition eliminates 11

story and photos by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

Patrick Kelly and Lonnie Myers cut a swath through four rounds of double elimination play through the week and captured the doubles championship with a 6-3, 6-3 final match in the Presidio Tennis Tournament on Sept. 15.

Kelly, a retired Army major and Myers, a colonel from Criminal Investigation Division, sent Letterman Army Hospital's Tony Bowlin and Richard Fears to the losers bracket enroute to the championship. In the final match, Bowlin and Fears were victimized once again.

In the final match both Bowlin and Fears had difficulty getting their initial serves across the net, a problem common in tennis when a player tries too hard to score a service ace. Naturally, the second serve tends to have a little something taken off of it, which allows an opponent to get to the ball faster and set up a better return. Otherwise, the server risks hitting a double fault. Bowlin and Fears had a couple of these to their credit.

While this may sound like basic tennis playing to the average participant, it must be noted that this was the only flaw in an otherwise tight match. At one point Fears and Bowlin double teamed Myers and tried to wear him down close to the net, but that only worked half the time. The other half of the time Myers would wait for one of his opponents to get over eager and then pass the ball right by them.

Another strategy, trying to catch Kelly sleeping in the back court, backfired. Kelly's easy lobs and deceptively slow style actually fooled his opponents into underestimating his reaction time and his accuracy.

The only close match that Kelly and Myers weathered was their battle with Tyrone Jackson and Stepen Sutley Sept. 12. That match featured the closest struggle in the tournament and included the tournament's only tie-breaker as Kelly and Myers won 7-6, 7-5.

In singles action Richard Fears has been the one to watch. Though he won't be in the winner's circle for doubles competition, he may just walk home with the singles trophy.

Military helps:

Army supports Special Olympics

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

"The military is a tremendous support base for the special Olympics," said Linda S. Lovelace, executive director, San Francisco Special Olympic chapter.

The greatest population of volunteers are located in military areas.

Presidians have supported the Special Olympics in many ways. According to Lovelace, the Sixth U.S. Army Band played at an event, the Presidio provided buses and for two years the military staff coordinated volunteers.

"There are always thousands of volunteers from the military," Lovelace said.

One soldier from the Presidio has supported the Special Olympics since 1984.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert V. Colet feels lucky that he has the chance to coach bowling, track and field and participate in volleyball with the Special Olympics.

"It's a great learning process," Colet said. "Helping out provides you with a lot of understanding."

Colet is a committed volunteer who feels the kids need his help. He also feels they help him.

"You're given valuable things that you don't realize are valuable until you're with them," Colet said. "It gives me self determination to see people trying so hard to do something and can't when I can do it and don't."

"I really enjoy working with the Special Olympics," Colet said. "It gives me the strength and motivation to do things I normally don't do or don't want to do."

Colet began working with the Special Olympics in New York. The Special Olympics is a program that offers recreational and sporting events for mentally disabled people. There are well over 1900 people served by the program in San Francisco, according to Lovelace.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Tony Bowlin reaches to return a drive in the doubles final on Sept. 15.

Fears closest competition featured a Sept. 11 match against Timothy Janson, 6-4, 6-2, and a Sept. 14 match against Stepen Sutley, 6-4, 6-1.

The San Francisco chapter operates with a \$225 to \$1,000 budget. "That's not much when you consider all the people that are affected by the budget."

The Special Olympics program is a private organization that operates through fund-raisers and volunteers. There are only two paid employees with the San Francisco chapter and approximately 425 volunteers. There is no charge for the people who participate in the Special Olympics. They receive this support free.

There are 64 chapters of the Special Olympics in California. Events are held in every county. The programs are operated by the county chapters that have a mother office in Santa Monica, according to Lovelace. The main headquarters are in Washington D.C.

"I think the program is more important than ever," Lovelace says. "The mentally disabled people are suffering even more with the times."

Anyone can volunteer, Lovelace said. However, an application is required and there is a screening process for volunteers. The courts also provide assistants. People who need to work off a debt are sometimes given the opportunity to volunteer for the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics operates five days a week. Seventeen sports are actively participated in year round. A sporting event is held at least four days a week.

The next fund-raising event will be held Sept. 21. The San Francisco Police and Fire Departments will compete in a soccer tournament and the Special Olympic participants will play a game at halftime. There is also a soccer event scheduled for Oct. 26.

"The program wouldn't exist without the countless number of volunteers," Lovelace said. "These people give up their time and put a lot of effort towards making the program better for the mentally disabled."

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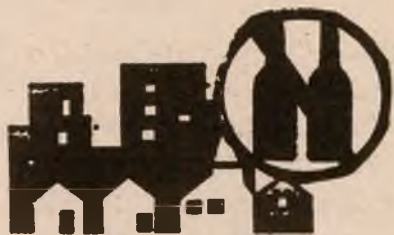
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by Greg Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Community Calendar

Relocation service

The Army Community Services (ACS) is now providing a new service for all military and civilian personnel who are affected by the drawdown and the up-coming closures of bases and relocations. DOD has provided ACS with a computer program that gives information on a wide variety of subjects at numerous locations, both within the United States and overseas. ACS and its computer will be at the main PX to help you with your relocation needs on Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 561-5057.

Up-coming job faire

Over 75 Bay Area employers will recruit at the Peninsula Job Faire on Tuesday at the San Mateo County Expo Center between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Expo Center is located in San Mateo at 2495 South Delaware Street. There is no charge for attending this job faire which is sponsored by the Community Career Education Center. For further information, call 345-0753.

Native plant propagation

If you are into gardening, then you may want to attend a lecture and workshop to be given on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The topic is on how to grow a variety of California native plants from seeds and cuttings. Both the demand for and supply of native plants for home gardens has increased in recent years. However, there are still some natives that you will never find in nurseries and garden centers unless you propagate your own. Both the lecture and workshop will take place at the San Francisco County Fair Building for a fee of eight dollars. If you have any questions, phone 661-0668.

USO news

The USO Presidio Class & Job Club meets Tuesdays at a new time from noon to 1 p.m. The class is open to military members and their spouses. Job placement and individual counseling are available by appointment. For more information or to make an appointment, call 561-2436.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III
"B Angie B" performs at a free outdoor concert at Lake Merritt in Oakland, Sept. 7 that featured top names in the music industry such as "Special Generation," "Yours Truly," the "O Jays," and Keith Washington. There are many activities such as this and other things to do for recreation and relaxation throughout the Bay Area.

City's photography center

Fall classes in basic black and white photography and basic photo enlarging techniques will be offered by San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Photography Center at Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building, 50 Scott Street. The unique municipal facility has 40 photo enlargers, developing rooms, a studio and drying/matting equipment. Basic black and white photography will focus on the mechanics of cameras, matting, films, design/composition, and printing skills. Class meets Thursdays, beginning Sept. 19 through Nov. 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fee is \$60. Basic photo enlarging techniques will cover various black and white films, enlarging paper and development of darkroom skills. Materials will be provided. The class will be held Mondays, Sept. 23 through Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Fee is \$80. For more information, call 554-9522.

NAF job vacancies

There are five Non-Appropriated Fund job vacancies: an intermittent on-call bartender position for \$7.31 an hour is open at the Presidio Officers' Club. Another bartender position is open for \$6.90 an hour at Camp Parks in Pleasanton, Calif. The NCO/Enlisted Club has a cook position available for \$8.77 an hour, Intermittent On-Call. The Child Development Center needs a child development program assistant for regular, part time and intermittent on-call for \$6.41 an hour. An assistant leader position is also available for full time earning \$8.78 an hour. Submit applications to the Civilian Personnel Directorate, NAF Personnel Division, building 37 or call 561-5095/2947.

Unconditional joy

The weekly lunchtime Bible study held on Wednesdays at noon is currently examining the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippian church. The central theme and purpose of this important New Testament epistle is "for your progress and joy in the faith" (1:25). For more information, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Leroe at 561-3474/2351.

Volunteers for 1992

Interested individuals who would enjoy planning for various ethnic/special observances during 1992 are needed. Areas that will be covered include Women's History Month, Asian Pacific Heritage Month, Women's Equality Day, Hispanic Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at 561-4154 or stop by the office in Building 103B, second floor.

Potter's wheel workshop

Do you enjoy playing with mud? If so, perhaps you should join a potter's wheel workshop being offered at Randall Museum on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. The fee is a mere three dollars. Ages four and up are invited, but children under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way. For more information, phone 554-9600.

CHAMPUS news

CHAMPUS will now share the cost of lung and heart-lung transplants for patients who have serious heart and lung disease and whose condition hasn't improved with other treatment. The effective date for coverage of the transplants was Feb. 28. Patients must meet certain specific CHAMPUS criteria in order for the government to share the cost of the surgery and follow-up care. In addition, the facility where the transplant is performed must also meet certain requirements including experience, success rates and staffing. For more information, contact your Health Benefits Advisor.

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Saturday, Sept. 21: Delirious (PG) 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 22: Mobsters (R) 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23: Another You (R) 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27: Pure Luck (PG) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28: Naked Gun II 1/2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 29: What About Bob (PG) 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30: Back Draft (R) 7 p.m.

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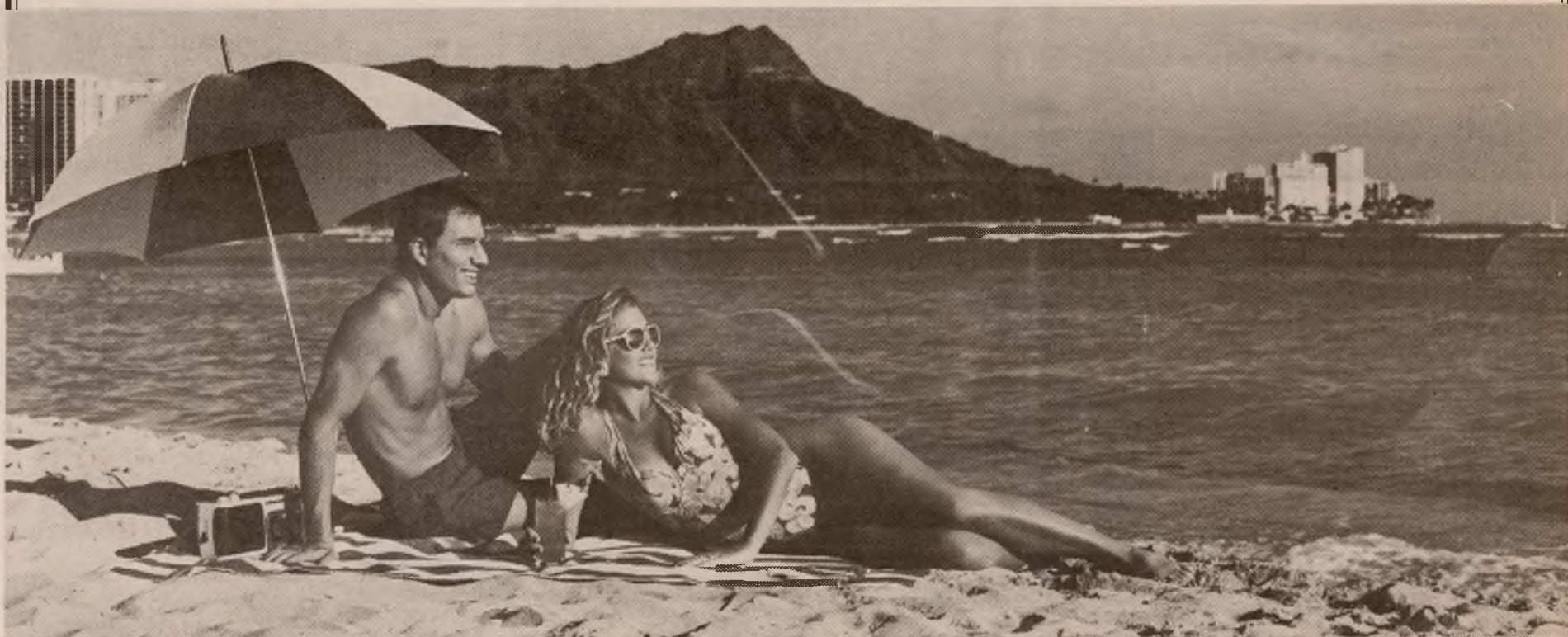


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Thursday, Sept. 19: City Slickers (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20: City Slickers (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Robin Hood (PG-13) 9:15 p.m.
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Lt. Gen. Harrison retires Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commanding General becomes civilian after 30-plus years of service

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, commander, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco, will be retired from the Army Monday after performing 37 years of active duty service.

As former Commanding General of the 7th Infantry Division (Light) and Fort Ord, Calif., Harrison helped develop the Army's "Light Fighter" concept. During his command the 7th ID's Light Fighters developed a distinctive look and esprit de corps that was recognized in "Team Spirit" exercises in South Korea and during Operation Just Cause in Panama.

Harrison later commanded I Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash., before coming to the Presidio of San Francisco.

Harrison has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Republic of Korea, Order of National Security Merit, Cheonsu Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Korean, Canadian and Thai jump wings.

Harrison is jumpmaster and air assault qualified, and is a member of the Infantry Hall of Fame.

Lt. Gen. Harrison is married to the former Jo Patton. They have two sons, Bill and Charlie.

Following are Lt. Gen. Harrison's reflections on his command here, the Army's future direction and his plans for civilian life.

1. What would you consider to be the highlights of your command here and why?

A. As Presidio commander, I wear two hats. From my role as the Sixth Army commander, Desert Shield/Desert Storm is the biggest thing. From my role as the Presidio commander, Desert Shield/Desert Storm was a big deal as we handled the mobilization for the twelve western states. The Presidio itself is a mobilization station.

But of course, the earthquake was a big issue too, and then of course (base) closure and all of its ramifications.

2. What was your reaction to the Presidio team's response to the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake?

A. I was astounded at how well they did. I've never seen people come together, volunteer to help;

soldiers just going on their own to help and aid people and how they got together to help one another. We had wives go and wash dishes in the mess hall when we didn't have electricity; we had people go down to the Marina (district) to help people there; it was just magnificent the way the post came together and aided and assisted not only themselves, but also the people outside—such as when we brought the people on post to live here awhile, the homeless. The way they pitched in and helped those folks, tried to make life better for them... I was very proud of the citizens of the Presidio—the uniformed military, the family members and the civilian employees.

We had civilian employees come in to do their job, but we had no electricity. So they went to work here on the post doing other things.

3. How did it feel having Sixth U.S. Army troops involved in Desert Shield/Desert Storm and knowing you couldn't be there with them?

A. I've maintained all along that there wasn't a uniformed soldier on this post who deep down in his or her heart didn't wish that they could go and I was one of them who would have loved to have gone. But, that wasn't my job. My job was to stay back here and train, mobilize and deploy soldiers from here. Once we did that, they weren't our's anymore—they belonged to another commander. We had good commanders over there; they had good leadership over there... I knew they would be well taken care of, well utilized, well trained, so we continued to do our job the best we could back here.

4. How would you compare your command here to your past commands?

A. The first big difference here is that we are working with the Army Reserve and not active duty soldiers. It's a very large command with large numbers of Reserve and Army National Guard soldiers we oversee and supervise. Unlike Fort Ord, where you have large amounts of soldiers training, we don't have that many soldiers here. The ones we deal with are out in the hinterlands, in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, out in the country, up in the mountains all over the great western United States.

It's different in that we are primarily command and control—we are farther removed soldiers. But that's the normal progression and part of the job.

5. What changes have you seen take place on the Presidio since you've taken command?

A. Unfortunately we have not been able to do a lot of the things that I would like to have done to make life better for the soldiers here—we haven't had the money.

We've pretty much been trying to hold our own, to keep the quality of life here as good or equal to what we had, and we haven't always succeeded. I've had to cancel some of the school bus routes, had to close the library, close the mess hall, so, unfortunately, the changes that I've seen have had a somewhat negative light compared to the changes at Fort Ord where things were more positive—we were able to build more child care centers, more gymnasiums, more housing.

But here at the Presidio—because of the cutback in funds, not because of closure—because of just the normal cutdown of the defense budget, it's been kind of an inverse type thing.

There have been also some things that I've seen as we have gotten into closure that are positive. All of the command here has tried very hard to communicate to people, to keep people informed, from the soldiers to the families, civilian employees, the volunteers, retirees... the Presidio is a very large community. A lot of people live on the Presidio. We support a very large community. So as we have made a real big effort, not just me but everybody, from Sixth Army Headquarters and Headquarters U.S. Army Garrison, as we have tried to communicate and let people know what's going on and dispel rumors and keep people informed about closure, I've sensed that there is a greater sense of togetherness, of community, of understanding that has come about.

People don't like it [closure]. People still wish that the Presidio wasn't closing, but I think that they understand now that it is going to close and, ... I shouldn't say they've accepted it because some haven't really accepted it... but they understand what's happening and why.

6. Considering the future of the Presidio, what advice would you like to leave to the Presidio community as a whole, and what advice would you like to leave specifically to the soldiers?

A. I think the advice to both groups would be about the same. The main thing is that they've just got to keep the faith. It's going to get more difficult.

Voices



Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison

Hoo Ah!

Dear Presidians -

Well, this is my final chat with you. On 30 September I will leave the rolls of active service and become an Army Retiree—a very proud title. I have enjoyed the opportunity of communicating with you each week and hope that some of you have found these musings worthwhile. So, this will be my final time to remind you one and all that it's a GREAT day to be in or a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

This past week has been yet another one filled with comings and goings. Lieutenant General Ronald Griffith, the new Inspector General of the Army visited the Presidio of San Francisco. He was here to attend our yearly Inspector General (IG) Conference of all IG's throughout Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco. We appreciated Lieutenant General Griffith taking the time to join us and share his views on the very important role our IG's play in the life of the Army. I also want to congratulate Colonel Gritz, our IG and his Sergeant Major Ohara for organizing such an outstanding conference. Great feedback—real HOO AH! feedback! Great feedback—real HOO AH! feedback!

Two other very important visitors to the Presidio of San Francisco last week were Major General Wheeler, the new head of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Major General Wheeler was here to check on our current facility and to discuss its future. Also, Brigadier General Montgomery, the Director of the Army Budget visited. Brigadier General Montgomery was here to discuss base closure, funding and Camp Parks. We do appreciate these folks visiting to learn more of our problems in an effort to help us.

On Friday, the 20th I traveled to Fort Lewis for a threefold mission. First I attended the I Corps change of command/retirement. Lieutenant General Calvin Waller retired and turned over command to his deputy who will command until the new I Corps/Ft. Lewis Commander arrives—Lieutenant General Carmen Cavezza. Then I visited the 104th Training Division which is conducting basic training at Fort Lewis and doing a super job. And finally I visited our Readiness Group Fort Lewis. All in all a very busy but very rewarding visit.

Now to switch gears! Two years ago when the Harrison family arrived in San Francisco we didn't know what to expect at Sixth U.S. Army/Presidio of San Francisco. We suspected it would be our final move but didn't want to think that way. We acted as though it was the latest of our 17 moves in 23 years of marriage! What we found was a loving and caring community of soldiers, family members, civilian employees, retirees, volunteers—much like we have found at all other Army posts—with one exception. Presidio of San Francisco was facing closure and many people were upset, angry, apprehensive, frightened and concerned. Two years later I cannot claim to have solved all these problems but I do feel we have put together a reasonable closure plan, we have tried very hard to keep the lines of communication open and we have tried to convince all of our genuine care and concern for all the citizens of Presidio of San Francisco. As I take my leave of you I hope and pray this is true.

Department of the Army tells me that on the date of my retirement I have completed 36 years, 11 months and 10 days of service! Great day—that's a lot of GREAT days to have been in the Army! But truly every one has been a GREAT

day—because of so many people. On the 30th I won't have time to thank everyone so I hope you will allow me to take this means to thank some. Last week I wrote of all our wonderful volunteers and listed 216 of them to represent them all. This week I want to salute our great civilian work force at Presidio of San Francisco/Parks/Hamilton and list 216 of them to represent all the others who have served before or are serving now and who will serve until closure:

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I also want to thank all our retirees who use our facilities, visit our clubs, and support us in so many ways. Without you folks and your participation we couldn't carry on many of our activities.

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 The Sixth U.S. Army Staff
 All our Tenant Units
 Our Firemen and Women
 Our Military Police
 The HOO AH! Sixth U.S. Army Color Guard
 Headquarters Command Battalion
 Our GREAT NCO Corps
 The Sixth U.S. Army NCO Academy
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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

"Your reaction to panhandlers on the streets?"

Jeff Grace, training specialist, Deputy Chief of Staff for Training: "I'm really sympathetic towards them and give to them occasionally, but there are far too many to give to all of them. I really do feel sympathetic."



Danelle Magalet, Patient Administration, Medical Records, Letterman Army Hospital: "I think that to an extent they need to help themselves, but those well-to-do in society aren't willing to help them out and give them a chance."



Mr. Fox, Military Personnel Clerk, MILPO: "I'm sorry. I'm fresh out."



Spec. Andrew Hanna, Military Policeman: "As for me, I don't give them money. I feel everyone has a chance to make their life work. They probably did something to hurt their chances. Even if one is born into poverty, they still have a chance to make their life better. They can do it."



Bruce Wright, accountant, Finance and Accounting: civilian employee in accounting: "I think it's a big scam. There are enough agencies here in San Francisco to help out anyone with any sort of problem, regardless of the circumstances of their misfortune."

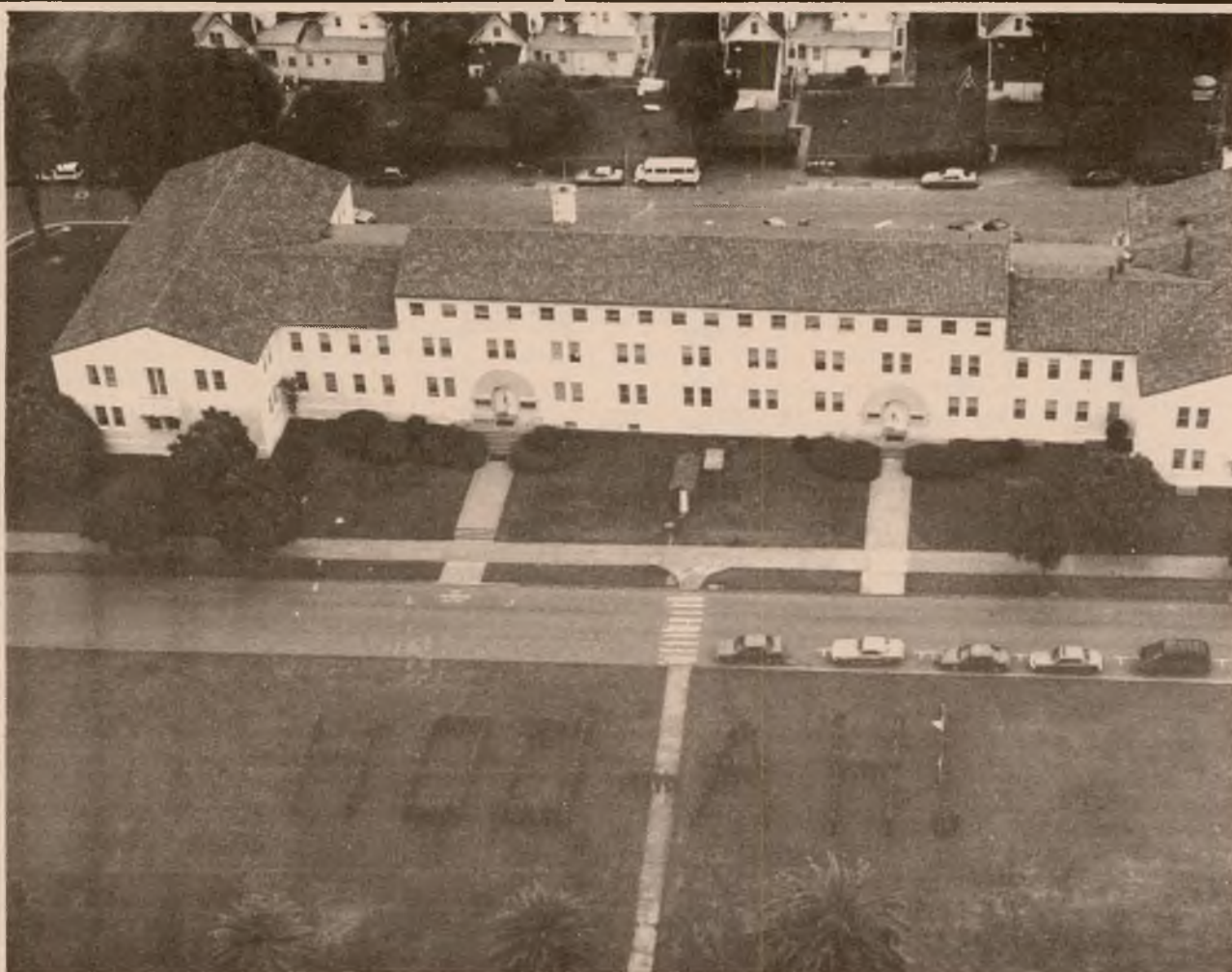


photo by Sgt. Major Dennis McKay

Headquarters Command Battalion soldiers lined up in front of building 38, forming the letters H-O-O-A-H-I. The photo was given to Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander for his retirement at the Battalion awards ceremony Wednesday.

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Our friends in local, state and federal government

Our very supportive AUSA chapter

And I could go on and on. It is each of you that truly makes every day a GREAT day at Presidio of San Francisco. To each of you a very sincere HOO AH!

A very special thank you and HOO AH! to my personal staff:

My drivers—Sergeant Jeff Oates and Specialist Bruce Clark

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My enlisted aides—Sergeant First Class Steward and Sergeant First Class Johnson

My secretaries—Eileen Shearrow and Joyce Teague

My aides—Major Bill Wolf and Captain John Duffy

Without these folks I couldn't have gotten to all the places, seen all the people, done all the things I have done. They are very special folks in my life.

Another special thanks to all the folks from Secretary of the General Staff (SGS) and Protocol. These folks work in the background but they perform a vital role.

Another group to whom I owe a lot is the Sixth U.S. Army flight detachment. These folks have flown me thousands of miles by C-12 or UH1 chopper. I never was concerned for my safety because I knew they were going to insure SAFETY First always. Are you folks aware that the Sixth U.S. Army flight detachment has one of the longest and safest records in all the U.S. Army? They do. They are pros all the way. I could go on and on and I know I would still overlook someone—like Alex, my barber! So for anyone I did—please forgive me.

Thanks to each of you for the pleasure of your company. As our final military family you represent all those soldiers, noncommissioned officers, officers and civilians with whom Jo and I have had the opportunity to serve. You have truly made every day for us a GREAT day to be in the U.S. Army. HOO AH! to each and every one of you. God bless you all and God Bless America!

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

It's a GREAT day to be in the U.S. Army or to be a part of the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special Place!

—W. H. Harrison (circa 1991)



photo courtesy of the Provost Marshal's Office

McGruff the crime dog is accompanied by Spec. Wayne Sanderlan of the Provost Marshals' Office and (l-r) Jean Zurek of the Creative Cottage, Patti Anderson of the Officers' Wives' Club and Rose Fern of the Presidio Thrift Shop. The organizations represented donated funds for the purchase and equipping of the Presidio's Static Radar Display Board which will be utilized in reducing traffic violations on post. Our thanks for their active involvement in and concern for the community!

News

FROM THE PAST

New device translates Morse code

A tiny device that plugs into any Army radio and makes Morse code as easy to read as an electric signboard has been successfully developed for the Department of the Army.

The new code translator, about the size of a pack of cigarettes, transforms the dots and dashes of Morse code into English letters. This enables soldiers untrained in code operation to read messages sent to them where communications are erratic or unintelligible. Low, continuous-wave CW frequencies, on which Morse is carried, are better able to penetrate

jungle and cover longer distances than most voice radios.

A major achievement in miniaturization, the translator measures 1 1/4 x 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 inches and weighs less than a pound. It contains 350 diodes and 75 transistor circuits, a display panel that frames letters with 17 tiny incandescent lamps, and a power pack of four small rechargeable nickel cadmium penlight batteries.

The translator plugs into an Army radio through a tiny jack, and a smaller jack is attached to an ear-

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piece headphone used for tuning. The operator tunes his radio through the translator until he hears the most intelligible code signal, and he is ready for operation. All the receiving operator has to do is copy down the sequence of letters as they appear on a viewing screen.

The translator was designed and built by Regency Electronic, Inc. of Indianapolis, under the technical direction of the U.S. Army Electronics Command Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Military Police celebrate anniversary

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Military police can claim to be one of the oldest branches in military history.

Although they have been called provost, war police, gendarmerie, carabinieri and feldjager, their policing duties seem to stay the same.

The U.S. Military Corps traces its heritage back through the British Army as far as William the Conqueror. At this time, "provost" was first used.

England was involved in a civil war from 1655 to 1657. Oliver Cromwell was in power and placed the country under martial law. He divided the country into 12 districts and placed each under a "provost marshal" who controlled both the civilian and military populations with mounted troops. In 1672, Charles II said of the duties of the provost marshal:

"...the provost marshal, either regimental or general, [is] to apprehend and hold offenders for trial, to punish them according to the sentence of the court. No one [is] to hinder the provost except on pain of death and all officers and soldiers...aid him or suffer court martial."

The provost marshal was firmly established in the English Army. They were both law enforcers and executioners of the court's orders.

During the Revolutionary War the major function of the provost marshal was to conduct executions.

Of 225 men who received court martial sentence at least 40 are known to have been executed.

Between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, military police duties were performed by troops temporarily selected for such duty by individual commanders.

When the nation divided into North and South, both sides began to mobilize forces. Prompted by the demands of battle and massive armies operating over great expanses, the "Military Police" reappeared. The commander required a "strong right arm" to

insure control over great masses of troops maneuvering the breadth of the entire nation. Unit commanders were authorized to appoint their own Provost Marshals and establish their own Military Police Units.

In April 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Congress and the War Department took steps to create a law enforcement agency within the U.S. Army. The War Department issued general orders that instituted the Corps of Provost Marshals controlled by a Provost Marshal General. The basic duty of the Corps was to arrest deserters and spies.

When the nation moved toward World War I, the Corps of Military police and the Provost emerged as a formal part of the Army. At the end of this war, it appeared that the military police would remain as a formal part of the force structure but, as before, there were reduced demands for military police during times of peace, and they were once again phased out. During the interim, they were retained only in the reserve structure prior to World War II.

Recognizing the need for both a centralized operating authority higher than the corps—area provost marshal and special training—the Secretary of War ordered the establishment of the Corps of Military Police, Sept. 26, 1941.

In World War II, the men of the Corps fought as Infantry and performed as Engineers. They landed on beachheads to organize traffic control and when the enemy broke through allied positions, they fought rear-guard actions.

Throughout all theaters of war, the Military Police received individual awards for bravery under fire, often earned while manning critical traffic control posts while under heavy fire.

During World War II, 150 military police battalions and more than 900 other military police units were activated.

By 1947, the Military police Corps had been

reduced to 2,078 officers and 19,630 enlisted soldiers. Many of these men would soon be called upon again to serve in a different conflict—a "police action."

In 1950, United States troops were committed to combat in South Korea. In this action, the Military Police assumed further responsibilities. They fought the enemy behind the line and protected vital roads and installations, as well as, conducting crime prevention, apprehension of absentees, traffic accident prevention and investigation, custody of prisoners of war, confinement of U.S. prisoners and the evacuation of refugees.

Once again more MPs were needed and their responsibilities increased.

During the Vietnam Era, a company sized MP unit was sent to Southeast Asia to enforce U.S. military law among the growing numbers of the U.S. military advisors. In addition, the MPs provided security for military dependents who were subjected to terrorist attacks.

The history of the MP Corps does not end with the cessation of hostiles in Southeast Asia.

"Operation Just Cause," was a successful and professionally executed plan to oust a notorious dictator/trafficker. In the operation once again the Military Police played a key role.

During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the Military Police successfully guarded key installations, kept MSR's open and guarded more than 100,000 Iraqi enemy prisoners of war.

Throughout all the war and conflicts, Military Police have performed a vast array of duties. The scope of duties appear to have broadened over the years; nevertheless, the Military Police have performed all its tasks in an exemplary manner.

Information for this story was provided by the Presidio Provost Marshal's Office.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 26th is the anniversary of the Military Police Corps;

WHEREAS, the Military Police Corps, through its participation in World War II, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm, has been a key factor in ensuring the safety of America and her allies;

WHEREAS, the Military Police Corps has given outstanding service to the Army community by providing constant law enforcement services;

WHEREAS, the Military Police Corps has played a vital role during both natural disasters and civil disturbances;

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Military Police Corps;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Commanding General of Sixth United States Army and Presidio of San Francisco, do hereby designate September 26th as Military Police Day, and call upon all soldiers, dependents, employees, and organizations of the Presidio of San Francisco to commemorate the role of law enforcement in our lives.

William H. Harrison

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding

*Has Ah!
for
all our fine
Military Police*

News

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My successor is going to have a harder time than I had because the money is going to continue to dry up. Eventually, because we are closing, the Department of the Army is not going to send any more soldiers here—they are going to start attriting out. In less than two weeks, we will have to let go some 25 employees from Letterman (U.S. Army) Hospital. There will be other situations where we will have to let people go as we get nearer and nearer to closure.

My advice to the uniform types, the family members, the civilian employees, the volunteers, retirees, all of them would be to continue to talk, continue to ask questions, continue to be informed and understand that if the world were perfect maybe this grand old post wouldn't have to close.

But the world is changing and we can no longer justify or afford to keep this place open just for a headquarters. So, what's happening is going to have to happen.

And though sometimes it may appear as though the Army doesn't care, it's not really true—the Army does care. The Army is trying its best to make sure that we sustain the quality of life and take care of the soldier and his family, and I believe we've done that.

Now as far as the soldier himself, the advice I have for him is during the times that we are going to have in these next several years, we've got to make sure soldiers remember, always, that their primary job is to be physically fit, mentally fit and technically and tactically proficient for war.

Sometimes it is going to be difficult in the next several years to get enough training time, to get enough money to do all the things we would like to do and that we think we should be doing. But soldiers have got to be positive and keep their eye on the ball, on what their real role is: to be prepared to go to war.

7. What makes a 'HOO AH!' soldier?

A. A HOO AH! soldier is not anything more than just a professional. A HOO AH soldier is a soldier of any MOS, be it combat, combat support, combat service support, no matter what rank, no matter what sex, who wants to and tries and strives to be as good a professional soldier as she or he possibly can be. It goes back to that old Army saying 'Be all you can be!' A HOO AH soldier is nothing more than a soldier who is being all he or she can be—learning, behaving themselves, learning self-discipline, looking for opportunities to excel, being positive, working as part of a team, understanding that in the Army you don't get things done as individuals, but you get them done as members of organizations.

To make a good organization, to make a good unit means that every soldier who is part of that organization or unit has to be as good as he or she can be. That's what being a HOO AH soldier is all about—being all you can be everyday.

8. Give some examples of HOO AH events that have occurred here.

A. Every month when we do our Fun Run is HOO AH. I think that as we've seen our soldiers returning from Desert Shield and Desert Storm and we've seen people turn out to welcome them home, the band over here playing at one and two o'clock in the morning to welcome soldiers home—I think that's HOO AH.

I think that as we've seen the people of San Francisco and California come forward to help and aid our soldiers and their families through Desert Shield and Desert Storm . . . you'll recall last May when we had our Armed Forces Day parade and I had the little boy here, he and all of his classmates coming forward to write letters to our soldiers, to send them Christmas gifts—now that's HOO AH.

We've got a group of ladies on the Presidio who have been working here for years and years on 'Hands Across the Presidio.' Every week those ladies put together the food baskets that go to our soldiers—and they do it all on their own. I think that's HOO AH.

I think that all the work you see our MPs do around here is HOO AH. They have a very thankless job here on the Presidio dealing with civilians who use the post as a short cut. Many of them are abusive in their language and their manners when the young MP has to stop them, but our MPs just do a super job on this post.

The letters I get from active people, from retirees that get admitted to LAMC (Letterman) about the way they are treated and about the professionalism

that our caregivers show the patients over there and the care that they give them—that's HOO AH.

Our religious Activities organization and all that they do to try to help the quality of life of our people here. I could just go on and on . . .

To me anything that is positive and good and helping other people is HOO AH.

9. Do you think its wise that we are downsizing the military at this time, or could we be moving a little more rapidly than events suggest we should be?

A. I think the senior Army leadership has come up with a very prudent plan to downsize the Army, and I think that they have explained it very well. We have accepted the fact that the geopolitical situation in the world is changing and we've got to change with it. I think if we follow the plan that the Army leadership has put forward, we can accept the risks that we're taking—and we are taking some risks with the downsizing. But I think we can take those risks if we are allowed to follow our plan.

I think that all of those people who are calling for 50 percent cuts in the budget and calling for greater cuts in personnel . . . I do not think that is wise. I think the world is still too uncertain, and I think there are still too many tigers out there. I think that we are the only major power on the face of this earth right now, and there are other people out there like Saddam Hussein. If we are going to make sure that we don't allow other people like that to abuse other people, then we need to follow the Army plan, and I think that anything less than that is very unwise.

10. Your wife, Jo, is highly respected by the soldiers and their spouses—specifically the enlisted corps—how did you meet such a lovely person?

A. I went to Fort Benning Georgia in 1960 or '61 to the Career Course. The then Jo Patton was teaching school at that time. I used to see her around post. She was a big tennis player and she knew a number of my friends who had been there at Benning before.

She and I were both kind of on the bachelor/bachelorette party circuit. I had a friend who had met Jo and knew her (and I didn't) so I asked him to arrange an introduction. We were finally introduced at the Post Chapel at a performance of the Messiah at Christmastime . . . we didn't have our first date 'til sometime around Valentines (Day). That's how we met.

11. Is she from a military family?

A. No, she's from a very small town in Alabama (Dickinson, Ala.), was graduated from a girl's school, and was looking around and found that teaching for the Army made more money than you did teaching in the public schools. She was teaching at Fort Benning when I got there.

12. What is it that keeps her so motivated?

A. She's a very special person, I think. She's been a tremendous helpmate to me in my Army career. She doesn't have any rank and she always makes that very clear to people that she has no rank whatsoever. But, she does feel she has a role, particularly in the last several years that I've been in command positions constantly. She feels that she has a role to play as kind of the 'first lady' to set the example, to be concerned about the unit.

When we married, Jo had no background in the military. My first command assignment after we got married was in Washington, D.C. Following that I commanded a battalion in Germany. Since then she has taken on the role of being another set of eyes and ears for me. A lot of times people will come up to her and tell her about problems that they would never tell me. I'll walk up to someone and say, 'How's it going?' and they'll say, 'Oh, great, General.'" If she walks up and asks how its going they'll say 'Oh I'm glad you asked, let me tell you, . . .' She's my strong right arm.

13. How have you prepared for retirement?

A. Very poorly! As far as preparing for retirement, I don't know how you prepare for retirement . . . I've never managed to save a lot of money. I've lived on my Army income; I don't have any private income, . . . I've been an infantryman and a commander all of my life and I've loved it. I haven't gotten into R&D, engineering, procurement or those types of things that give you a ready entre into civilian life. I find that now that I'm out looking for a job its very difficult to relate to civilians what I do.

So, I guess it boils down to the fact that I really

haven't prepared for retirement. I've had too much fun being in the Army. I've enjoyed every day, looked forward every morning to going to work, and I'm going to look forward every morning to going to work until the 30th of September.

Then, I'm going to find something else to look forward to.

I've done my day in the Army. It's been a great career. I leave with absolutely no regrets whatsoever, nothing but wonderful, wonderful memories and a great, great feeling of self satisfaction for the little bit that I've been able to contribute to this great trained and ready Army.

We really haven't prepared for this. We've lived every day in the Army to the fullest.

14. What will be HOO AH when you're a civilian?

A. I don't know. I'll have to go find out what civilians do that's HOO AH. But I'm sure its out there. Its just a matter of finding it. Mrs. Harrison and I have talked about this . . . we would be dishonest if we said that we're happy to leave the Army—I don't think anyone's happy to leave the Army—but it's time. Thirty-six years is a long time. I've done everything that I ever wanted to do and I've done more than I ever dreamed imaginable when I first came into this Army. I have no regrets whatsoever. I have commanded at all levels; I've had a tremendously rewarding, fulfilling career.

I leave with nothing but good feelings about our Army and our Army leadership and the future of our Army. But now we're going to go out there and find out what's HOO AH in the civilian world.

15. How do you feel about the leaders of today's Army?

A. If you look at the NCO Corps that we've got in the Army today, if anyone had ever told me when I was commanding a battalion in 1970 in Germany where I had no NCO Corps—there just wasn't one, if anyone had ever told me we would be where we are today, 20 years later, I would have said that's impossible.

Our young NCOs (today) are just so . . . motivated, so physically fit, so mentally fit, so technically and tactically competent; and our young officers are the same way. Now they know their role and are playing their proper role, letting the NCO do his job and they're doing their job.

You saw how the young officers, the lieutenants and captains, performed for me in the 7th Division and how they performed in Panama and Desert Storm—just magnificent young people. Our battalion commanders are tough as nails, and so dedicated and so proficient. Our general officers, those that are following along behind me, the young men and women who are making general officer these days—the Army is just blessed with an overabundance of quality people.

And our senior Army leaders . . . are people who have worked hard and they are very, very bright and are having to serve in very, very trying, testing times and are ready to make really tough decisions about where to take our Army and maintain this trained and ready Army. . . . I'm really pleased with the leadership of the Army, from the NCO Corps all the way to the top.

We have a HOO AH! Army. Those following me must keep it HOO AH!

**Water use—
Condition RED**

Water condition on the post is Condition Red. The water level has dropped from 9 feet, 4 inches to 8 feet, 3 inches. The cutoff point for Condition Red is 9 feet even.

Condition Red means that absolutely no watering of lawns or other grounds is permitted on post.

DEH will notify readers in next week's *Star Presidian* as to the length of time that the condition will last.

Meanwhile, Presidians may obtain daily updates to the post's water condition by dialing 561-2318. This recorded message is changed daily to provide accurate information about the post's water condition.

This does not affect Forts Mason, Baker, Barry or Cronkhite.

News

News Briefs

by Gregory DeJean Star Presidian editor

Leave donation request

A Non-appropriated Fund employee who is having unexpected surgery needs a leave donation of 160 hours. Any NAF employee of Presidio of San Francisco on a regular appointment whose basic rate of pay is \$6.41 or over is eligible to donate annual leave toward her sick leave account. Please contact Fran Blake, NAF Division, CPD, at 561-5095/2947 if you wish to help.

Fire safety inspections

In accordance with command policy, the Presidio Fire Department will be conducting annual Fire Safety Inspections of selected family government quarters to eliminate fire hazards and to provide individual attention, guidance and assistance to residents in relation to recognized fire prevention practices. Inspections will commence Oct. 15 and will continue to Oct. 29. Schedules of the inspections will be distributed through normal distribution channels and through the Community Life Program Mayors.

Credit misrepresentation

Many MCI and AT&T calling card customers have recently been called by individuals misrepresenting themselves as an MCI or AT&T employees investigating fraud. These individuals then attempt to obtain the called parties calling card number. Please be advised not to reveal your calling card number if approached with this type of request. Report the incident to the MCI Trouble Reporting Number immediately: 800-456-9552.

Recreation vehicle storage

Beginning Tuesday, Outdoor Recreation will assume the operation of the Recreation Vehicle Storage Lot. The Military Police will no longer administer this program. The cost for rental of an RV parking space will be \$10 per month for active duty personnel and \$20 per month for all other authorized personnel: reservists, retirees, DOD civilians employed at the Presidio. Those owners desiring to pay their first year in advance will be given a two month discount. For additional information, phone Mr. Palabrica at 561-2177.

Free workshops offered

Three-day workshops will be conducted by the California Employment Development Department at Oakland Army Base, Building 790, at the Navy Transportation School. The workshops will be conducted on Oct. 8-10 and 22-24, Nov. 5-7 and 19-21, and Dec. 3-5 and 17-19. The PCAP is designed to assist those individuals separating from military service to effect a smooth transition into a rewarding and successful second career. The workshop will cover veterans benefits, effective communication, goal setting, job sources and applications, resume preparation, cover letters, interviewing techniques, and financial planning. All military personnel and family members are invited to attend one of the workshops from three to six months before separation. For enrollment, phone Chief Petty Officer Lisa Flack at 263-9571.

Staffing USARC positions

By K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

In a Memorandum entitled "Acceptance of Applications for U.S. Army Reserve Command Positions," dated September 4, 1991, but received in Sixth Army headquarters on September 23, Fort McPherson CPD informed employees of its new policy on hiring to fill USARC positions.

"Effective 1 Oct 91," says the Memorandum from John R. Nino, Civilian Personnel Director, "applications for positions in . . . USARC will *only be accepted based on an open vacancy announcement*" [Italics emphasis is mine. . .].

Referring to an earlier (April 25) Memorandum on staffing the USARC headquarters which contained a list of positions available in USARC for which general, or blanket, applications were being accepted, Nino said "The response to that information package has been tremendous; over 7,000 applications have been received. The Directorate of Civilian Personnel is not staffed or equipped to handle this volume of applications and at the same time assure the timely development and issuance of referral lists to selecting officials."

Nino concludes: "This advance information is provided to assure that Continental U.S. Army

(CONUSA) employees are given maximum opportunity to submit an application outside of the vacancy announcement process, if they have not already done so."

Calling Mr. Nino personally, he informed me that his September 4 Memorandum should have reached Sixth U.S. Army employees *early* in September, not late in the month as it did. He did not know where it got hung up in the system, he said. His intention was to give CONUSA employees a month advance notice to submit applications before the new policy went into effect.

Therefore, because the Memorandum may have been delayed in reaching you and you may not have received it until a few days ago, if you are still interested in submitting a general, or blanket, application to the FORSCOM Civilian Personnel Office for positions opening at USARC, per the April 25 Memorandum, *DO SO IMMEDIATELY*—you have 4 calendar days to send it in before the end of September and before the new policy goes into effect.

After October 1, per the September 4 Memorandum, *no blanket applications will be accepted* for USARC positions and you will have to apply to FORSCOM CPD only in response to specific open vacancy announcements.

Cheney argues against

Army News Service

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, appearing on five network news programs Sept. 9, said he opposes any quick acceleration of the military's drawdown plan to match the rapid changes taking place in the Soviet Union.

"The prospects for peaceful evolution in the Soviet Union are still questionable," said Cheney. "While they've had enormous positive developments politically in the last few weeks. . . I think a little caution is in order before we automatically assume, based on one week's news, that we can now dismantle our own defenses."

Cheney described the current reduction in U.S. military force as "the most fundamental change in our strategy since the beginning of the Cold War" in the 1940s. Defense officials say the decision to cut the force was made prior to the aborted Soviet coup in August and was based on fiscal constraints and the changing military threat worldwide.

"I think the proper course for us is to continue down the path we're on, and let's see what develops," said Cheney.

The DoD plan calls for a 25 percent cut in force structure and the loss of more than half a million servicemembers by 1996. The Army is being hit hardest by the reduction, with the loss of about 250,000 soldiers and one-third of its active divisions.

"In four years," Cheney said, "defense spending will be at its lowest level since before World War II. In July, U.S. military strength dipped to its lowest level since 1950."

Critics of the DoD plan argue that the cuts don't go far enough in light of the aborted coup and subsequent rush toward democracy in the Soviet Union.

"Even with all the very positive developments in

the Soviet Union in the last few weeks, I'm still faced with 30,000 nuclear warheads in the Soviet inventory. . . almost a third of those targeted against the United States," said Cheney.

He said he's "fairly confident" that the central government of the Soviet Union still controls the nuclear inventory but that "there's enormous uncertainty" about who will control it two or three years from now. "Our arms control agreements have all been negotiated and signed with the Soviet Union — the old government," said Cheney. "If the central government in the Soviet Union goes away. . . it raises questions about everything from who's responsible on their end for those international obligations and who will be in the future."

Even with the diminishing threat from the Soviet Union, Cheney hinted that the military can't make reductions beyond what's already planned and still handle regional conflicts as effectively as it did during the recent war with Iraq. "The Soviet Union is not the only reason we have military power," he said. "We just fought a major war halfway around the world that had absolutely nothing to do with the Soviet Union."

"There are people in the world who do not wish us well. . . just because the Soviet threat is significantly reduced or goes away doesn't mean there won't still be the need for U.S. military forces in the world."

"It takes 13 years to bring new aircraft on line, nine years to build an aircraft carrier, 25 years to train a good general. You can't turn our military forces on and off overnight. We have to make long-term decisions about the security of the country. We've got a good plan in place and we ought to stick to it."

New agency promises better service, selection

by Gregory DeJean
Star Presidian editor

On Tuesday, the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency is going to officially relinquish the reign it has held on the Army's commissaries since 1975 to the new Defense Commissary Agency.

This is being done to consolidate all commissaries in the various branches of the military under one organizational umbrella to enhance overall services and product availability. Moreover, by streamlining this important area within the military community, money will be saved through the creation of a central warehousing system. This will allow buying in bulk with the savings going to the consumer.

According to Robert Varela, Commissary Officer here at the Presidio, the change will provide better stock availability and selection for customers.

"The consolidation of all the military's commis-

saries will increase our buying power by getting better prices from the industry," Varela said. "Commissaries already sell at cost, giving our customers a 25 percent discount overall compared to civilian supermarkets. With this new change, I see even better price savings occurring."

He said that customers will notice an increase in visibility of store personnel to help with any questions or problems. "The Southwest Regional Headquarters are located at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in Santa Ana, California. They will assume financial and administrative tasks that we were once responsible for. They will also be responsible for the centralized buying of items. This will free myself and my staff to improve service by being more available to our patrons out on the floor."

It's interesting to note that the military community's second most important benefit is its network

of commissaries. [Medical is number one.] With this in mind, it's not surprising that there are over 400 military commissaries, 52 of which are located within the southwest region's jurisdiction.

To celebrate this noteworthy event, the Defense Commissary Agency has deemed the month of October as "the grandfather of all sales". This inaugural sale will highlight a variety of items, both perishable and non-perishable. The products will include health and beauty aids, pet foods, specialty items, beverages, frozen dinners, cereals, candies and much more.

The Presidio's commissary will conduct a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Varela encourages everyone to attend this event which promises the beginning of a better and more varied commissary.



and other fun places

Story and Photos by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian Staff

Look Out! Hold Still! Don't move! It's trying to land! Put your hand out!" With a wondering, semi-fearful look on the small, freckled face, the child slowly put a hand under the giant silk moth hovering in the air. Several other children nearby rushed over to see if close proximity to the lucky one would help them to have such luck.

Soon there were cries from different areas: "Look, here's one! Catch it! No, let it land on you, don't grab it. Remember the sign said don't scare them or hurt them."

The sign they mentioned had been on the door leading into Butterfly World, the first major walk-through butterfly habitat in the western United States. There are more than 500 free-flying butterflies of many kinds, colors, and sizes from all over the world in this recent addition to Marine World Africa, USA.

More than 670 species are imported in the pupa stage weekly. Many species live only 10 days to two weeks in the large greenhouse-like structure. You can see adults emerging from chrysalis in the pupal exhibit, or see live caterpillars, some of the selected species in the caterpillar exhibit.

Other inhabitants of the specially controlled environment are the quail walking around the floor which act as a biological pest control by eating unwanted insects; hummingbirds of different varieties and sizes, and Koi carp in one pool and turtles in another.

After checking each other over to ensure no hitchhikers were hanging onto a back or head, we went out the double doors and then started the "what-time-is-it, where-are-we routine." You must plan ahead and keep to a schedule if you are going to try to see all the shows without back-tracking and losing time going from one side of the park to the other.

There are usually at least two different showings for each major show, with three or four different times for a couple of them. With the map you receive at the entrance, and the list of show times, you're set to plot your day. During summer-time, the hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. It helps to get there early so you can get a headstart on the crowd as well as seeing everything. Most shows are 20 to 30 minutes in



The five-ton killer whale gracefully leaps through the air as a part of the whale and dolphin show.

length, and the trainers and performers usually spend a short time after the show answering questions.

The attractions that are open all day are Butterfly World, Gentle Jungle, Land Animal Habitats, Animal Nursery, Aquarium, Seal Cove, Flamingo Falls, and Whale-of-a-Time World Children's Playground. The Elephant Encounter and Rides are open throughout the day.

The shows on a time schedule are the "The Magic of Animals," in the Wildlife Theater; the Sea Lion show, the Bird show, Water Ski and Boat show, the Chimp show, the Whale and Dolphin show, and Tiger and Lion show in the Jungle Theater. Moreover, the Showcase Theater is featuring "The Incredible Acrobats of China" this summer.



This gentle giant wants to know why there's no more food forthcoming at the end of the hand-feeding time.



A double pyramid shows off the entire water ski team in the grand finale at Marine World Africa USA, ski show.

In the Africa USA half of the park, you can watch the tigers and their trainers play, swim and relax together at Tiger Island, feed the Giraffes twice a day at the Giraffe Dock, and go into Lorikeet Aviary and feed the Lories and Lorikeets twice a day.

For those in the San Francisco area, you can take the Highspeed Catamaran Ferry Service from Pier 41 at Fisherman's Wharf. If you're driving, it's located on the Marine World Parkway (State Highway 37). Take the exit off of Interstate 80 in Vallejo. It's approximately 30 miles from San Francisco, 12 from Napa, 65 from San Jose, and 25 from Oakland.

Whether your idea of a good time is watching the water-skiing, killer whales, tigers and lions, dolphins and exotic fish, checking out the various gift shops, restaurants, and snack areas, or just wandering around looking at the beautiful settings and animals, expect to have a full, exciting day. Be sure to wear your walking shoes!

Check with ITT for ticket prices, discounts, ferry times and other information, or call Marine World at (707) 643-ORCA for an informational recording.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings

By Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities



Quip of the Week:

*Books
without morality in them
are books that send one
to sleep standing up.*
—Anonymous

Greetings from the entire Post Chapel staff. We hope and pray that you and your family are healthy and happy.

I went down to the Chapel pond the other day, as things were getting very hectic in the office. I sat down and looked at the reflection of the trees and the sky in the still water. I leaned back against an old stump and closed my eyes and felt the sun shine warmly against my skin. I thought to myself, "What is religious education anyway? Is it all this paperwork and details?" The answer came back, "Yes, and more."

Religious education has at least three major facets.

The obvious one is the imparting of knowledge. The Bible is the primary source of information for religious education. It tells us who we are and where we came from. There are many other books full of religious information that are available for children and adults. Information is one facet of religious education.

The second facet is emotional. Religious education teaches children (or any other inquirer) what the Bible means by "love," "care," and "concern." As religious educators, we attempt to be examples of what these words mean. We must demonstrate that God has these emotions for us and we must be able to convey this "love," "care," and "concern" to the

children. We will show the children that we feel these emotions. Can you believe it! We are loved!! WOW!!!

The third facet is probably the most difficult facet for the children to grasp. It is the spiritual or relational element of the Biblical story. A religious educator attempts to reveal to the children the awareness that God is alive in each one of their lives. The children (and everybody in this whole wide world) need to realize that they can come into contact with God. The GIFT of God's touch is available to him/herself who allows themselves to receive that touch. We can relate intimately with God. How do we teach that? It is not an easy task for us as parents or as professional religious educators but by God's loving Grace, it is possible.

The task of religious education is provided by a great staff at the RAC both in the Protestant Sunday School and the Catholic CCD Program. Protestant Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:30 at the RAC. Catholic CCD meets every Sunday at 11 a.m. at the RAC. Please let us help you with the religious education of your family by attending classes. Another great program that we offer here is the Chapel Youth Group. This is a Senior High Youth Fellowship that meets every Wednesday night at the RAC at 7. Give it a try, you may find you enjoy this

program. Bible Study Fellowship continues their program every Wednesday morning at 9 at the RAC. This is a 5 year Bible Study Program that 60 women are enrolled in at present. What these 60 women know, you may want to find out about. We presently have two programs running on Thursday evenings. The Presidio Bible Talk Program meets at 8:00 in the library at the RAC and it is a discussional bible study. Come by and ask your questions and discover some answers together. The other program is a Prayer and Praise Group that meets in the Music Room here at the RAC. There are also a couple of Bible studies run by the Chaplains that may fit your schedule. For more information about these programs, phone the RAC at 561-3535 or the Post Chapel at 561-4239.

Catholic Mass is observed at the Chapel of Our Lady on Saturdays at 5 p.m., and at 9 and 11 every Sunday morning. Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening at the LAMC Chapel. Phone Ruth Callmann for more information concerning the Jewish programs. Her number is 561-4397. Protestant Worship Services are held every Sunday morning at 9 and 11 at the Main Post Chapel. Gospel Meetings are held at the LAMC Chapel every Sunday at 11 a.m. For more information, phone the Post Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

1991 Suggesters of the Year named

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Saving the Army money pays. Just ask CW3 Arthur A. Wiechert and Jesse C. Smiley, winners of this year's Department of the Army's Suggesters of the Year program.

Being nominated for this award attests to an individual's constant vigilance in relation to his work environment. There is always room for improvement in any situation and this program recognizes those individuals who have taken the time to go beyond normal day-to-day routine.

According to William D. Stratford III, Chief, Resource Efficiencies and Systems Division, at Fort Gillem, Georgia, "Being a nominee for the Department of the Army's Suggester of the Year Award affords high visibility and praise to the individual, the major command and installation, and the Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP). This award is an excellent avenue for furthering the goals and objectives of AIEP."

Together, the two men saved the Army more than 10 million dollars. However, their money-saving ideas could not have been more diverse.

Wiechert, assigned to 525th Ordnance Company, Siegelbach Army Depot, Siegelbach, Ger-

many, designed and developed wooden mockups of helicopter floors with tiedown anchors. These mockups can be used in place of actual helicopters to satisfy the quarterly Army Training and Evaluation Plan requirement for nuclear weapons transport training. The amount of money saved through his design saved the Army \$1,221,207.

In proposing the use of wicket gates as an alternative method of raising operating gates for improving the collection efficiency of juvenile fish bypass systems, Smiley, Operations and Maintenance Superintendent, Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, saved the Army \$8,901,952.

Not only did these men save the Army large sums of money through their creative ideas, they have (hopefully) contributed future inspiration to others to delve beyond the facade of appearance and root out inefficiency.

With the beginning of the new selection process for 1992, it's the right time to start taking notice of what you can possibly contribute to this important program. If you have an idea to present for consideration, you can contact the Presidio's Ideas For Excellence Office, located in Building 35, Room 232, by phoning 561-2185.

Tips to save Army energy

Each time you conserve energy, you can save money for yourself and the Army, and help to preserve natural resources and prevent pollution.

The following is a list of tips to save energy at home and on the job.

- Turn off the power switches when not in use. This applies to everything that runs on electricity: air conditioning, appliances, computers and lights.
 - Use public transportation when you can. Public transportation uses 1/30th the energy, per person, of driving alone in a car. Even better: walk or ride your bike.
 - Obey speed limits and drive smoothly. A car gets 20 percent better gas mileage at 55 mph than at 70 mph. Experts say you can increase gas mileage five percent by starting and accelerating smoothly. Anticipate what's ahead and ease into it.
 - Don't fight your furnace or air conditioning. When they're on, keep your doors and windows closed. Leaving them open wastes energy. However, you should open windows and doors to cool off a hot room instead of using air conditioning.
 - Reuse things. Use things as long as they are useful. Don't rush to buy a new appliance if the old one can be repaired.
 - Support recycling. Does your installation recycle waste paper, bottles, or aluminum or steel cans? If so, support the program. If not, talk with your installation environmental coordinator and energy coordinator to see if one can be started.
 - Support restrictions on smoking indoors. Tobacco smoke raises energy costs for heating and cooling buildings. This is because ventilating and filtering air to remove smoke make air conditioners work much harder, boosting energy consumption greatly.
 - Form a "green squad." With guidance from your first sergeant or NCOIC, join others in your unit or agency who care about energy conservation. Hold meetings, inspect for energy waste, make suggestions to leadership, get everybody involved and keep energy awareness high.
- (From Soldiers' Scene, which is part of the September-October 1991 Command Information Package.)

Fire safety is a family affair

by Fredrick Bartow

Each year residential fires kill an average of 5,000 people, injure an additional 21,000 and destroy more than \$3.5 billion in property. That translates into over 13 deaths and 57 injuries each day! The sad truth is that most of this devastation could be avoided if each household would eliminate fire hazards, install and maintain smoke detectors, and think fire safety. Fire safety is a family affair.

In a fire situation, having a clear escape plan can mean the difference between life and death. "FIRE WON'T WAIT—PLAN YOUR ESCAPE" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 1991, which occurs Oct. 6-12. The theme reflects the need for a well-planned, frequently rehearsed home fire escape plan.

Each year, approximately 80 percent of fire fatalities in the United States occur in homes. It could happen in your home: to you and your family!

A serious home fire is a deadly combination of heat, blinding smoke and toxic gases. Gases produced by fire can kill sleeping victims long before flames reach them. Fire can produce temperatures over 1000 degrees fahrenheit in just minutes. And as

temperatures rise, flashover can ignite an entire room instantaneously.

You should try to eliminate fire hazards from your home. The best time to stop a fire is before it starts. But if a fire does break out in your home, there is one key to survival: immediate escape.

To be among the survivors, make sure that you have working smoke detectors in your home to give you the earliest possible warning of a fire. Next, plan precisely how you and your family will escape if a fire does occur. Finally, practice your plan by holding fire drills at least every six months.

In conclusion, fire safety is a family affair, so why not gather up the family and come down to the main fire house on Oct. 5 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can help us commemorate Fire Prevention Week 1991. While there you can meet and converse with your Presidio Community Firefighters. Tours of the facility and its equipment will be conducted. Smokey the Bear will be our special guest for the children.

So remember: DON'T DELAY—FIRE WON'T WAIT! For more information, contact Fredrick Bartow at 561-4108.

**"Peace — the short interval
when nations toil to pay the costs
of past and future wars."**

—anonymous

Sports / Health

Sports Briefs

Golf tournament results

The Best Ball Foursome Golf Tournament at the Presidio Golf Course drew 36 golfers Sept. 19. Results for the Sports Branch sponsored tournament are:

Team

1st place - score, 62 - Mike Groves, Chuck Otis, John Fowler, Andrew Hanna

2nd place - score, 67 - John Swaim, John Taimanglo, Floyd Grillot, Steve Miller

Longest putt 1st place - Dave Kim

2nd place - Mark Waldron

Longest drive Andrew Hanna

Closest to the pin 1st place - John Taimanglo

2nd place - John Fowler

Flag football sign-ups

Intramural Flag Football competition will begin Oct. 15. Units or activities desiring to enter a team are requested to submit an entry to the Presidio Sports Office no later than Oct. 4. A rules interpretation meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at building 63, Post Gym No. 1. Units entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting. Commander's points will be awarded for units attending the meeting. For further information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032 or 561-4120.

Aerobics classes

Reduce stress, lower cholesterol, improve circulation, increase calorie burn and strengthen your cardiorespiratory system by joining an aerobic exercise class at the post gym. There are four certified instructors who, using the driving beat of great music, will help you improve your level of fitness. For more information, call the post gym at 561-4120.

Run For Your Life

Presidio Run For Your Life Program Director Bob Darling has a deal for runners who need that extra incentive to get out regularly and run the Presidio.

"It is a basic beginning running program open to the military community," he said. "You can earn mileage credit towards a patch. Certificate awards are also given for 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500-miles and on up."

For more information on this or any running program, call Darling at 561-4120.

Youth Services Activities

Swimmers needed

Swimmers between the ages of five and 14 who are interested in trying out for the Presidio Youth Services Swim Team can call Mike Copeland at 561-4224.

Karate classes

Presidio Youth Services is offering Karate classes on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at building 1331 (Presidio Youth Services Center) for children ages six and up. For information on this or any other youth program, call 561-5143.

Winter bowling

Winter Youth Bowling League starts Saturday from 9:30 to noon at the Presidio Bowling Center. For more information call 561-5143.

Ballet, tap classes

Ballet and tap classes are being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at building 1331. Enrollment is open for youths five and older. Call Lourdes Mitrovich at 885-4619 or Youth Services at 561-5143.



photo by Duvel White

Wayne Rogers feeds off to a teammate as two OARB defenders collapse on him during Presidio Summer Basketball Playoff action in Gym No. 1. LAMC went on to a 45-42 victory over OARB.

HQ Co. team cruising toward hoops crown

story and photo by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

It took Headquarters Company, USAG the six-game Presidio Summer Basketball League season to get on track. After a 4-2 regular season, the hilltop clan swept into the finals this week by thrashing OARB 61-39 in the opening round of the playoffs Sept. 18 in Gym No. 1. They followed by punishing U.S. Army Garrison with a 44-33 clubbing Sept. 19.

(The finals featured the regular season champion Letterman Army Medical Center team vs. HQ Company Wednesday night at 5 p.m., too late to be printed in this issue. Should LAMC win from the losers bracket, it would force a second game to be played Monday at 5 p.m. in Gym No. 1.)

USAG won a nail-biter over regular season and previously undefeated LAMC 41-40 in the first game on Sept. 18. Eddie Flowers lead USAG with 16 points as USAG slowed the pace to stay in the game with the high powered offense of the body snatchers from LAMC. Wayne Rogers led LAMC with 14 points.

HQ Company proved they were not all hat and no cattle, when they lassoed their USAG corral-mates

and turned a one-point halftime deficit into an 11-point victory. Earlier in the season USAG pinned a 46-43 loss on the talented HQ Company team. But, HQ Company collected its revenge blowing open a close game in the second half, to knock USAG into the loser's bracket.

Anthony Garris, who is probably the reason George Washington cut down the cherry tree, took advantage of great outlet passes to outscore the entire USAG team in the second frame scoring 12 of his 19 total points.

In the loser's bracket game LAMC knocked OARB out of the tournament with a 45-42 win. LAMC almost let a double digit lead go for naught as OARB came charging back. OARB had several shot attempts to tie the game in the final seconds but couldn't knock down the shots.

LAMC's victory set up a rematch Monday night with USAG to see who will challenge HQ Company for the championship. LAMC won the rematch, knocking USAG onto the gurney for a short trip to the morgue with a 42-37 victory. The victory leaves only LAMC and HQ Company alive to vie for the title of top dog for the summer hoop season.

Heart-healthy menu choices

by Capt. Susan D. Walantas

It is easier than you may think to make heart-healthy menu choices.

Cutting down on saturated fat and cholesterol does not mean cutting out beef and pork. It simply means being more selective. Take the time to find the leanest cuts of meat (those that are not steaked or marbled with fat) and avoid meat that is breaded, fried or covered with gravy.

You can choose healthy foods at home, school, your military dining facility or even your favorite restaurant and still enjoy yourself. Follow these simple recommendations —

- Study the menu carefully. Ask how food is prepared.
- Choose broiled, baked, steamed or poached meats and vegetables.
- Avoid foods that have been deep fat fried. Watch out for sauteed, au gratin or buttered dishes and cream or cheese sauces.
- At the salad bar, choose fresh vegetables and avoid bacon, cheese and croutons.
- Try a low calorie salad dressing (they have less fat) or lemon juice as an alternative to regular dressing.
- Ask for smaller portion sizes.
- Try fruit, gelatin, pudding made with lowfat milk or cake with fruit topping for dessert. Beware

of whipped toppings and frostings.

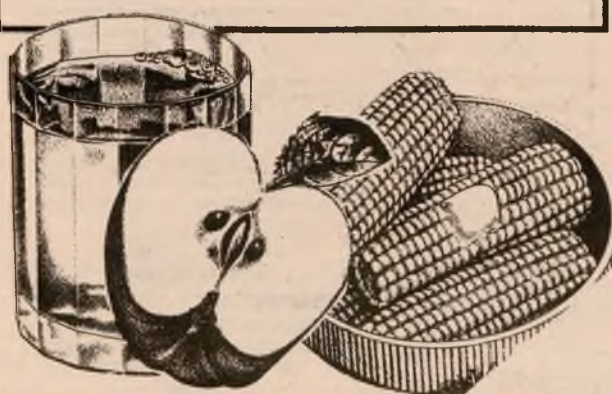
Watching fats and calories in your diet does not mean you have to avoid picnic foods. Traditionally, foods such as potato salad, coleslaw and even barbecue sauce can be prepared with very little fat. By reducing the fat in the recipe, the calories will also be reduced.

When reviewing family recipes, highlight those high fat ingredients that may be substituted with lower fat products. A potato salad recipe may call for mayonnaise or salad dressing. The mayonnaise can easily be replaced with light or fat free mayonnaise. In many recipes, evaporated skim milk may replace heavy cream. Fat free Italian salad dressing can be used as a marinade on meats or vegetables.

Keep in mind that a product that claims to be cholesterol free is not always fat free. The key to reducing the fat in your diet is to make small but steady changes throughout the days and months to come.

Enjoy your meals and congratulate yourself on selecting "Heart-Healthy" food choices. If you or your family members have any nutrition related questions or concerns, seek the advice of a registered dietitian.

(Walanτας works in the Nutrition Care Division at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii.)



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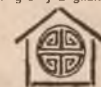
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by Greg Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Community Calendar

Officers' Wives' tour invitation

by Linda J. M. Adkins

Don't forget the fall tour for all members of the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club. Coming up Oct. 10 will be a tour of the Sunset Magazine Publishing Company facilities in Menlo Park. You need to R.S.V.P. to Ellen Litney at 346-9436 no later than Oct. 7 if you plan to attend. Reservations are necessary so that Sunset can know exactly how many to expect. "Tour"-ists will meet in the Presidio Officers' Club parking lot at 9:45 a.m. sharp to carpool to the site. Members are welcome to stay after the tour to enjoy lunch at the Allied Arts Tea Room. There is no cost for the tour itself, but everyone buys their own lunch. Be sure to R.S.V.P. soon to reserve your spot for this exciting day-trip.

Unconditional joy

The weekly lunchtime Bible study held on Wednesdays at noon is currently examining the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippian church. The central theme and purpose of this important New Testament epistle is "for your progress and joy in the faith" (1:25). For more information, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Leroe at 561-3474/2351.

Volunteers for 1992

Interested individuals who would enjoy planning for various ethnic/special observances during 1992 are needed. Areas that will be covered include Women's History Month, Asian Pacific Heritage Month, Women's Equality Day, Hispanic Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at 561-4154 or stop by the office in Building 103B, second floor.

Potter's wheel workshop

Do you enjoy playing with mud? If so, perhaps you should join a potter's wheel workshop being offered at Randall Museum on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. The fee is a mere three dollars. Ages four and up are invited, but children under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way. For more information, phone 554-9600.

Back to school dance

Presidio teen age family members are invited to attend a "Back to School Dance," Friday at building 1331 from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost at the door is \$2 per person. For more information, call 561-5143.

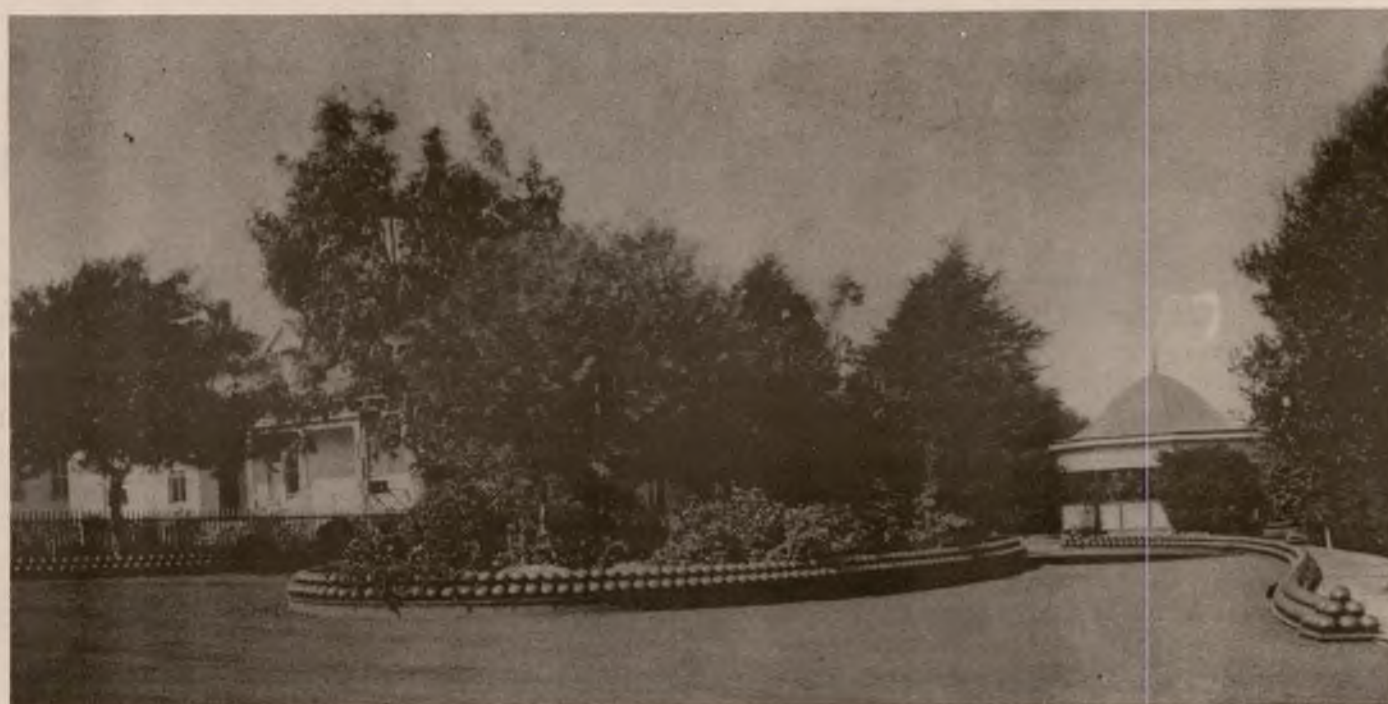


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caption courtesy of Ed Green, museum curator

A photograph of the Alameda, the main entrance to the Presidio's Main Post in 1880. The domed roofed structure is a band stand. A huge iron archway and gate stood on what is now Funston Avenue at Presidio Boulevard. A circular concrete planter with a redwood tree at the center now stands on the site of the Alameda. Officers quarters built in 1862 are seen at the left. They are still there today, serving the same purpose. The boardwalk sidewalk can be seen at the right.

Job vacancies

The following Non-Appropriated Fund job vacancies are currently available: Bartender at the Presidio Officers' Club, NA-03, \$7.31 per hour, Intermittent On-call; Child Development Program Assistant Leader at the Child Development Center, CC-05, \$8.78 per hour, Full-time; and Food Service Worker at the Presidio Officers' Club, NA-7408-01, \$5.78 per hour, Intermittent On-call. If interested, submit a DA-3433 to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, Building 37, Presidio of San Francisco or phone 561-5095.

Computer workshops

Learn Wordperfect, a popular word-processing computer program in this free, hands-on workshop which meets at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Building 1216. The class begins Tuesday and continues through Nov. 8 and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. On Friday the workshop will be held between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Also, you can learn to prepare memos, endorsements and letters in the correct format required by AR 25-50. This free hands-on workshop meets at the Ft. Scott Education Center Oct. 1 through Nov. 8 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. It is open to all Presidians with previous typing or keyboarding skills. To enroll, see a counselor at the Ft. Scott Education Center, Building 1216, or the LAMC Education Center, Building 1014.

Child Care Food Program

The Child Development Services of the Presidio of San Francisco announces sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled children at the Child Development Center and Family Child Care homes. The Child Care Food Program is available to all eligible participants without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap. For more information, please contact Ms. Gianquento at 561-6372.

Relocation service

The Army Community Services (ACS) is now providing a new service for all military and civilian personnel who are affected by the drawdown and the up-coming closures of bases and relocations. DOD has provided ACS with a computer program that gives information on a wide variety of subjects at numerous locations, both within the United States and overseas. ACS and its computer will be at the main PX to help you with your relocation needs on Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 561-5057.

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CONSERVATION CORNER

The three R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian

Look for ways to reduce the amount of solid waste your household generates. Buy products with a long service life. High-mileage tires cost less per mile driven, and you won't have to discard tires as often. Avoid wasteful packaging. Bulk items save money and reduce waste.

Look for ways to reuse products. Reusable products usually save money and they surely create less solid waste. Bring your own bags or boxes when you shop. Think before discarding an item. Ask if there's any way you or somebody else can reuse it. Give extra hangers to the dry cleaner, auto parts and batteries to garages, etc.

If you can't cut solid waste by reducing and reusing, consider recycling. Glass, aluminum, tin, paper, plastic and cardboard can be recycled. Motor oil can also be recycled (most states require recycling of motor oil).

It's Showtime!

Presidio Post Theater

Friday, Sept. 27: Pure Luck (PG) 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28: Naked Gun II 1/2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 29: What About Bob (PG) 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30: Back Draft (R) 7 p.m.



Hamilton Theatre

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New Commanding General



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The last Hoo Ah! Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison passes the guidon during the change of command ceremony.

by Gregory DeJean
Star Presidian editor

On Monday the Presidio was the setting for a Change of Command Ceremony which saw Lt. Gen. William Hardin Harrison retiring and handing over all responsibility to the base's new commanding general: Lt. Gen. Glynn Clark Mallory, Jr.

Born in Natchez, Miss. on Feb. 10, 1939, Lt. Gen. Mallory began his military career 22 years later at Ft. Benning, Georgia as a student in the Infantry Officer Basic Course.

After graduation, his major duty assignments included: Commander, Troop A, 3d Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3d Infantry Division, United States Army Europe; Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army Vietnam; Commander, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colorado; Commander, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), United States Army Europe; and, most recently, Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, D.C.

On an educational level, he graduated from the United States Military Academy with a BS Degree and from the University of Georgia with a MA Degree in Business Administration. He attended three military schools: The Infantry School (basic and advanced courses); United States Army Command and General Staff College; and United States Army War College.

Lt. Gen. Mallory has been awarded a long list of military decorations and badges, which include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and Purple Heart.



Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory makes his first speech as Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army commander, Monday.

News Briefs

MOS/Medical Retention Board

All soldiers (except those with approved retirement, bars to re-enlistment or pending administrative elimination) who have a permanent profile with a numerical factor of "3" or "4" will be mandatorily referred for evaluation to an MMRB. Soldiers having these factors, who have not been referred to an MMRB must contact the Military Personnel Operations Branch at 561-3297 and ask for Mr. Calica. The next scheduled MMRB will be held on Oct. 28 at 8 a.m. in Building 35.

Early release/retirement

It has been announced that in order to achieve officer strength reductions, selected Army competitive categories, such as JAG, Chaplain, and AMEDD Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers on the Active Duty List, may volunteer for separation or for retirement under the provisions of the FY92 VERRP. Early release from active duty and retirement must occur between Dec. 31, 1991 and Sept. 30, 1992. For more information, call 561-2151.

Congressional Fellowship

Commander, PERSCOM, Alexandria, Va., has announced that the American Political Science Association (APSA) will select up to three Army Officers for the Congressional Fellowship Program. Majors and Junior Lieutenant Colonels who desire to compete must submit, in writing, a request to compete to their career management divisions. Additionally, it has been announced that the Presidents Commission on White House Fellows annually selects 13 to 15 exceptionally-promising individuals from all sectors of American life as White House Fellows. Interested officers, for both categories, who wish further information, may call the Military Personnel Operations Branch at 561-2151.

Cash bundle laundry service

Active-duty military personnel are advised that effective as of last Tuesday, the quartermaster laundry in building 1047 will furnish bundle laundry service. This service is for military clothing only; each bundle is not to exceed 10 items (including the laundry bag itself). Cost of the service is \$6.50, cash or check, at time of delivery to the laundry.

Warning: calling card fraud

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Switchgear to be repaired

On Sept. 7, various housing areas on the Presidio experienced a major power outage that lasted approximately 12 hours. Please be aware that this was not a Directorate of Engineering and Housing scheduled outage. This outage was caused by a defective switchgear installed by contractors last November. Repair work will be performed on Monday, causing a disruption of power from 8 a.m. to noon. The following housing areas will be affected: 900, 1200, 1300, 1400 and 1700. The following buildings will be affected: 1450, 1750-1756, 1770-1773, 1788-1789, 1794, 1201-1208, 1212-1228, 1210, 1230-1232, 1237, 1239, 1241-1244, 1288 and 1299. Any question concerning the October outage may be directed to the DEH Inspection Branch at 561-6000.

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Star Presidian exclusive!

Interview with Inspector General of the Army

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

(The following are excerpts from an exclusive interview with the Inspector General of the Army, Lt. Gen. Ronald H. Griffith. Griffith was at the Presidio recently to address the Sixth U.S. Army Inspector General Conference. He commanded the 1st Armored Division during Operations Desert Shield/Storm and was, as of August 1, promoted to lieutenant general and named Inspector General of the Army.)

Why does the Army need an Inspector General?

"The tradition of an Inspector General goes as far back as the beginning of our Army. George Washington had an Inspector General from day one. The prototype that we all look to as a role model is Von Steuben. In Washington there is a statue of Von Steuben, that says, 'He trained the citizens of the nation that earned their liberty.' The role of the Inspector General is to serve as an extension of the commander and help spread the philosophy of the commander, the intent of the commander, and to help the commander ensure his priorities are being met and his philosophies are being adhered to by units in the field."

You led the 1st Armored Division during Desert Storm. What are some of your feelings about some of the Army's strengths, weaknesses and lessons learned there. And did that change some of your views as to the role of the Inspector General?

"First, Desert Storm is the highlight of my life because I got to lead a division in combat. It was a rare and unique opportunity. Nothing will ever match it again. The thing that came through to me in spades is that we're a better Army than we thought we were. We knew we were good, but we're better than we thought we were. I attribute that to a lot of things. But I attribute it in large measure to the leadership of General [Carl] Vuono former Chief of Staff of the Army. He really set the doctrine that we used in the battles in the desert. He's the one that brought great emphasis to the training that has become, for the first time in my 30 years of service, truly combat focused and extremely realistic. We try in every training event to learn from the mistakes we make. So we went into the desert with the best trained Army, probably, that has ever been on the battlefield. We went into the desert with a doctrine that was very sophisticated and with leaders who understood that doctrine and how to synchronize combat power.

We had the best equipment any Army has ever gone to the field with and, most importantly, we had the finest soldiers we have ever taken to battle. We had the smartest soldiers we've ever taken to battle; the most disciplined soldiers we've ever taken to battle; the best trained soldiers we've ever taken to battle; and probably the most motivated soldiers we've ever taken to battle. There have been a lot of misconceptions about the war. It was a brutal war. The Iraqi Army's Republican Guard did not turn and run. The Republican Guard died in the sands of Iraq south of Basra and Northern Kuwait and they were destroyed by probably the most powerful armored force that has ever gone on the battlefield anywhere in the world. The reasons we took so few casualties are the reasons I've already mentioned, not that they didn't fight. General [Crosbie] Saint [Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Europe] used the [following] analogy to explain the difference between the Iraqi army and the U.S. Army: 'They were playing checkers and we were playing chess.' The level of sophistication was that different. We came out of that conflict with certainly the greatest Army I've ever seen, possibly the greatest army in history.

"We identified some weaknesses we need to improve on. For example I will tell you as a division commander, I felt we needed more artillery. I would be a very strong advocate for more artillery in the force. We need to improve the range of our artillery. The Iraqis had us out gunned 3 to 1 in artillery systems. More importantly, they could out-range us.



photo by Duvel White

Lt. Gen. Ronald H. Griffith.

There were other problems in logistics. . . . Transportation is a big problem. Most of the problems were in the logistics area."

Did your experiences in Desert Storm change any of your views as to the role of the Inspector General?

"The Inspector General needs to play a very important role in helping the leadership of the Army and helping the commanders that we serve maintain the strengths that gave us such a great victory in the desert. Again as an extension of the commander, an additional set of eyes, additional set of ears. . . . With the opportunity to travel around the Army and see what's really going on in the field. That's our role: to help sustain and maintain the great Army we have. That challenge is going to be very, very large as we consider the drawdown of the force, the restructuring of the Army. I think our role is very important in the reshaping process."

Do you feel that soldiers are hesitant in approaching an Inspector General? If they do, what will you do to change that "black hat" image?

"Inspectors General know commanders and non-commissioned officers send soldiers, or soldiers come themselves, to the Inspector General for assistance with problems in breaking through the bureaucracy. Sometimes the Inspector General system is able to break through the bureaucracy. We serve an important role there. I don't feel soldiers are hesitant to deal with Inspectors General. Those who are, we need to change that."

Your goals and objectives as the Army Inspector General?

"When I talked with the Chief [General Sullivan] he gave me a rather lofty charge of being the Von Steuben of the current day. I don't consider it a challenge to me personally, but to all the people who wear the Inspector General brass. That is to help the leadership ensure we keep a trained, tough, ready Army during a time of major change. It is a very important, challenging role to play. We must help leadership and the field commands go through this time of change while maintaining the great qualities that served us so well in the desert this past year."

The impact of the current downsizing of the Army on officers, non commissioned officers and enlisted soldiers?

"As everyone knows, the Army is going to be downsized probably as much as 25, maybe up to 30 percent. With the type of reductions we are talking about we are going to lose some good people. As we downsize, hopefully most of it will be through attrition. But, realistically, I think we all understand that some people are going to have to be asked to retire early. Obviously there is a potential for reductions in force or RIFs. Unfortunately we are going to have to ask some good people to leave our ranks. That is going to be a very painful thing for us. We have an

obligation to ensure we have programs in place. Again I think that is an important role for the Inspector General: to help ensure people who are asked to leave early get transition assistance. I know the leadership of the Army is very committed to doing that."

The Inspector General's role during that transition? Do you feel the Inspector General Corps will serve as "watchdog" to ensure that this downsizing is handled fairly?

"Yeah, I think so. I think we will be interested in the process. There is no doubt in my mind that the leadership will ensure that it is handled fairly. Even though it is fair, it is still going to be painful. Again we have an Army of quality people. We don't have a lot of deadwood in our ranks. I know it is going to be handled fairly, but I'm more concerned about whether we have in place programs to assist that sergeant who's given 12 years of service to his Army, maybe fought in a war. . . . Are we going to have programs in place to help him transition back to civilian life in a way that is as painless as we can make it?"

Challenges for the Army in base closures?

"Well, base closures are absolutely essential because of our budget. As we cut the budget dramatically, we have got to reduce the overhead of our bases, and those cuts are being made. Naturally, when that occurs, we're going to get into the impact on the civilian work force. One of the things we're looking at in the Inspector General business is what retraining mission or responsibility do we have in assisting civilians? Again we are hoping a lot of the civilian work force will be attrited by retirements. We will be able to move a good number of people from places where they are currently employed to other bases. But again, there are going to be a substantial number of people who will not fall in that category, who essentially are going to lose their jobs. One of the things we want to look at is the possibility of at least making sure we have, for example at the Presidio of San Francisco, a tight linkage with the State of California and the City of San Francisco so that we can capitalize on whatever retraining programs are there and whatever employment system is working in the state or in the city. That way we can tap into it to assist our people as we close up facilities. We want a smooth transition to the civilian community work force."

Your views on the role of women in the Army and their role in the future?

"Speaking not as the Inspector General, but as a recent commander in the field, I know women are playing a very vital role in our Army. They are doing a great job. I did not have a single female soldier in the 1st Armored Division who had to leave theater or who was not able to carry out her mission [during Desert Storm]. The experiences in the desert only reinforce to me that women have a great role to play and they are doing it superbly. If your real question is whether there's an expanded role, I think we are already seeing some expansion of the roles of women in the Army. I don't know what the limit will be. Personally, I will tell you my personal views, not my feelings as the Inspector General of the Army. I don't want to see the day that we have women in infantry or armor units, those units that close with and destroy the enemy. But I think short of that, women can serve at virtually any level. . . . And are now doing a superb job. We have pilots up there right now. And I saw where the Air Force is even going to have women flying combat missions. I think, 'great future.' I have a daughter who is a nurse who's going to be a commissioned officer in the Army. I'd say the Army is a great place for women. I don't think there are greater opportunities anywhere in our society than the Army or the military."

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Ask Presidians

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The RIF is here! What is next for you?



Charlotte M. Estimada, receptionist, Orthopedology Clinic: "I'll be here for another year. After the year I'll be at home with my daughter, Laurant."



Larry L. Vaughn, medical technician, Laboratory, Letterman Army Hospital: "We don't know. The people in charge of us and our futures don't know. The people in charge of them might know, but if they do know, they're not telling us. If it is untrue, we don't know if it's untrue."



Myong J. Hines, medical receptionist: "I'm being moved to "Four West" effective Monday. I'm looking forward to it. I'm just grateful to still have a job. For any job with all the cuts, I will be grateful."



Sharon E. Everett, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Letterman Army Hospital Public Affairs Office: "My job was eliminated, and I am going to be a secretary in the Department of Nursing. However, I keep reminding myself that I still have a job. . . and I have lots of good friends as a support network. I'm also fortunate to have worked in personnel before; I know how the system is supposed to work and how to make it work for me."



Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison soldiers who deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm received their service ribbons at the Headquarters Command Battalion awards ceremony held Sept. 26.

photo by Duvel White

Chief Warrant Officer Alexander N. Dumond, Sixth Region, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, received an Army Achievement Medal for his efforts while administering a polygraph exam. After receiving the exam a bank teller at Fort Bliss admitted to being involved in a \$17,000 theft.

The Presidio Law Enforcement Company celebrated the provost marshal anniversary Friday. They celebrated by having a cookout in front of the MP barracks.

Headquarters Company United States Army Garrison, Sue Ellis and Lori Weddle, records clerks, MILPO, were both promoted to the rank of Private E-2 Sept. 1.

"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterward."

—Theodore Roosevelt,
U.S. president



photo by Duvel White

Capt. Diana Helsing, Headquarters Co. commander, salutes during the monthly retirement ceremony held Sept. 27.



Glenn McNeil, LEC, presented Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison with a Hoo Ah! photo from the Headquarters Command Battalion.

photo by Duvel White

News

Joint Service Software System speeds up soldiers' pay

by Defense Finance and Accounting Service Public Affairs and Star Presidian Staff

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is starting a new standard military pay system for active Army service members to provide more timely service to soldiers.

The new pay system is similar to the one used by the Air Force, according to Capt. Tony Gongora, chief, Pay and Examination Branch, Presidio Finance and Accounting Office.

The system, Joint Service Software, was started as a joint effort between the Army and Air Force in 1988 to use common computer software to pay soldiers and airmen. The Army began modifying its unique software to interface with other Army software systems.

Gongora said that an extensive study was performed to decide which pay system was more effi-

cient and it was determined that the system used by the Air Force provided its members with better service in a timely fashion. JSS will provide those same benefits to the Army.

The JSS project was delayed due to Operation Desert Storm. Now, the active Army JSS is scheduled to be phased in over the next seven months.

The JSS system affords several advantages over its predecessor. It is estimated that JSS will result in \$300 million in life-cycle savings compared to the current system. These benefits will result from reduced operation and maintenance costs, and standardized procedures.

Gongora explained that the JSS system is faster, provides a shorter waiting period for pay changes to begin and makes it easier for soldiers to inquire about pay problems. The JSS system updates its information nightly, and its ability to retain 24 months of pay history in its memory will provide more on-line in-

formation for soldier inquiries.

Gongora said that soldiers will notice a slight change to their Leave and Earning Statements. The new LES will show slightly different information (such as the mid-month pay being reflected in the deduction block on the End of Month LES), will ensure more tax information and illustrate a detailed breakdown on deductions and miscellaneous charges. The data boxes for deductions, allotments and summary information will change as well.

JSS is being executed now and the phase-in period should extend through March 1992. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will install the system on 12 to 16 Army posts per month during this time. Army Reserve and National Guard units should receive JSS service between October and December 1992.

The Star Presidian will print an article explaining the changes on the new LES in next week's issue.

Counterdrug: fighting the war on drugs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Sixth Army Counterdrug Division coordinated support for the two largest marijuana eradication operations conducted to date. These operations, that took place in Northern California and Oregon, were known respectively as Operations Ghost Dancer and Green Sweep.

"Sixth Army wrote the book on Title 10 (Active duty and U.S. Army Reserve) participation in domestic marijuana eradication," Sgt. 1st Class Wayne E. Schmaling, Counterdrug NCOIC, said. "Of our many missions, our participation in marijuana eradication stands out the most."

In Operation Ghost Dancer, the marijuana eradication operation in Oregon, 10,060 marijuana plants — valued at \$30,200,000 — were eradicated. There were over 30 arrests which led to successful prosecutions and substantial periods of incarceration. Additionally, seven booby traps were discovered; six firearms, one van, two pickup trucks, one motorcycle, and one car were confiscated. This was the first marijuana eradication mission involving "Title 10 soldiers," according to Schmaling.

The 9th Infantry Division from Ft. Lewis, Wa., was tasked to support Operation Ghost Dancer and came under the operational control of Sixth U.S. Army for the duration of the operation. Sixth U.S. Army provided communications equipment and coordinated much of the logistical support.

In Operation Green Sweep, the mission in Northern California, \$21.6 million worth of marijuana plants were confiscated. The Sixth U.S. Army Counterdrug Division played a vital role in "Green Sweep".

The Sixth U.S. Army Counterdrug mission is to supply forces and conduct operations, in accor-

dance with the law, to support law enforcement agencies to counter the importation, production, distribution and use of illicit drugs within its area of responsibility, with priority to the Canadian/U.S. border.

Members of the Sixth Army Counterdrug Division don't actually participate in counterdrug missions, but they sometimes observe, according to Lt. Col. Ken W. Hinkle, Chief, Counterdrug Division. "We provide helicopter support, intelligence analysts, translators, mobile training teams, and communications support," Hinkle said. "However, we are not limited to just those types of support."

According to Hinkle, they work directly with Federal Drug Law Enforcement Agencies and interact with local law enforcement through the various adjutant generals.

Members of the Counterdrug Division feel they have an exciting job. "There are always on-going missions," Hinkle said. "We get requests for support almost on a daily basis and the number one sope of our missions is increasing."

According to Maj. Terry Corbin, logistics operations officer, "We're always breaking new ground every mission is different. There is no published doctrine on supporting counterdrug operations."

Currently, Sixth U.S. Army is supporting a domestic marijuana eradication operation in Oregon with aviation support to assist U.S. Forest Service officials in locating marijuana gardens. Since the start of the operation, more than 3,000 plants have been located.

Additionally, Sixth U.S. Army is providing communications assistance to the U.S. Border Patrol in Montana, translator support to the FBI in Los Angeles and to the DEA in San Jose.

To advise Drug Law Enforcement Agencies of the



support available from the military, members of the Counterdrug Division attend conferences and conduct joint capability briefings with members of the various state National Guard Counterdrug activities. This cooperative effort has proven extremely successful in providing timely and effective support to the Drug Law Enforcement Agencies.

"It's very gratifying," Schmaling said. "You get to follow the mission from the beginning to the end — starting with the first phone call. Most people never get to see the results of their efforts."

"I think our job is important," Hinkle said. "The type and amount of support we provide is a significant combat multiplier in the counterdrug effort. Additionally, it provides substantial training and a sense of accomplishment to the soldiers and units that participate."

"By law, Title 10 forces are limited; they are not able to make arrests, or conduct searches or seizures. They are not law enforcement officers."

Hinkle added: "We are proactive in providing that support authorized by law."

Prostate cancer prevalent problem in U.S. men

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian Editor

An insidious condition that has no known cause strikes one in 11 men in the United States, more than any other nation. Because of this, it is the number one cancer in men; it is the number two cause of death from cancer in men.

The condition is prostate cancer. Random House College Dictionary defines the prostate as a "muscular, glandular organ which surrounds the urethra of males at the base of the bladder." Like all cancers, it can spread to other areas of the body if left untreated.

According to Dr. Steven Gange, Assistant Chief of Urology at Letterman U.S. Army Hospital, it is because of the precarious nature of this deadly disease that especially men over the age of 50 should be examined on a regular basis by a urologist. However, there have been cases of young men under 40 with this form of cancer.

"There are really no true symptoms for this condition," said Dr. Gange. "Difficulty in urinating or blood in the urine can *sometimes* be indicators. However, the most reliable symptom often is pain in various bones of the body, such as the spine and pelvis."

If a man has a father or brother (or other close male relative) who suffers with this affliction, then he, too, should be concerned about the health of his own prostate. Additionally, black males are more likely to experience this problem than other males.

For the last 30 years, the death rate has remained the same. It is hoped that by raising the awareness of men to this potential plight, the mortality rate may be reduced dramatically. Due to this effort, the American Prostate Society was recently formed. Moreover, the second or third week in September is designated National Prostate Cancer Awareness Week.

"Letterman conducted a walk-in screening for all personnel here on the Presidio on Sept. 25," Dr. Gange said. "The purpose of this was to provide access to a professional examination. By doing this, we increase the chances of early detection."

Prior to the establishment of the American Prostate Society, the factors that allowed so many men to be vulnerable were "lack of knowledge, failure to get regular examinations and the lack of convenient, reliable and affordable facilities," according to the Society. There is also simple embarrassment, which is ridiculous considering the seri-

ousness of the disease. Now, hopefully, all that will change.

"Being this is the second most common cause of death from cancer in males in the United States, awareness of the problem is paramount," Dr. Gange stated. "Once a man has been determined to have prostate cancer, then various methods of treatment are utilized: anything from a radical prostatectomy (the complete removal of the gland) to radiation therapy."

The prostate is important in one specific way: male fertility. It produces fluid that helps in the processing and transport of sperm. If a man, due to prostate cancer, has a radical prostatectomy, he risks impotence and incontinence. However, this should not deter the man from having the surgery, if needed. The alternative could be death.

"I was really pleased with the turn out for the free screening the other day," said Dr. Gange. "I just want to reiterate that I hope men over 50 make it a part of their health care routine to visit a doctor and undergo an annual rectal examination. Remember: this examination is not just for the military and civilian employees who currently work at the Presidio, but for all retirees, too. This may prevent a lot of unnecessary pain and death."

From the Past

The following article first appeared in the August 17, 1962 issue of the Star Presidian.

Presidio has automatic internal water system

If San Francisco's Sierra Nevada water supply were to dry up today, Presidio residents could still enjoy their Saturday night baths, as they are served by the city's only internal water system.

Nearly two million gallons of water each day gush up from underground springs in the vicinity of the Marine Hospital, course down the mile-long Lobos Creek bed and spill into the Presidio water system's collecting reservoir at the 25th Street entrance by Baker Beach.

The Army first utilized Lobos Creek water in the middle 1800's when it constructed a flume to supply Ft. Point in case of siege. Then when Ft. Point closed, a private company took over the supply and started selling it to city users.

A court hassle that finally wound up in the Supreme Court developed when the Army, who wanted to supply the Presidio, claimed it had prior rights on this source. The highest court decided in favor of the Army and in 1910 a permanent system was installed which has since been satisfying the needs of the Presidio, Ft. Scott and Ft. Mason.

Two years ago the system achieved automation when modern machinery was installed which made the water treatment process completely automatic.

"Presidio water meets higher standards than San Francisco city water," according to Alfred Mosher, chief of Post Engineer's sanitation branch. "We work directly under the medical department of the Army."

In the summer time "when every doggone drop is

used," Mosher reports that the system receives additional water flow from five auxiliary wells which last summer pumped 600,000 extra gallons a day.

"And don't forget the Letterman swimming pool," says Mosher. "Today swimming pools are more than luxuries, they are important sources of water that can be used whenever needed."

On Dec. 7, 1941, the importance of a military installation's water system was brought home with striking clarity to Mosher, who has been at the Presidio for 27 years. On duty at the pumping plant, he first heard of the Pearl Harbor attack when the Post Engineer called to inform him of the aggression and to say his first act was to send guards to protect the water supply.

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News

Sixth Army RIF briefings underway

By K.M. Petrack
Star Presidian Managing Editor

The Presidio Civilian Personnel Office on September 24 presented the first in its series of RIF briefings to Sixth U.S. Army headquarters civilian employees.

Joan Gusman and Maria Gutsfeld, CPO staffing specialists who service Sixth Army organizations, addressed civilians from the offices of the Commander, Deputy Commander, Chief of Staff, Secretary of the General Staff, Internal Review, Staff Medical Advisor, Chaplain, and Base Realignment and Closure.

Eight separate briefings will be presented over the next three weeks to civilians in individual Sixth Army offices until all civilian employees have been briefed.

As part of the briefing, CPO handed out to each attendee Reports on Individual Persons (RIPs), individual computer print-outs listing each attendee's career facts and statistics, upon which the discussions were based. The RIPs also contained information upon which the RIF will be based.

The RIPs, information extracted from personnel files, enabled attendees to review and verify their career data, and to ask questions relative to their own circumstances and concerns.

Gusman presented a general RIF overview, including outlining policies and procedures under RIF, providing definitions of key terms such as "Competitive Areas" and "Competitive Levels," informing attendees on how bumping and retreating rights will be determined, and how those who will be separated will be identified.

Gusman and Gutsfeld responded to questions raised about performance appraisals, the Priority Placement Program, severance pay qualification and computation, definition of commuting area, and so forth.

One concern was "Veterans Preference" under RIF. "There is confusion and there are many errors with regard to 'Veterans Preference for RIF' in the personnel system database" said Gusman. "Not everyone who served in the military is automatically eligible for Veterans Preference in a RIF. We're conducting a 100 percent review of Sixth Army files and making changes to ensure accuracy."

Another issue of concern was "Competitive Areas." Attendees wanted to know whether bumping or retreating could take place across Tables of Distribution and Allowance (TDAs), and whether those RIFed at Sixth Army could displace employees at Garrison or LAMC, or vice versa.

"Sixth Army headquarters," said Gusman, "is in its own competitive area, as are both Garrison and Letterman Hospital; Sixth Army headquarters employees **do not and will not** compete with employees at Garrison or LAMC, and **cannot** displace, or be displaced by, RIFed employees in the other two organizations."

Gusman confirmed several already-publicized facts: the effective date for the Sixth Army Headquarters RIF is September 30, 1992—all RIF actions will take place simultaneously on that day; Sixth Army RIF notices are expected to be released on or before July 31, 1992; a Mock RIF will be conducted in November 1991; a Job Fair is scheduled for June 1992; Voluntary Early Out Authority (VERA) has been requested for either January or February 1992 for eligible Headquarters Sixth Army civilians.

"Another important date to remember is June 19, 1992," said Gusman. "That will be the cut-off date for receipt of performance appraisals. Any appraisals received in CPO after that date will go into employees' personnel files, but will not be used in calculating their status for the actual RIF. Because performance appraisals cannot be submitted early, if your birth month (end of rating period) is June or later, your '92 annual appraisal cannot be included among the most recent three annual appraisals for RIF consideration. If your birth month is May or

before May, you might seek to have your supervisor complete it quickly and have it in to us not later than the 19th of June."

The Mock RIF, said Gusman, will be conducted in the same manner as will the real RIF next year. Even though the persons identified for separation in the Mock RIF could change due to retirements, early



retirements, job placements, performance appraisals, and so forth, "the Mock RIF will be as accurate as possible at this point in time. It will identify individuals to be reassigned, demoted and separated based on information available to the CPO as of November 1991, and will serve as a fairly accurate indicator of potential actions in the actual RIF."

"As we get closer to the date of the actual RIF," Gusman continued, "employees' bumping, retreating, or separation status will be recalculated *weekly*, and then *daily*, as the September RIF deadline approaches."

The Mock RIF, however, will give management a good idea of which employees are currently identified to be separated. It would behoove management to pass this information on to affected employees, said Gusman, so that they will have a good idea of where they currently stand within their organiza-

tions and where they might stand when the actual RIF occurs.

"The Mock RIF in November is really designed to give employees time—almost a year—to assess their situations and to enable them to make decisions about their lives and careers," said Gusman.

Managers in each Sixth Army headquarters office are identifying positions to be abolished and are preparing Requests for Personnel Actions to abolish them; these actions will be used in conducting the Mock RIF and actual RIF.

You, as a Sixth Army employee preparing for your office's RIF briefing by CPO, might want to come up with a list of personal questions; the session will offer you an opportunity to interface in an almost one-on-one exchange with CPO while simultaneously getting answers and information that other attendees may also find useful.

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News / Views

CID; Staying on top of serious crimes

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

It's like coming into Fort Knox," Capt. Cindy Cottone said about entering the Sixth Region Criminal Investigation Headquarters.

Cottone is the personnel officer for the Sixth Region CID Headquarters.

The CID office located on the Presidio is the headquarters for four district offices and one field office. The field office is located in Alaska and the four district offices are at Fort Hood, Tex., Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Bliss, Tex. and Fort Riley, Kan.

The CID command mission is to conduct and control all Army Investigations of serious crimes and less serious crimes, upon request or as necessary for effective Army law enforcement, according to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command booklet. The CID also provides selective criminal investigative service to Department of Defense organizations and other Federal, State and local agencies as permitted by law.

To train for these missions, soldiers have to complete four months of Advanced Individual Training. Upon graduation from AIT soldiers serve a one year probation period at their permanent duty station, Master Sgt. Dan Saavedra, Sixth Region sergeant major, said.

During AIT soldiers undergo types of classes that cover all aspects of CID.

CID investigations consist of rape, robbery, larcenies, white collar crimes, child abuse, drugs, terrorist activities and fire arm training. Special agents are required to carry firearms, according to Saavedra. Agents' main weapon is a side arm non-like other soldiers whose main weapon is the M16. Agents carry a 38 special revolver.

Soldiers work under a supervisor that is usually a warrant officer during their probation period. They are trained hands on. Soldiers participate in unit training that consist of combat skill awareness and investigation skills.

"Their probation period is very crucial," Saavedra said. "During their probation period, it is determined if they qualify as special agents."

If the soldier is found unqualified to be a special agent he is either released to the needs of the Army or returns to work in his prior MOS, according to Cottone.

Military Police who are E-4 to E-5 promotable may change their MOS to special agents. With in three years they may apply for warrant officer.

"Although CID is a separate command it is part of the MP corps," Saavedra said. "It's like the Infantry is for the whole Army."

The majority of investigations in the past six to seven years hasn't changed, according to Saavedra.

"There are more emphasis on economic crimes (white collar crimes)," Saavedra said. "CID's main priority is serious crimes including drugs and fraud."

During the war, CID worked more in logistics security because of the movement of troops and masses of equipment. CID had to make sure troops were getting the equipment they needed, Saavedra said.

Cottone feels that the CID is very important to the military. "It ensures the soldiers and family members aren't getting the shaft."

"CID is the commander's right arm, Saavedra said. "We have the expertise as investigators, but we are also in the military so we understand the soldiers point of view."

"It is important for the readiness of the military," Saavedra added. "If the Army had to rely on federal agencies it would take more time and paper work. We're very good at cleaning up our own house."

The CID is mainly concerned with the Army interest, Cottone said. Investigations begin when military members or their family members are involved and incidents that occur on post.

"It's not who it involves; it's matter of purview," Saavedra said. "If it is not in our purview the investigation is referred to the proper agency."

Often times when the investigation is referred, CID

still stays on top of the investigation.

The majority of information that leads to investigations comes from outside sources, such as, family members, soldiers and civilian employees.

Investigators are trained to take information and question alleged criminals.

"We have very good investigators," Saavedra said. "We don't resort to the rubber hose method, but the interrogators are thorough."

In a recent investigation, a teller suspected of complicity of over \$17,000 from a Fort Bliss bank confessed to a polygraph coordinator from the Sixth Region Headquarters following a lie detector test given three days after the crime.

According to Saavedra, polygraphers are trained well in questioning suspected criminals.

Chief Warrant Officer Alexander N. Dumond administered the examination.

The teller had pleaded her innocence for two days of questioning from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There were no witnesses to the crime and the bank cameras were not activated.

During the beginning of the polygraph examination, the teller stuck to her story of innocence. Her confession was drawn out after the instrument phase of the exam when Dumond determined that she had practiced deception during questioning.

This is just one case that proves the capability of special agents and their training.

Investigations aren't always secrets, according to Cottone.

"Because of the nature of business, the privacy act and possible embarrassment to soldiers and family members, investigation are kept confidential," Saavedra said.

Investigations are secret in case of war.

The confidentiality is part of CID members' integrity.

Although the CID doesn't resort to rubber hoses and bright lights in the eyes their investigations are conducted efficiently and with success.

BAT projectile is newest weapon

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The new generation high-tech weapons that made their debut during Operation Desert Storm were dubbed "smart weapons." Smart weapons drop down chimneys or burst through front doors by riding a laser beam to their target. That's smart.

So when Army planners came up with a new tank-killing weapon that doesn't require an operator to hold a laser on the target - or to even see the target in the first place - they were faced with a dilemma. What were they going to call it?

Introducing "brilliant munitions," the Army's newest tank-killer, which recently entered the engineering manufacturing development phase.

Dubbed the BAT, this missile-shaped projectile is designed to home in on an enemy armored vehicle and destroy it without human guidance.

The Army plans to load a number of these submunitions into the warheads of the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS), said Maj. Kenneth Roberts, Training and Doctrine Command assistant systems manager for rocket and missile systems.

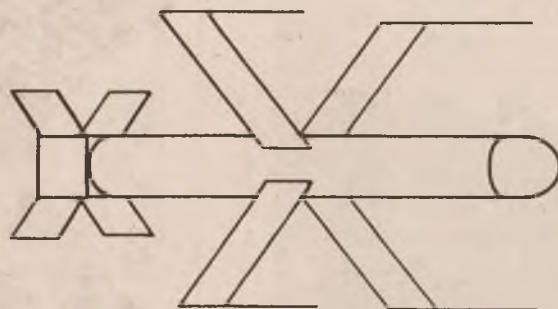
Launched from a M270 launcher, the ATACMS missile will deploy a "large number" of BATs high above an enemy armored column, Roberts said. Each BAT will then seek out and destroy one armored vehicle.

Each BAT is outfitted with a state-of-the-art infrared sensor and a newly-developed acoustic sen-

sor - hence the name "BAT" - to locate its target, according to the Army. BATs will also deploy wings after leaving the ATACMS missile, which will allow them to adjust their glide paths to chase down moving armored vehicles.

And since there will be a "large number" of BATs in a single ATACMS missile, they're pre-programmed so that each knows which target it's supposed to hit, Roberts said. That way, you won't have multiple BATs blasting one tank into oblivion while other tanks escape.

With a range of more than 100 kilometers, the ATACMS/BAT combo will fill a need that previously had to be relegated to Air Force jets or Army attack helicopters.



BRILLIANT ANTI-ARMOR (BAT)

News Briefs

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Office closure

The Military Personnel Division, including the ID card section, will close Friday morning at 11:30 for their annual picnic.

New appointment system

The General Medicine Clinic (formerly the Walk-in Clinic) will go to a new appointment system beginning Nov. 1. All appointments will be made by calling Central Appointments at 561-5324. You should ask for a same day appointment. You may call at 1 p.m. for an appointment on the next duty day. Active Duty Sick Call hours will remain 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Active duty will have priority for appointments during this time.

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What do you hope to achieve during your visit here for the Sixth U.S. Army Inspector General Conference?

"We have a saying that every commander should understand the intent of his boss two levels up. I think the same thing applies for us as Inspectors General as we serve commanders. I want to convey my understanding of the Chief of Staff of the Army's intent, where he's trying to take the Army, and what the priorities of the leadership of the Army are as we go through this period of major change and reshaping. . . and hopefully share, with the great folks out here in Sixth Army, my philosophy."

Other comments you would like to add?

"I would like to emphasize the three basic areas of business for the Inspector General Corps: inspections, investigations and assistance. In all of those areas what I hope we are doing is teaching and training. I think that is a very important role. One of the great things about the Inspector General Corps is that it is not a career field. You don't spend a career being an Inspector General. The policy is one assignment. The intent is to get people in there who are really close to soldiers. Men and women who've been commanders, who have served with troop units recently. Because they bring to the job an understanding of conditions in the field, an empathy for the plight of soldiers, and an understanding for the challenges of command. If you don't love soldiers, you shouldn't be in uniform. Clearly the people we need in the Inspector General business are leaders who truly love and care for soldiers."



Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings



By Steve Miller

Director of Religious Activities

PRAISE GOD. The sun is shining and San Francisco looks clean and crisp against the azure blue sky. We hope and pray that you and your family are healthy and happy.

You know, I got to thinking, here we are spending all this time down by the pond and we have not even mentioned the most common visitors to the pond area: our teenagers. Do you remember when you were a teenager?

How much you loved going out maybe to a pond or maybe some other place that was special to you and your friends. As we look back at those years, they seemed so carefree and easy. But if we really sit down and think about those years, and we are honest, those years were probably the most turbulent and emotional of our lives. The highs and the lows are the highest and the lowest of any time in our lives. Situations were so very important. As teens, we were seemingly engulfed by day-to-day situations—and our friends—they were so fickle. It was not easy being a teenager.

The Post Chapel recognizes these facts and they have organized its Teen Program to help and enable our Presidio teens to better cope with these turbulent years. I like to think of our meetings as if they were a trial in the old West where the participants needed to leave their guns at the door: Our participants leave their "attitudes" at the door. We are all in this thing together. We are all military-related in one way or another and we are different from the other kids in school. We have something in common

with one another and as such we are bound together. We don't need to play roles that we play in school because the others in the group know what we are going through—to a certain extent. Of course we realize that we are all individuals with certain gifts and talents that God has given to us, but the fact that we are in the same environment and situations here at the Presidio makes us family. We can leave our "attitudes" at the door and come together in a safe and non-threatening environment. With the use of "stupid youth games," we are able to relax and enjoy our time together.

The catalyst for the discussion part of the program is the Bible, and the conversation usually streams to our particular situations in life here at the Presidio in San Francisco, California in 1991 and how that is written about by the Bible writers. Under the expert caring leadership of Kathy Benjamin, the open, relevant discussion hits upon the concerns and problems of Presidio teens today. Kathy may not have the answer for all the situations that arise during the meetings, but she will facilitate the discussion to enable the members of the group to see the situations as solvable and not totally unique. Teens are all going through these situations and with the support and input of the others, the problems are not all that huge.

The Presidio Post Chapel Teen Program also has annual outings. We try to take at least two ski trips every winter and one week-long summer retreat to either Oregon for white water rafting or Yosemite.

Quip of the Week: "Friendships multiply joys and divide griefs."

—Plutarch

We also have fun fund raisers so that we are not "beholding" to anybody. We hope to have seasonal projects also. ALL Presidio teens are invited to attend—that's ALL, as in everybody and anybody. We meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. here at the RAC, building 682. Come on down!

Protestant Sunday School and Catholic CCD Programs continue every Sunday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Registrations are still open.

We have a great volunteer staff, so join us to hear the Good News. The Chapel of Our Lady Octoberfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Log Cabin. If you want to join us, phone the Post Chapel of the RAC. We will also hold our annual Halloween Carnival at the RAC on Oct. 31. This is one of those seasonal projects for the Teen Group. They work hard to make this enjoyable; please make plans to join us.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday at 5 p.m. and every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday afternoon at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397. The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday at the LAMC Chapel at 11 a.m.. We have other Bible Studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

CSM presents retiring CG with NCO sword

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

Command Sgt. Maj. Otto M. Copeland Jr. presented retiring Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison with an M-1840 non-commissioned officer sword Friday during an enlisted luncheon at the Golden Gate Club.

Copeland described the retiring commanding general as "a soldier's general." He went on to explain that the sword was especially appropriate because the sword is designed for non-commissioned officers and was given by non-commissioned officers. "The non-commissioned officers' sword was chosen because of his close relationship with

non-commissioned officers. There is no higher praise to a commander we really respect," the Sixth U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major said as he presented the gift in front of the approximately 80 non-commissioned officers attending the luncheon. Most of those attending the lunch were the senior sergeants major from throughout Sixth U.S. Army who were attending the Sixth U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major's TAG/MUSARC Conference.

The sword was mounted on a red oak plaque and surrounded by the unit crests from units within Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio, representing enlisted soldiers under the general's command. Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Belcher of Headquarters Command Battalion custom-made the plaque.



photo by Duvel White

Command Sgt. Maj. Otto Copeland Jr. presents Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison with a gift from the enlisted members of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio during the enlisted luncheon Friday.

Thanks for saving water

According to the Directorate of Housing and Engineering, the Presidio of San Francisco is no longer under a "Condition Red" water alert. In one week's time, the post has conserved approximately one million gallons of water. The post's water condition is "Green," thanks to the conservation efforts of Presidians.

For information about the post's water condition, call 561-2318 for the daily updates. The recorded message is changed daily to provide accurate information about the post's water condition.

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Sports

Sports Briefs

Compiled by Duvel White

Flag football sign-ups

Intramural Flag Football competition will begin Oct. 15. Units or activities desiring to enter a team are requested to submit an entry to the Presidio Sports Office no later than Friday. A rules interpretation meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at building 63, Post Gym No. 1. Units entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting. Commander's points will be awarded for units attending the meeting. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032 or 561-4120.

Free football tickets

ITT has free tickets to see the Stanford Cardinal take on Cornell in a football game Oct. 12 at Stanford Stadium. The catch is you have to call 561-3992 TODAY to reserve seats for the Stanford's "Armed Forces Day" game. All active duty soldiers and their dependents will get in free. Tickets will be available for pick-up the week of Oct. 12 at ITT, Bldg. 215 (next to Burger King).

Bowling Center closure

Pins won't be flying at the Presidio Bowling Center Oct. 14 because the center will be closed for Columbus Day. For more information, call 561-5042.

Aerobics classes

Reduce stress, lower cholesterol, improve circulation, increase calorie burn and strengthen your cardiorespiratory system by joining an aerobic exercise class at the post gym. There are four certified instructors who, using the driving beat of great music, will help you improve your level of fitness. For more information, call the post gym at 561-4120.

Run For Your Life

Presidio Run For Your Life Program Director Bob Darling has a deal for runners who need that extra incentive to get out regularly and run the Presidio.

"It is a basic beginning running program open to the military community," he said. "You can earn mileage credit towards a patch. Certificate awards are also given for 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500-miles and on up."

For more information on this or any running program, call Darling at 561-4120.

Youth Services Activities

Swimmers needed

Swimmers between the ages of five and 14 who are interested in trying out for the Presidio Youth Services Swim Team can call Mike Copeland at 561-4224.

Karate classes

Presidio Youth Services is offering Karate classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at building 1331 (Presidio Youth Services Center) for children ages six and up. For information on this or any other youth program, call 561-5143.

Monster dunk slams coffin on LAMC, HQ Co. crowned hoops champs



photo by Duvel White

Fall! Fall! LAMC's John Champion waits for the ball to roll off the rim during the Presidio Summer Basketball Championship game.

by Duvel White
Star Presidian staff

With three seconds left in the game, trailing by four points, Letterman Army Medical Center needed a miracle to stay alive.

To save the precious three ticks left in the Presidio Summer League Basketball Championship game, LAMC attempted to roll the ball up-court and allow for a desperation three point shot and hope for a foul. Unfortunately for the hospital crew, Sheldon Martin was still playing defense. He cut in front of the LAMC player and stole the ball. As the clock ran down, he turned and fed the ball to HQ Company's streaking 6'8" All-Army forward Reginald Brown. Brown took off just below the free throw line, accelerating to a low earth orbit.

With the ball clutched in his right hand, Brown floated toward the hoop. His legs spread like an eagle swooping in to snatch a lazy trout basking in the shallow water. Brown cocked his right arm back and rammed home a rafter rattling, Loma Prieta-style dunk, effectively slamming the coffin shut on LAMC's hopes for a hoop title with a 55-49 victory for HQ Company Sept. 25 in Gym No. 1.

After a 4-2 regular season, the hill-top gang swept through the playoffs unbeaten and unmatched. They opened with a 61-39 blowout of OARB, following with a 33-44 pasting of USAG to sit atop the winners bracket waiting for the winner of the LAMC/USAG rematch. LAMC won the game 42-37 to force a show-

down with HQ Company.

Championship action started with HQ coming out smoking, jumping to an 11-4 lead. LAMC, behind the shooting of Johnny Gailard and the rebounding of John Champion, bounced back to tie the game at 21-21 late in the first half. As the half approached, the game turned into a seesaw battle with alternating one-point advantages. With time running out in the half LAMC's Chuck Seedrick nailed a jumper to put his team up 28-27 at the break.

LAMC came out for the second half on a 6-2 run and stretched its lead to a five point bulge. HQ Company fought back and tied the game at 39-39 on three free throws by Nate Washington. With 3:11 left in the game it was 47-45 in favor of HQ after Brown displayed his hang-time and wingspan with a goal-tending on a LAMC shot.

Wayne Rogers, another All-Army prospect, tied the game at 47-47 sending notice that LAMC was not dead yet. But as the final minutes waned, the stretcher-bearers couldn't keep up with the hill-toppers in the paint. HQ muscled inside and hit the offensive boards to build a 51-47 lead with 1:11 left. LAMC scored closing the game to 51-49 but Nate Washington iced the game for HQ Company by coolly sinking two free-throws with the clock showing :03. Washington's trip to the charity stripe gave HQ Company a 53-49 lead and set up the desperation roll that lead to the dunk heard 'round the gym finalized HQ's claim as this summer's top Presidio hoopers.

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Get out there and pump it up at Post Gym No. 1. While you're at it, let those lonely Nautilus machines know someone cares.



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Boyd Taylor, a retired Air Force Master Sgt., pumps up on Nautilus equipment in Gym 1.

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Community Calendar

Monoprinting workshop

Explore colorful freestyle monoprint making with Takeshi Nakayoshi at Randall Museum on Saturday at 1 p.m. All ages are invited; however, children under eight must be with an adult. The fee is four dollars. The museum is located at 199 Museum Way. For more information, call 554-9600.

New shuttle service begins

A new shuttle service began Monday that will take patients from Letterman U.S. Army Hospital to Navy Hospital Oakland. The bus will depart from and return to the second floor lobby waiting room area as per the following schedule: depart LUSAH at 8 a.m.; depart Oak Knoll at 11:15 a.m.; depart LUSAH at 1:15 p.m.; and, finally, depart Oak Knoll at 3 p.m.

Job vacancies

The following Non-Appropriated Fund job vacancies are available: Bartender, NA-03, \$7.31 per hour, intermittent on-call at the Presidio Officers' Club; Bartender, NA-03, \$6.90 per hour, intermittent on-call at Camp Parks; Child Development Program Assistant Leader, CC-05, \$8.78 per hour at the Child Development Center; Cook, NA-7404-05, \$8.77 per hour, intermittent on-call at the Golden Gate NCO/Enlisted Club. If interested, submit applications (DA-3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, building 37, Presidio of San Francisco or phone 561-5095/2947.

Educational note

Education counseling is available without appointment for soldiers, adult family members and Presidio employees at the LAMC Education Center, building 1014 and at Ft. Scott Education Center, building 1216. You can come by Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and on Fridays until 4 p.m.

Free concert

The Morrison Artist' Series will open its 1991-92 season on Sunday at 3 p.m. with an all-Beethoven concert presented by the Alexander String Quartet. The program will include the String Quartet Op. 95, String Quartet Op. 59 and String Quartet Op. 18. The concert will be conducted at the McKenna Theater, Creative Arts Building, San Francisco State University at 1600 Holloway Avenue.

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Hazardous waste disposal

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Historic hospital

The dedication of the U.S. Army Hospital, San Francisco, 1899. President William McKinley, the 25th President of the United States, addresses the gathering (right center). A contingent of mounted San Francisco policemen are in the foreground. Building 1016, the Administration Building, then as now, can be seen in the background. In 1911, the name was changed to Letterman General Hospital. It was named for Major Johnathan Letterman who had commanded the Medical Department of the Army of the Potomac during the American Civil War. Letterman had been the first to use ambulances to recover the wounded from battlefields. Previously, the wounded had been left to die where they had fallen.

(photo courtesy of Presidio Army Museum
text courtesy of Ed Green, Museum Technician, Presidio Army Museum)

Oakland Jazz Festival

There will be two shows on Sunday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. You'll hear the sounds of Freddie Hubbard, Ernie Andrews, Joe Henderson, Jeff Narell, Ralph Moore and Buddy Montgomery. They'll be performing in the Lake Merritt Hotel Building at 1800 Madison. Tickets are \$20.

T.I. Octoberfest

Naval Station Treasure Island will be hosting an Octoberfest Carnival Celebration on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. All military personnel and their guests are invited to enjoy thrills, rides and attractions, along with German foods, beverages and music. For more information, phone 395-5132.

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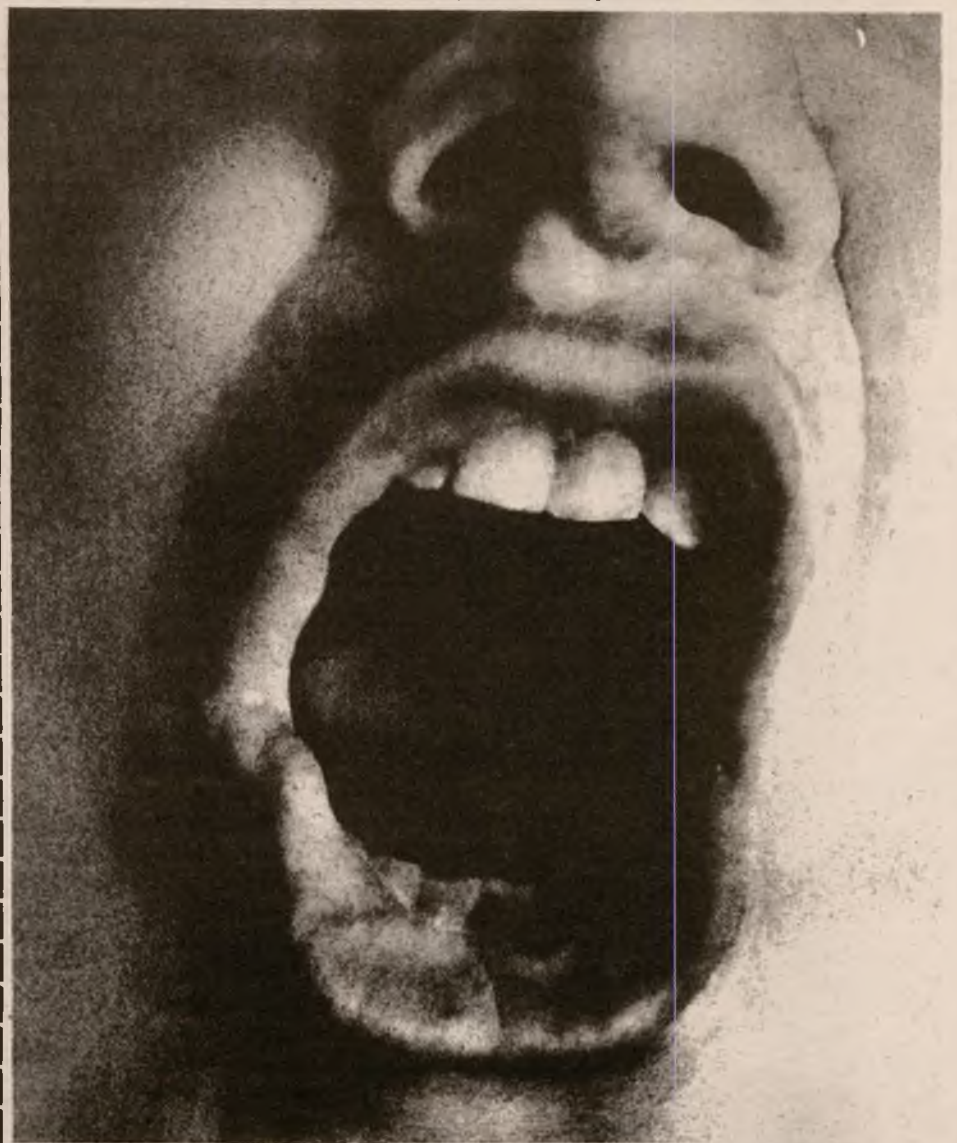
The Letterman Army Medical Center offers an informative three hour class covering all aspects of diabetic care. The class is given every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Room 360-19. It includes a medical overview by a physician, foot care by a podiatrist, dental care by a dental hygienist and blood sugar testing by a nurse. For an appointment, call 561-5324.

Achenbach acquisitions on view

The second part of the biennial exhibition of gifts and purchases acquired by the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts in the last two years will be on view until Dec. 8 at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, which is located in Lincoln Park at 34th Avenue and Clement Street. The second installment of the biennial exhibition consists of approximately 80 modern and contemporary works from 1950 through 1991.

Oldrich Kulhanek
(Czech, b. 1940)
Shriek, 1983

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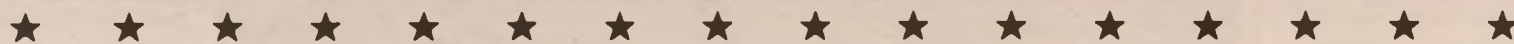
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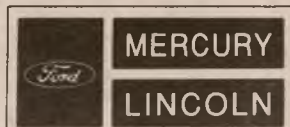
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Transition assistance offered

Counseling is available for separating soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members to help with the transition from government service to civilian life. If you are within 180 days of separation, you can schedule an appointment with a counselor by phoning auto von 929-5610 or (408) 242-5610. They'll discuss with you the steps you need to take to ensure a smooth transition. This service is available on Mondays and Tuesdays of every first and third week of the month here at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Power outages scheduled

In support of a current contract, power outages will be scheduled for the Presidio between Tuesday and Feb. 14, 1992 for the purpose of sampling transformer oil. Each transformer will be shut down for approximately one hour. Power outages of 30 minutes to one hour can be expected. Due to the complexity of this project, we cannot pinpoint an exact hour as to when the power will be shut off in any particular house. Most of the outages will occur on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Critical areas of the post may be scheduled on weekends or evenings to avoid interruptions or down time of sensitive equipment. For additional information, you may contact Ed Shamma, Contract Services Branch, at 561-6000.

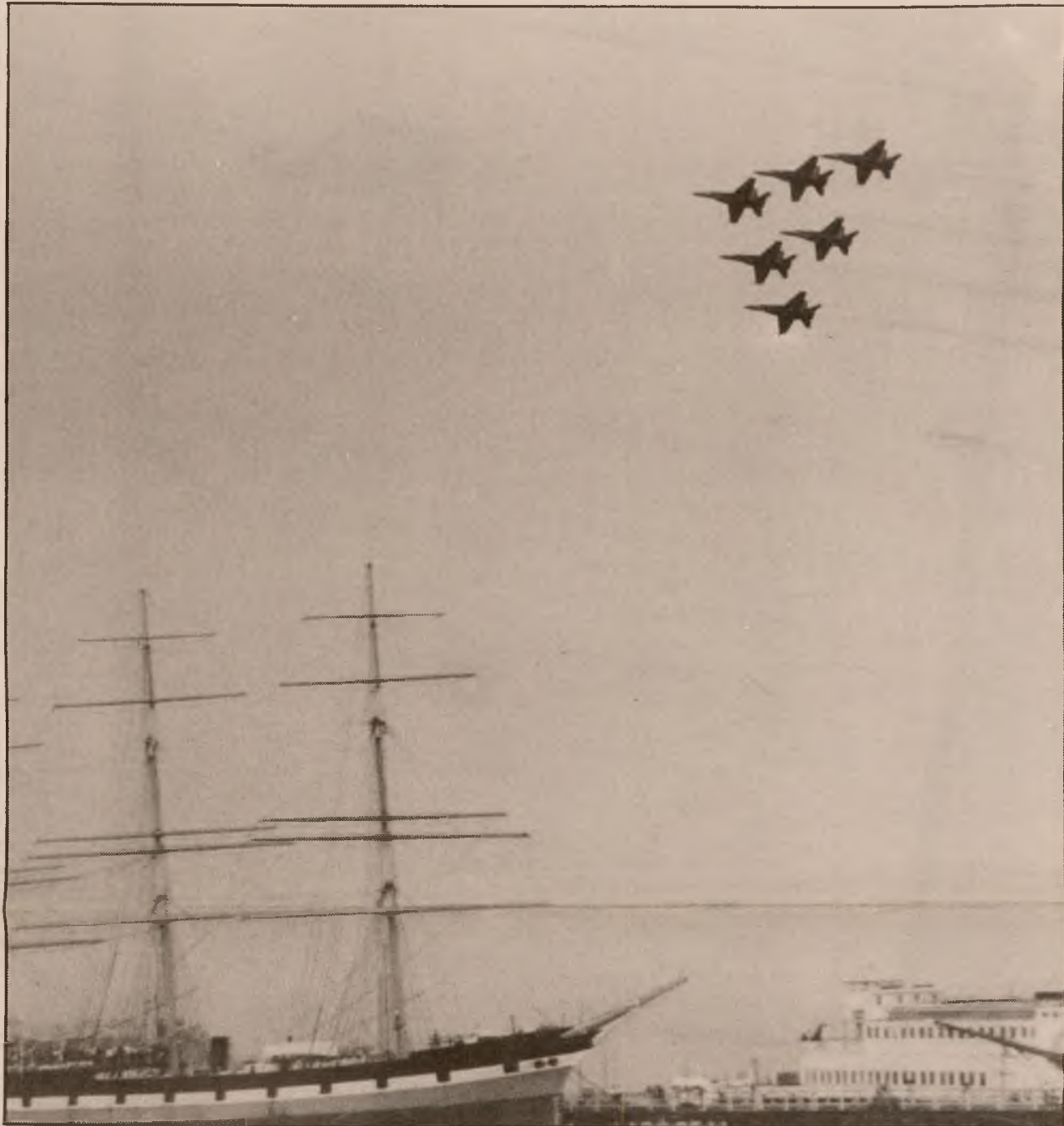
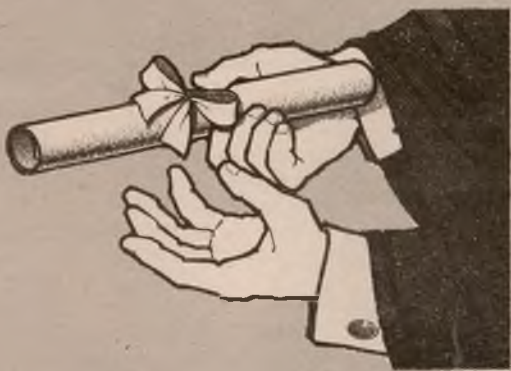
Pets need appointments too

The Presidio Veterinary Clinic provides routine immunizations and medical services by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled by calling 561-3744 between 8 a.m. and noon daily. Over-the-counter pet care products may be purchased between the same hours. Children under 10 years of age are not allowed in the clinic due to the potential for animal bites.

The military police here on the Presidio will pick up animals found roaming freely about the post. The animals are then turned over to Veterinary Service in building 668. Owners of animals wearing identification/rabies tags will be contacted as soon as possible. Animals without tags are confined for three working days to allow their owners time to contact Vet Services. However, prior to releasing the animal, the owner must present proof of rabies vaccination. Additionally, a fee of \$3 per confinement day will be assessed.

Scholarship program opens

Application forms for the Budweiser/USO Scholarship Program for 1992-1993 are available by calling 391-1657 or visiting your local USO office. Scholarship amount is \$1,000.



Star Presidian file photo

Fleet Week kicks off Saturday

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

Fleet Week activities will steam full speed ahead into the San Francisco area this weekend, starting Saturday and ending Oct. 17.

Friday

Though the official opening ceremonies won't be held until Saturday at 11 a.m., the first event will be a Youth Excellence Day on Friday. The day will involve interaction between 5,000 Bay Area students and Navy representatives.

Fleet Week events

An information booth will be open on Pier 39 at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The highlight of the week will be on Saturday with the Parade of Ships and an air show by the Navy's Blue Angels. The Miller Six Pack parachute jump team is scheduled to perform, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Air show will take place over the Bay between the Golden Gate Bridge and Treasure Island. Sailors will be available for host-a-sailor commitments beginning at 3 p.m., with the Navy Ball set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in downtown San Francisco.

The tentative list for participating ships for Fleet Week and the Pier where they will be housed are: The USS Missouri (BB63), Pier 30/32; The USS Rushmore (LSD 47), Pier 30/32; The USS Tripoli (LPH 10), Pier 45; the USS Jouett (CG 29), Pier 27; the USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), Pier 27; the USS Obrien (DD 975), Pier 27; the USS Berkeley (DDG 15), Pier 27; the USS Wichita (AOR 1), Pier 27; the USS Reid (FFG 30), Pier 35; the USS Barbey (FF1088), Pier 35; the USS Cape Cod (AD 43), Pier 35; the USCGC Boutwell (WHEC 719), Pier 35; the USCGC Munro (W4HEC 724), Pier 35; and the USS Nimitz (CVN 68),

the the Naval Air Station in Alameda. In addition there will be two as-of-yet unidentified submarines participating in Fleet Week activities; They will also be housed at the Naval Air Station. The ships will be open for public visitation beginning at 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. The vessels at the Naval Air Station, however, will not be open for display.

Sunday events

The Bay Bridge Challenge 10 Kilometer Run from Fisherman's Wharf to Treasure Island will begin at 7:45 a.m. Sunday. The cost for participants who preregistered is \$15; cost is \$18 on the day of the race.

Shipboard church services will be open to the public on selected ships beginning at 10 a.m. Call for more information or visit the information booth.

Golden Gate park will be the setting for a Day in the Park beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday. The day will be highlighted with softball challenges, tug-o-war contests, a concert and picnic.

Monday events

A Chief Petty Officer reception will be held at Bimbo's 365 Club at 8 p.m. Monday.

This year's closing ceremonies, a sunset parade, will be held at the Treasure Island Naval Station Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in front of Building 1.

Thursday

The Fleet Week Battlegroup ships will depart the Bay Area beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Information

All the times listed above are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. For up-to-the minute information on Fleet Week Activities, visit the information Booth set up at Pier 39 or call 395-5027/5028/5029/5030.



10 October 1991

Dear Presidians:

It is with a great deal of pride and honor that I take command of the Sixth United States Army and the Presidio of San Francisco, two of the most prestigious commands in our Army.

Reflections of the past year kindle pride in our country and our Army for the outstanding accomplishment of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, a resounding victory won by a Total Army effort. The Sixth United States Army played on that victorious team.

More than validating our AirLand Battle Doctrine, it also proved the value of the Active forces, the U.S. Army Reserve, the Army National Guard, our families, the dedicated efforts of our civilian work force and a supportive Nation. DESERT STORM could not have succeeded without the Total Army.

Over the next few years, our Army will undergo change. We will get smaller, but we will not compromise quality or standards. We must remain trained and ready to meet our Nation's call and to deter those who would be our adversaries. We will retain those who would be our care of soldiers and families paramount. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you as Sixth United States Army moves to set the standard for the trained and ready Total Army of tomorrow.

This means greater challenges for all of us, at all levels of command and service. I am confident that the men and women of Sixth United States Army will rise to the occasion as we have done in the past.

Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.
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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian Editor

What does friendship mean to you?

Spec. Bowers, anesthesia technician, 91A: "A friend is someone who will endure the most arduous times with you."



Spec. German, nursing assistant, 91A: "A friend is a special bond between two people. It's someone you can share the good times and bad times with. Someone who knows you personally as well as respects you for the person you are."



J. L. Hastings, mail clerk, LCA: "A friend is someone who is real and totally trustworthy. A person who is caring."



Sgt. Thomas, assistant NCOIC administration, Staff Judge Advocate: "A friend is someone who will stand by you through the thick and thin, even when you are wrong."



Spec. Dunham, legal specialist, administrative section, Staff Judge Advocate: "A friend is somebody you can trust and depend on even when you've got food in your mouth."



Sgt. Settlemire, NCOIC claims division, Staff Judge Advocate: "A friend is someone who forgives you when you've hurt them."



Sgt. Steward, battalion legal NCO, Headquarters Command Battalion: "A friend is someone who keeps in touch no matter how far away."



New MUNI service inconvenient for PSF workers

Letter to the editor

by Mary A. Paul
Secretary, Community Recreation Division

I wish to add my complaint on the revised scheduling of bus service to the Presidio in the late afternoon. Perhaps you are aware there is a copy of a group complaint posted on the bus shelter with annotation that no mention was made of the TIME changes contemplated when the bus change was made.

As stated on the petition posted on the shelter, departure at 4:14 p.m. serves no employee, since common duty ends at 4:15 p.m. for the majority of

workers. To add further comment, the Information/Leisure Travel employees in building 215 remain to serve the Army community until 5:00 p.m., and will now have no bus service until 5:41 p.m. This is unacceptable in a "shelter" which does not shield from the cold climate, as well as detaining an employee far too long after a full day's work.

I am dependent on public transportation, and have to take a minimum of two to three transfers to reach my residence morning and night, incurring a minimum of one hour each way (not to mention the missed runs which occur with some frequency).

Therefore, I implore the MUNI management to reinstate the former 30X schedule (i.e. departures at 4:05, 4:17, 4:35, 4:50 and 5:05 p.m.)

Awards

Law Enforcement Company

Sgt. 1st Class Jean Pellegatto received a Meritorious Service Medal before changing duty station. Pellegatto served as LEC first sergeant.

Sgt. Pennington received an Army Commendation Medal before transitioning out of the military.

Pfc. Debra Colson received an Army Achievement Medal before changing duty stations.

Spec. Kevin Fairchild received an Army Achievement Medal before changing duty stations.

Pfc. Derrick Roberson received an Army Achievement Medal before changing duty stations.

Pvt. 2 Rebecca Snider received an Army Achievement Medal before transitioning out of the Army.

Finance and Accounting Office

Sgt. Brenda Rivers received an Army Achievement Medal before changing duty stations.

Staff Sgt. Taimanglo received an Army Achievement Medal for her PCS.

Hamilton Army Air Field

Spec. Rivera received an Army Achievement Medal upon his PCS from Hamilton.

Sgt. 1st Class Montalvo received a National Defense Service Medal for serving in Southwest Asia.

Sixth U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Franklin Harrel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, received a National Defense Service Medal for serving in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Spec. Troy Davis, Protocol, received a National Defense Service Ribbon for serving in Saudi Arabia.

Spec. Ulysses Sherman, Command Group, received a National Defense Service Medal for serving in Saudi Arabia.

Staff Judge Advocate

Sgt. Lavonne Settlemire received a National Defense

Service Medal for serving in Southwest Asia.

Sgt. Charles Taylor also received a National Defense Service Medal for serving in the Persian Gulf.

Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison

Spec. Floyd Grillot received an Army Achievement Medal before changing duty stations.

Spec. Dennis Wade received an Army Achievement Medal before transitioning out of the military.

Sgt. 1st Class William Gillihan received a National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star for serving in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Transition Point

Spec. Michael Williams received a National Defense Service Medal for serving in Saudi Arabia.



Col. William D. Swift, garrison commander, Presidio of San Francisco and Dorothy Patterson, commissary meat/produce worker, cut the ribbon inaugurating the commissary's new operational control under the Defense Commissary Agency. Swift and Patterson are flanked by Bob Varela, commissary officer (right) and Paul Culver, regional director, Oakland District, Defense Commissary Agency.

Old commissary demolished

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Demolition began on the old commissary building Sept. 16. With large construction equipment and bulldozers, DEH workers demolished two buildings on the Presidio.

The buildings haven't been in use since the new commissary was open in 1989.

The demolition has been an on-going project by the

Directorate of Engineering and Housing and all work is expected to be completed by Oct. 25, according to Capt. Jeffrey D. Jensen, operations officer, DEH.

These buildings are being ripped down as part of a regular scheduling of the use of military buildings, according to Jensen.

The two buildings torn down are buildings 251 and 252. According to Jensen, building 251 was built in 1941 and building 252 was built in 1919.

News

Books, tapes,
records

Post library must sell entire stock

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Post Library will sell its entire stock of books, tapes and records Wednesday through Oct. 24 to Presidio residents for a fraction of their cost to complete the building's phase-out.

Wednesday, the Presidio Library will hold a special sale open to Active Duty soldiers and their family members with valid ID cards only, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The sale will be open to everyone else starting Thursday.

Amazingly, the library was chosen as one of the first buildings to close as part of the base closure plan.

Mrs. Juanita W. Taylor, chief librarian, and her two staff members have been working for months in preparation for this sale. Most recently, books, albums and tapes are being arranged for the sale.

Taylor said the library will have more than 30,000 books for sale. If every book sold for a dollar, that would be \$30,000. The books could sell anywhere from 50 cents to \$5 each and will be sold by category.

The categories for books include fiction and non-fiction, westerns, science fiction, children's books and area handbooks. There are some encyclopedia sets available, as well as biographies and foreign language books.

The Presidio Library includes works by authors such as Thomas Fleming, Valerie Fitzgerald and Mark Twain. Book hunters will be able to purchase books on exotic places like Hawaii, Tahiti or Easter Island.

In the nonfiction category shoppers will find how-to books, and topics about the environment, government, psychology and sociology. Buyers learn about Virginia Woolf, Sitting Bull or Haile Selassie in the bibliography section.

In the fiction category one will find works such as "Patriot Games" by Tom Clancy or "Four Past Midnight" by Stephen King. The military history section includes lessons of war from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam.

The available Area Handbooks include studies on countries from Algeria to Zimbabwe.

Also available for sale at the library will be recordings by Shubert, Wagner, Strauss and Bill Cosby. There will also be reference works included in the sale.

There are no video tapes at the library.

Taylor said that Army Regulations require sending library collections to other Army libraries prior to closing. Notwithstanding, that still leaves more than 30,000 books to be sold.

There will be plenty for buyers to choose from.

"For every book there is a buyer," Taylor said.

"Whether the military community is that buyer is another thing. Hopefully, the Presidio community can absorb 30,000 books."

The books are being sold because the library has been closed since June 15. The Branch Library at Letterman Hospital was closed earlier, and many of its books were transferred to the main building. Even though there are approximately 2,000 soldiers and many more family members stationed here, the library was one of the first services to be closed.

"I thought it was ludicrous," Taylor said. "I thought it was unfair to the military population that the library was one of the first things to be phased out."

"I would have told you this 30 years ago if it had been necessary," she said.

Still, the Post Library is closed and now will have to sell its entire stock of books, tapes and records to complete the building's phase out. Presidians who take advantage of this offer may be able to find those two or three books that will make their home libraries complete.

"Maybe with people browsing they will see some books they wouldn't normally have seen," Taylor said.

The Presidio Library will accept cash or checks only for purchases. No charge cards will be accepted.

Nuclear medicine achieves great heights

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Nuclear Medicine technicians are allowed to absorb more radiation in one year than most people can in a life time.

These people who have saved many lives no longer work at Letterman Army Medical Center because their jobs have been eliminated.

The Nuclear Medicine Clinic closed July 1 because of the military downsizing and Presidio closure. The military won't support a Nuclear Medicine Clinic for a 100 bed facility.

Before the clinic closed nuclear medicine technicians performed many duties and did an outstanding job. They completed bone scans to curing thyroid problems.

Nuclear Medicine technology has increased a great deal, according to Master Sgt. Raymond W. Palomarez, enlisted advisor for the Army. He continues to work at Letterman although

the clinic is closed.

Nuclear Medicine consists of more than administering radiation to patients.

Technicians read brain scans, perform liver spleen scanning and read heart scans.

According to Palomarez, technicians have been making a great deal of progress in the heart area of nuclear medicine. They now have scans that show wall motion of the heart and how efficient the heart is pumping blood, and they can tell if by-pass surgery can be performed.

The radiation used for bone scans and other types of x-ray has a low gamma. This radiation is used more often because it has a short-half life, Palomarez said. Every six hours the radiation is decreased by half.

The only high gamma radiation used by the Nuclear Medicine Clinic was I-131. This is used for thyroid problems. It is taken orally and is a pill.

"Radiation technology has come a long way since the early seventies," Palomarez said. "Then we didn't have the short-lived radiation and people were nervous about other radiation."

Although Palomarez is allowed 10 times as much radiation as a normal person, that equals 120 rems, he only has 2.5. "You have to follow the strict rules and be careful," he said.

Technicians receive a monthly print out of their radiation level. Palomarez said that administering an injection is when technicians get the largest dose of radiation.

"It's a hard job because you have to convince the patients that you are confident in what you're doing and explain every thing to them—even the risk," Palomarez said. When working with radiation, technicians have to wear gloves and long lab coats as an outer garment.

Nuclear medicine technicians are trained at a Navy station. Their

advanced Individual Training course is one year with 5 months classroom and 7-months hands on training. After the first 5 months, students are sent to major medical centers to be trained. Letterman was among these medical centers before it began downsizing.

"Going through the nuclear medicine course was the most difficult thing I've ever done," Palomarez said. "The course is tough—both the classroom and hands-on."

Fifteen to 20 students are trained each year. Soldiers are required to serve three years as a nuclear medicine technician. After their three years most soldiers get out according to Palomarez. They have too many opportunities after they are trained in nuclear medicine.

"The Navy has the largest training center in world," Palomarez said. The technicians that come out of there are the best."

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Best protection is early detection

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

One out of nine women will develop breast cancer. Breast cancer is the leading killer of women 30 to 40. It is second to lung cancer as a leading cancer killer. It is a killer.

A blind killer. Many of the 175,000 women who will develop breast cancer this year have no obvious factors that increase the risk. Breast cancer results from the abnormal growth of cells in breast tissue, but it is not known what causes such abnormal growth. The roles of heredity, lifestyle and diet in the development of all forms of cancer are being investigated.

There are, however, certain factors that increase the risk. The most important risk factors for breast cancer are age and family history, according to Jennifer Resnick, response assistant, American Cancer Society response center.

Two thirds of all breast cancer occurs in women over 50 years of age. In addition, risk is increased when a woman: has never had children, has had her first child after age 30, began menstruating before age 12, began menopause after age 50 and eats a high fat diet.

The number of women with breast cancer has increased three percent since 1980. In 1980, 84.8

women out of 100,000 developed breast cancer. In 1984 that increased to 111.9 women, according to Resnick.

A woman's best protection against breast cancer is early detection. Early detection provides the best opportunity to treat breast cancer successfully.

Educational efforts on breast cancer urge all Americans to become partners with women close to them, helping them learn more about breast cancer and to participate in a three step program of regular routine mammograms, monthly breast self-examinations, and a periodic examination by a physician.

Step one is to schedule regular mammograms. A mammogram is a special breast x-ray that can reveal small breast cancers up to two years before they can be felt. Modern mamography techniques expose women to very small amounts of radiation. An initial screening mammogram should be done by age 40 and then every one to two years to age 49 and then every year after age 50.

Step two is to examine your breasts monthly, several days after your menstrual period, or on the same day every month if you no longer menstruate. Your health care provider can show you how to do this. If you find a lump, don't be alarmed. Breast

lumps are common, and more than 80 percent are not cancerous. You should always consult your physician, however, for an expert opinion about the lump.

Step three is to see your physician regularly. If you are between 20 and 40 years old, your breasts should be examined by your physician at least once every three years. If you are over 40, you should be examined every year.

Surgical options for early breast cancer include limited breast surgery and breast reconstruction, as well as extensive surgery. Additional treatment may include radiation therapy, hormonal therapy or chemotherapy. No one treatment is best for all patients, according to Resnick, "because not all patients are alike."

The OB GYN clinic at Letterman U.S. Army Hospital performs examinations and there are plenty of openings available for patients, according to Capt. Margaret M. Carroll-Tornberg, head nurse. The clinic has video tapes for view that are about breast cancer. The clinic also has sample breasts with lumps so women will know what a lump feels like.

Breast cancer is a killer, but it can be stopped. Early detection is the key to survival.

From the Past

News

Power for peace vital factor in free world hope

(The following article first appeared in the May 21, 1960 issue of the Star Presidian)

It is one of the tragic ironies of history that the United States, with its vast potential for contributing direct, far-reaching benefits to the present and the future, must divert so much of its national wealth and energy to the implements and implications of war.

How long this situation will remain no one can predict with certainty. It is sensible to assume that it will endure until faith, honor and integrity are added to the principles of nations other than those that comprise the free world.

Today, President Eisenhower, President de Gaulle of France, Prime Minister Macmillan of Great Britain and Chairman Khrushchev of the U.S.S.R. are convened in the long-awaited summit meeting.

The hopes and fears of myriads of people—millions of them behind the Iron Curtain—are centered upon these men and what they will do.

To ensure that our power for peace remains the strongest possible, President Eisenhower envisages this force structure for the [Army] during Fiscal Year 1961:

Army forces will total 14 divisions and 25 other major combat units by the end of 1961, an increase of one battle group and one missile command over

the force planned for the end of the current year. Also, an increase in the number of separately organized tactical surface-to-surface missile units is planned.

Of the 14 divisions, seven will be deployed in critical areas overseas and four others (one in Hawaii and three STRAC divisions in the continental United States) will be ready for immediate deployment to any trouble spot in the world.

In the air defense guided missile battalions, the conversion from Nike-Ajax to the nuclear-capable Nike-Hercules missile will continue at a rapid pace.

CFC kicks off

We are fortunate to work and live at a beautiful location such as the Presidio. We are thankful that we have many blessings, but, there are many others who struggle from day to day, just to survive.

The 1991 Combined Federal Campaign is currently underway for the Presidio of San Francisco community.

A CFC key person has been selected for all the Sixth U.S. Army and Garrison staff section. They will be contacting all military and civilian personnel within their sections to ensure that everyone is afforded the opportunity to give. How much is given is not important. There are more than 1,000 charitable agencies who would be grateful for your consideration of them during this campaign.

I ask you to join me in getting the word out," said Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, Deputy Commanding General and this year's campaign chairman. "Last year we had 91 percent participation. I'm convinced that it would have been 100 percent if the other 9 percent had got the word. Please ensure that everyone has the chance to participate. There are a lot of people out there who need our help."

There are several agencies on the Presidio that participate and are recipients of CFC contributions. If you don't have a preferred organization to receive your donation, and you want to donate to a local organization, here is the opportunity to give something to help the soldiers and civilians who are a part of the Presidio community.

The Sixth U.S. Army CFC coordinator is Maj. Gasparovic at 561-3816/2667. The Garrison coordinator is Maj. Billy Jackson at 561-6108.



photo by Greg Dejean

Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, chooses a charity to contribute to for the Combined Federal Campaign. Spec. Ulysses Sherman looks at the CFC pamphlet to decide what charity is the most important.

New alternatives for Halloween treats

by Robert F. Kephart
Safety and Health Manager,
Sixth U.S. Army

Are you looking for an alternative to giving candy to kids at Halloween? We may have found an answer that can help make this Halloween both fun and safe.

Impel Marketing, Inc., in partnership with the National SAFE-KIDS campaign, is unveiling a new product this fall: Trading Card Treats.

Trading Card Treats features kids' favorite characters—Marvel Universe Super Heroes, Archie Comic Characters, Official Universal Studios Monsters, Nintendo, Inspector Gadget and Widget on trading cards that will be

available for Halloween and other special occasions in special mini-packs. The packs will be displayed on special racks featuring the SAFE KIDS Campaign logo in drug, convenience and grocery stores nation-wide.

The colorful high quality cards also feature the National SAFE KIDS Campaign logo on the front. Some cards include safety messages that address the major risk areas of the Campaign such as traffic and bicycle safety.

According to George White, Impel's spokesperson, "parents will be able to purchase 24 three-card packs, in bags similar to candy." Each bag will also include a Halloween safety message for parents and a special SAFE KIDS Cam-

paign door sign to identify houses handing out Trading Card Treats.

"We think they will be a big hit with the kids this Halloween who can collect them and trade them long after Halloween is over," adds White. A percentage of the sales will benefit the Campaign's national office and local coalitions.

Herta Feely, National SAFE KIDS Campaign Executive Director, adds, "Trading Card Treats are entertaining for kids and meet the Campaign's goal of making environments safer for children."

Halloween can be a special, sometimes magical, time for children and adults. Let's do everything we can to

make this Halloween fun and safe for children.



Veterans' Readjustment Appointment authority revamped

by Army News Service

The Veterans' Readjustment Appointment hiring authority, which assists eligible veterans in securing federal jobs whether they have veterans' preference or not, has been broadened. Veterans with veterans' preference, however, are considered before veterans without it.

The new VRA affects hiring authority in the following ways:

- Individuals can enter at a maximum grade level of GS 11 or WG 11 (previously GS 9 or WG 9);

- Eliminates the education limits on VRA eligibility. Previously, veterans with 16 or more years of education were ineligible;

- Veterans who entered the armed forces on or before May 7, 1975 and continued serving after that date will now be classified as Vietnam-era veterans instead of post-Vietnam-era veterans;

- Post-Vietnam-era veterans are now classified as those veterans who entered the armed forces and served on active duty after May 7, 1975. These individuals are eligible for VRA

appointments if they served more than 180 days on active duty and were separated with other than a dishonorable discharge.

- Changes the period of appointment eligibility. Veterans with more than 30-percent disability have no time limit. Vietnam-era veterans are eligible for a VRA appointment for a 10-year period after the date of their last discharge or until Dec. 31, 1993, whichever is later. Post-Vietnam-era veterans are eligible up to 10 years after the date of their last discharge or until Dec. 17, 1999.

News

"Last Sixth U.S. Army Unit Returns from the Gulf"

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Advisor
Sixth Army Public Affairs Office

Friday the 13th is not always unlucky. For members of the 300th Transportation Detachment, a reserve unit from Tacoma, Wash., it's the lucky day they finally outprocessed at Fort Lewis, Wash., after spending ten months on active duty for Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

The 300th was the last Sixth Army unit deployed in the Mideast before it returned to a large and boisterous crowd of family, friends, the I Corps band, and media at the Seattle-Tacoma airport on September 12.

The unit's 38 soldiers were activated on November 17, 1990, and spent a month at Fort Lewis training and preparing for deployment before departing from McCord Air Force Base on December 20.

Although the unit has a mission to document the movement of cargo at air terminals, while in the Mideast it took on several other missions, like processing containers and loading and unloading cargo, when the need arose. Master Sgt. Roland Moore, the unit's first sergeant, said, "The unit has done an outstanding job in performing tasks they were not trained to do." And seven unit members, including Moore, earned Bronze Star Medals in the process.

Several soldiers even learned to drive machines that move containers and got properly licensed to

operate them as a way to use their time more efficiently.

The 300th first worked at the Port of Damman processing containers for shipment north to forward deployed units of the VII Corps. During this time the 300th soldiers were living under the constant fear of scud attacks.

On February 19, they moved to Alqaysumah Airport, just 20 miles from Iraq. There the 300th was charged with processing replacement personnel and casualties, but the war ended so quickly, Moore said, it handled cargo instead.

By the end of March, the unit moved back to Dhahran and took over air terminal movement control at the Allied air base near the city. This is when the unit members really had a big job to accomplish, because they were instrumental in getting soldiers and equipment back to the United States as quickly as possible.

"Overall it was a good experience for everyone," Moore said of the activation. "It was an eye opener to those who had never been on active duty." He explained how the mission changed after the war ended, saying, "I'm glad things happened the way they did. We were processing out about 4,000 troops per day. They were pretty happy to be going home."

Asked how his own soldiers felt about not being able to go home early, Moore said that as long as they were busy, they had no complaints. However, after things slowed down in June, it was more difficult to

endure staying on. He said, "The last couple of months were slow, so it was kind of frustrating."

There was always the mail when things were not as busy, and many soldiers received mail addressed to "any soldier" and made new friends. When Sgt. Steven Keithly discovered one young pen pal was a little leaguer, he wrote that he had been a bat boy for the Oakland Athletics in his youth. That touched off an exchange of baseball memorabilia through the postal system, and a strong new friendship was born.

During the months, several unit members returned to the States for various family emergencies and medical problems, including one soldier whose face became swollen after she was bitten by an unknown insect in Saudi Arabia and another who required an ear operation to correct a problem caused by aircraft noise.

Three soldiers were allowed to come home several weeks early to enroll in the fall semester of college, so it was a group of 24 that finally arrived at Sea-Tac in their desert camouflage uniforms on September 12.

"It was fantastic," Moore said. "News media were there, families had signs and posters—it was great!"

Only one Sixth Army unit activated for Operation Desert Shield/Storm still remains on active duty—the 51st Military History Detachment, which is writing about the experience in Washington, D.C. The 51st, as well as the 300th, are part of the 124th Army Reserve Command headquartered in Seattle.

Soldiers evaluated for laser exposure

by Dave Stamper
Division of Ocular Hazards
Letterman Army Institute of Research

The Division of Ocular Hazards took to the hills of Camp Roberts, California, to study the effects of laser exposure on soldiers' eyes for the third consecutive year in July.

The task of the TOW gunner was selected for study because it integrates two critical components common to many jobs performed by soldiers in the field—vision and motor performance. Evaluation of the effects of laser exposure on this task permits generalization to other military tasks.

Volunteers from Letterman Army Institute of Research used a modified TOW missile launcher that was interfaced with a microprocessor to record the tracking accuracy of each trial.

The laser source used for the study was mounted on and bore-sighted with the 25 main gun of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle which was operated in the stabilized mode.

With the laser source mounted on the target vehicle, a 1.85 km beam was sent through the atmosphere to the TOW tracker.

Disruptive effects of the laser on this pursuit tracking task were qualified by measuring the vertical and horizontal tracking errors.

Performance of each of the volunteers was assessed under both bright daytime conditions and fleeting luminance conditions of dusk.

Laser irradiance, target size and contrast, mean-scene luminance, and tracking-experience strategy are all critical factors that impact on the amount of disruption experienced by each soldier.

Under bright light conditions where the eye has adapted to the scene, a relatively low level exposure may not have as great a disruptive effect as during dusk conditions when the ambient light level is 100 times lower and the eye is more sensitive. This situation is further complicated by the low contrast levels, typically between 18-20 percent, between targets and backgrounds in the field.

When a soldier is asked to detect and track small targets under low contrast



photo by Medical Audio Visual Services, Letterman Army Institute of Research
Maj. Jeff Gunzenhauser tracks the Bradley Fighting Vehicle while Maj. Kathy Knudson directs communications and Spec. Edsal measures the scene luminance and contrast during the study at Camp Roberts.

and low luminance conditions, the soldier's vision is operating near its limits. This situation makes the disruptive effects of the laser even greater.

Photometric and radiometric measurements of the target, background, and laser source were made. These data will be correlated with tracking performance.

The meteorological quantities—temperature, humidity, and wind-shear—that effect the laser propagation through the atmosphere were recorded also.

A critical factor in the study concerns irradiance levels of the laser source. Careful monitoring of the laser energy as it left the laser, passed through the atmosphere, and arrived at the TOW was necessary to insure the safety of each volunteer and to quantify

exposure dose for each tracking epoch.

Dr. Richard Home from the Royal Signals and Research Establishment (RSRE), Great Malvern, United Kingdom, was at Camp Roberts, both to observe and to actively participate in the data collection process.

The data from this study will be shared with Dr. Home and RSRE for input into a computer simulation model. Additionally, the results of the field study will assist in the validation of the simulation.

The exchange and active collaboration between the United Kingdom and the United States has provided valuable information concerning the effects of laser glare on soldiers' performance in the field.

When analyzed in the laboratory, this field data will lead to a more complete

understanding on the amount of disruption each of the variables has on a soldier's performance.

Results of the study may also be used to: Assess requirements for training and doctrine; Assess the nature of training and doctrine provided to soldiers; and determine the level of eye protection required to minimize the effects of laser radiation on soldiers' performance. Difficult technical challenges remain in order to ensure the required level of eye protection is provided with minimum impact on soldier performance. This research is designed to understand the tradeoffs that will minimize hazards and injury, affect the design of protective eyewear, and assist in "conserving the fighting strength."

News / Views

Guardian of the Golden Gate, Alcatraz Island

Part 1 of 2 parts

Photos and story by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian Staff

If he sailed through the straits of San Francisco today, Lieutenant Juan Manuel de Ayala would not recognize the "Island of the Pelicans, or island de los Alcatrazes" as he named it, as the same bird covered hunk of rock he first saw in August 1775.

In 1849, at the height of the California Gold Rush, a joint Army-Navy commission met in San Francisco to make recommendations for the defense of the newly acquired California property of San Francisco and its large, deep harbor. Acting on the recommendations of the commission, President Millard Fillmore signed an Executive Order reserving "for Public Purposes" certain lands in and around San Francisco Bay.

According to John A. Martini, National Park Service Ranger, and author of "Fortress Alcatraz," those properties "included most of the large islands in the bay, portions of the San Francisco peninsula, much of southern Marin County and parts of modern Vallejo. . ." Except for the latter parcel intended for a Navy Yard, along with Mare Island, all the lands he reserved were primarily planned for harbor defenses.

Originally intended to be the tip of a long narrow triangle of defense for San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz was to be anchored by Fort Point on the south and Lime Point on the north thus effectively blocking the mouth of the bay.

A steep rocky mass a quarter mile long and 500 feet wide, with a maximum height of 140 feet, the approximately 22 acres it contained were covered with a thin coating of guano. According to Martini, before Alcatraz was decreed in 1851 by the U.S. Coast Survey as the approved spelling, a wide variety of spellings to include Alcatrazes, Alcatrazes, Alcatras, Alcatrose were seen over the years.

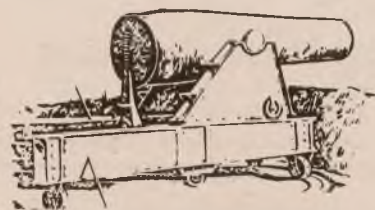
Money was allocated along with the highest priority to build these fortifications. The original estimate of \$300,000 proved conservative. Progress was hampered by the lack of suitable building materials, slow communications with the East coast, soaring costs, and repeated desertion of construction workers to the gold fields.

Although construction of Fort Point and Alcatraz was begun in the early 1850's, the Lime Point fort construction was delayed and eventually cancelled because of the inability of the owner of the property and the U.S. Government to agree on a price for the property.

The only landing area on the island was on the northeast side. The already steep limestone cliffs were dynamited by the Army to further ensure no one could get close and land personnel on the island.

In 1853 construction was begun on the wharf area, docks, staff housing, store houses, and workers barracks with 1st Lt. Zealous Bates Tower and his assistant 2nd Lt. Frederick Prime overlooking the job.

Construction workers were ferried daily from San Francisco to and from the island.



Then, even as now, it was expensive. According to Martini, "These construction workers, hired in San Francisco from the ranks of 'busted' '49ers, were paid wages then unheard of back East. While a trained mason might earn \$2 to \$3 a day in New York, his counterpart on Alcatraz was making \$10 to \$12." "As Tower explained to his chief in Washington, 'one dollar in Eastern Cities accomplishes as much as four or five dollars in San Francisco.'"

The original recommendation was for two gun batteries to be built on Alcatraz. South Battery, which commanded the entire City waterfront from the Golden Gate to Yerba Buena Island was constructed first. North Battery was at the opposite end of the island covering the channel towards Angel Island and the passage leading to Mare Island's navy yard.

At the same time the Army was constructing defenses to use against enemy ships, the Treasury Department was building the first lighthouse on the Pacific Coast to assist ships in safely traveling the



Locker box at Alcatraz museum showing some of a soldier's possessions during the late 1860s. Caption on locker box reads: A soldier's life—Life for a soldier on Alcatraz was not unlike any other western military post. His days were filled with training and drill, maintenance and inspections. Over 100 cannon, and up to 100 soldiers called Alcatraz home. Although they never fired a shot in anger, the troops of Alcatraz served an important role in the defense of San Francisco through years of international tension and civil war.

treacherous waters of the bay. According to Philip Butler, National Park Service Ranger, the lighthouse started operation on June 1, 1854.

According to Martini, construction on Alcatraz was difficult due to the unstable nature of the rock itself. The limestone on the island was so soft spikes could be driven into it with little trouble. Extensive retaining walls and revetments were needed along the roadways and around much of the perimeter of the island. Building materials were brought in from as far away as China, and as close as Angel Island. The Alcatraz rock was of such poor quality that it could only be used for crushing and mixing into concrete.

Martini's book states the first armament was received in 1854 when 11 guns were temporarily mounted on the slopes above the sites of the batteries and atop the island's two peaks. There was a mixed group of surplus navy guns and army siege cannon, with "parapets [of] earth supported by barrels capped with sand bags." With no troops yet stationed on the island to fire the weapons, soldiers presumably would have rowed over from the Presidio during an attack.

According to Martini, the Board in Washington continually revised the plans for the fortifications by making recommendations for an enlarged defensive guardhouse, additional powder magazines, and "hot-shot" furnaces for heating cannonballs. They repeatedly increased the number of guns planned for the batteries and decided that North and South batteries should be augmented by the construction of "West Battery," to be located between the two original works and facing the Golden Gate and by an extension to South Battery mounting four guns and named, the "Three-Gun Battery."

Martini said "The total of proposed emplacements began as 68 in 1853, but by 1861 the number had grown to 124, with the majority of weapons sited on the western slopes of the island." "The guns were to be 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch caliber smoothbore cannon of the "Columbiad" pattern, capable of firing either solid iron shot, hollow explosive shells, or heated "hot-shot" cannonballs designed to set fire to wooden warships."

In April of 1855 the permanent guns began to arrive and were laboriously put in place. The 10-inch cannons weighed more than seven and a half tons each. There were no steam engines on the island as yet and this involved mule power and strong backs. The weapons were slung beneath a huge, two-wheeled cart and slowly towed up the island's switchback road. Martini said "...at the site, the cannon tubes were laid on the ground then hoisted

into position with the aid of a massive tripod derrick known as a garrison gun." Then the gun barrels were slipped onto sturdily built oak gun carriages fitted with iron wheels, which rotated upon wooden platforms capped with metal rails. The cannon could then be pivoted in a full circle to provide maximum angles of fire.

The engineers test-fired each gun to check the strength of mounts and carriages. Martini said it was another three years before Alcatraz fired its cannon in an official capacity. In 1858 the island gave a 21-gun salute to arriving British warship HMS Satellite. The army had not yet stationed artillery-men at the fort, and it's thought the troops from the Presidio must have had the honor of firing this first salute.

In 1857 work was started on a huge barracks on the south peak of Alcatraz. The barracks, known as "The Citadel," was surrounded by a dry moat and accessible only by a drawbridge. It was planned to be a last resort in case of attack and could hold food and water for about 108 people for approximately four months in the event of a siege.

According to Martini, Capt Joseph Stewart and 86 men of Company H, Third U.S. Artillery Regiment assumed command of Alcatraz in December, 1859, although the post was far from a complete and comfortable place to live. "Stoves weren't yet installed, fireplaces didn't draw right, bunks needed to be constructed, and numerous pieces of artillery were still to be mounted."



Construction debris still littered the island, the despised winds blew incessantly each afternoon scattering sand and dust everywhere. "Adding insult to injury, the local seagull population insisted on building nests on any available open ground, said Martini." "Many an artilleryman tangled with an irate mother gull sporting a four-foot wingspan."

"On that cold December day when the Third Artillery arrived, however, eleven anonymous soldiers of Company H came to hold a less-pleasant distinction in the history of Alcatraz. For crimes not recorded in the army files, the men found themselves confined in irons in the basement cellroom of the guardhouse," states Martini.

"The Post on Alcatrazes Island" was open and ready for business, as fortress and prison."

More on the life of the military and its change from a defense post to a world-renowned prison in Part 2 in next week's *Star Presidian*.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings



By Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

Fall is in the air. The staff here at the Presidio Post Chapel send their greetings and prayers that you and your family are enjoying your stay here in the most beautiful city in the world. We pray you stay healthy.

October is my favorite month of the year. The warmth of the summer has passed. Leaves are changing colors. The sunrises and sunsets are about as beautiful as they can be. The air is crisp and clear and hints of the coolness that will come. The beauty of this season is a constant reminder that God is indeed active in this world. It's almost as if God is playing games with the colors and clouds. In Genesis we are told that God did create the heavens and the earth and said that it was "GOOD." In this season of the year we see what "GOOD" means.

As we sit down here by the pond by ourselves, it is so easy to see that God did create a beautiful world. We can surely enjoy the sights, smells, and sounds of a "GOOD" world. When we have to force ourselves to go back to the city, it is then that the beauty seems to fade. But why?

Let's ponder this for a moment. God created this world and said that it was "GOOD." God then created us and said we were "GOOD" also. God then

gave to us the responsibility "to dress, till and keep" the creation. We are to have "dominion" over the creation. What that means is that we have the responsibility, to care for the earth that He created. WOW! So as we walk back into the city and look around, we are struck (manner of speaking) by the reality that we are the "keepers" of this facet of creation also. We are all in this world together and as such we need to work together to "dress, till and keep" this "GOOD" world for God. Since we have dominion over this creation, we have the responsibility to care for it . . . all aspects of it.

While we sit by the pond alone, we may passively enjoy the earth and its beauty, but, if that beauty is to remain, we must join others and become active in the care of creation. We are responsible, each one of us, so let's get busy. There are many programs that need our creative powers. Here are a few.

The Chapel Teen Program is going strong. They will be conducting the 11 a.m. main post Chapel Service on Sunday. Come and see what our teens are doing. They meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the RAC. All Presidio Teens are invited to help with a future event. The Chapel Halloween Carnival will be held at the RAC Oct. 31 at 5:30 p.m. The Teens are asked

Quip of the Week: "After all is said and done, much is said and little is done."

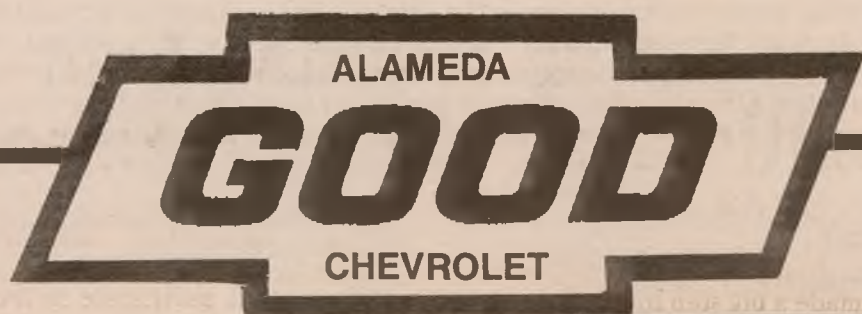
—Dr. Robert Anthony

to set-up different rooms for games and surprises. The young children of the Presidio are invited to come by and get bags of candy. The teens need all the help they can get to take care of the nearly 300 children that we are planning will attend. If you are interested in helping, please come by on Wednesday evening or phone the Post Chapel or the RAC.

The Chaplains are taking a group of soldiers on adventure training up to the top of Mt. Whitney (the tallest peak in the southern 48). If you are a soldier and interested in this three-day trip, phone the Post Chapel for information and space availability. The Catholic community is planning the annual Octoberfest. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Log Cabin. There will be authentic German food and music. This is always a sell-out, so phone the Post Chapel, 561-4711, soon for information.

Bible Study Fellowship for women is continuing classes at the RAC every Wednesday at 9 a.m. We presently have 65 women enrolled. Come by and see what it's all about. You will not regret it for a minute. Presidio Bible Talk is also continuing their program every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the RAC. Great discussion group! We also have a Pentecostal style Prayer and Praise Group meeting at the RAC every Thursday at 8 p.m. For information about any of these programs, phone the RAC at 561-3535.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday at 5 p.m. and every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady. Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397. The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday morning at the LAMC Chapel at 11:30. The Gospel Service's Bible Study Class is held at the LAMC Chapel every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We have other Bible Studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, please phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.



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Sports

Sports Briefs

Compiled by Duvel White

Flag football sign-ups

Intramural Flag Football competition will begin Tuesday. Units or activities desiring to enter a team are requested to submit an entry to the Presidio Sports Office no later than Friday. A rules interpretation meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at building 63, Post Gym No. 1. Units entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting. Commander's points will be awarded for units attending the meeting. For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032 or 561-4120.

Free football tickets

ITT has free tickets to see the Stanford Cardinal take on Cornell in a football game Saturday at Stanford Stadium. The catch is you have to call 561-3992 TODAY to reserve seats for the Stanford's "Armed Forces Day" game. All active duty soldiers and their dependents will get in free. Tickets will be available for pick-up the week of Oct. 12 at ITT, Bldg. 215 (next to Burger King).

Bowling Center closure

Pins won't be flying at the Presidio Bowling Center Monday because the center will be closed for Columbus Day. For more information, call 561-5042.

Aerobics classes

Reduce stress, lower cholesterol, improve circulation, increase calorie burn and strengthen your cardiorespiratory system by joining an aerobic exercise class at the post gym. There are four certified instructors who, using the driving beat of great music, will help you improve your level of fitness. For more information, call the post gym at 561-4120.

Run For Your Life

Presidio Run For Your Life Program Director Bob Darling has a deal for runners who need that extra incentive to get out regularly and run the Presidio.

"It is a basic beginning running program open to the military community," he said. "You can earn mileage credit towards a patch. Certificate awards are also given for 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500-miles and on up."

For more information on this or any running program, call Darling at 561-4120.

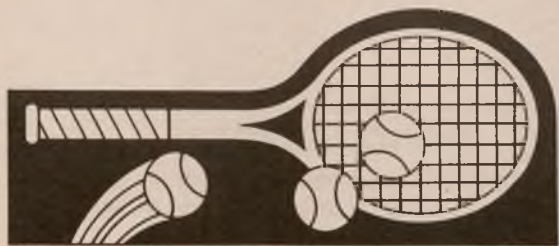
Youth Services Activities

Swimmers needed

Swimmers between the ages of five and 14 who are interested in trying out for the Presidio Youth Services Swim Team can call Mike Copeland at 561-4224.

Presidio tennis championships

Richard Fears, LAMC, defeated Ken Fink, LAMC, in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, to win the 1991 Presidio Post Tennis Championship. During the 10 day tournament the Post Champion combined a strong serve, steady play and aggressiveness at the net to go undefeated and without losing a set to his opponents. In the doubles competition experience was too much for Richard Fears and Tony Bowlin, LAMC, as Lonnie Myers and Patrick Kelly, MI bn, claimed the Doubles Championship with a 6-3, 6-3, victory over their younger opponents.



Headquarters Command Battalion soldiers pose with their trophy and ribbons after taking an overall first in the Cystic Fibrosis fund raising competition. The team competed against 15 other teams Saturday at the Marina Green.

Soldiers put up a strong fight in the battle against Cystic Fibrosis

story and photo by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Ten soldiers from Headquarters Command Battalion made a big step towards the fight against Cystic Fibrosis when they won a competition at Marina Green Saturday.

The Post Chapel sponsored this event and paid the entry fee for the soldiers. All donations and entry fees went to the Cystic Fibrosis foundation.

Randall Dolinger, battalion chaplain, acted as the Officer in Charge of the team.

The soldiers participated in every event, consisting of the long jump, obstacle course, running relay, basketball toss and a tug-of-war.

Sheldon Martin, Josie Morris, Anthony Allen, Mike Card, James Bouknight, Diana Helsing, Antho-

ny Garris, Cheryl Lee, Valerie Neck and Sharon Cates were the soldiers fighting the battle. They all volunteered to participate in the event.

"It built community spirit; we made a lot of friends in the community," Dolinger said. "Plus we had a great time."

After the event pizza was provided for those who participated.

"It gave the troops a chance to do something," Dolinger said. "The impact it had on the community is important."

All the soldiers had a lot of fun and enjoyed the event. And they won first place overall.

"We weren't out there to stomp them," Dolinger said. "We were out there to have fun with them."

All Army Soccer team hopefuls compete at the Presidio



Sgt. Eudardo E. Bonilla with a soccer teammate in Europe.

The All-Army soccer team trials are now being held at the Presidio from now until Dec. 3.

From the Presidio Sgt. Eduardo E. Bonilla was selected to try out for the All Army team.

Bonilla played soccer in Europe on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization team.

Also from the Presidio David L. Lucia, Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities was selected as the assistant coach for the soccer team.



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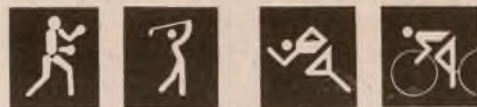
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Community Calendar

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Lotus 1-2-3 workshop

Learn this popular computer spreadsheet program in the Education Center's introductory workshop. The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from Oct. 31 through Dec. 11 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The workshop is free to active-duty military, otherwise it costs \$200. The ability to operate a micro-computer is a prerequisite for enrollment. To register, see a counselor at the Ft. Scott Education Center, building 1216 or at the LAMC Education Center, building 1014.

Inside Pacific Heights

Join San Francisco Heritage for a special program that will take you through the interiors of several homes that gave the Western portion of Pacific Heights its reputation as one of the city's most attractive neighborhoods. The tour will feature a fine sample of older and newer homes from before and after the turn of the century. Tickets cost \$18 - \$25. If interested, call Rick Propas at 441-3000.

Portola walkers

Portola Recreation Center, at Felton and Holyoke Streets, is organizing neighborhood walks for adults on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Center at 10 a.m. For more information, call 468-2875.

Job vacancies

The following Non-Appropriated Fund job vacancies are available: Bartender, NA-03, \$7.31 per hour, intermittent on-call at the Presidio Officers' Club; Bartender, NA-03, \$6.90 per hour, intermittent on-call at Camp Parks; Child Development Program Assistant Leader, CC-05, \$8.78 per hour at the Child Development Center; Cook, NA-7404-05, \$8.77 per hour, intermittent on-call at the Golden Gate NCO/Enlisted Club. If interested, submit applications (DA-3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, building 37, Presidio of San Francisco or phone 561-5095/2947.



When this photo was taken in 1887, it was the Commanding Officer's home. In 1915, Brigadier General John J. Pershing and his family came to the Presidio of San Francisco to visit the Panama Pacific International Expedition. They were assigned to these quarters. [Pershing had served here after the Philippine Insurrection.] Pershing was back on station in Texas when he heard the tragic news of the fire that killed his wife and two daughters. His son, Warren, was pulled from the flames by a Medical Corps private. It was reported that Pershing's hair turned white overnight after hearing about the tragedy. The house was located at the northern end of Pershing Square, facing Graham Street at Sheridan Avenue.

Nutritional counseling

The Letterman Army Medical Center offers an informative three hour class covering all aspects of diabetic care. The class is given every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Room 360-19. It includes a medical overview by a physician, foot care by a podiatrist, dental care by a dental hygienist and blood sugar testing by a nurse. For an appointment, call 561-5324.

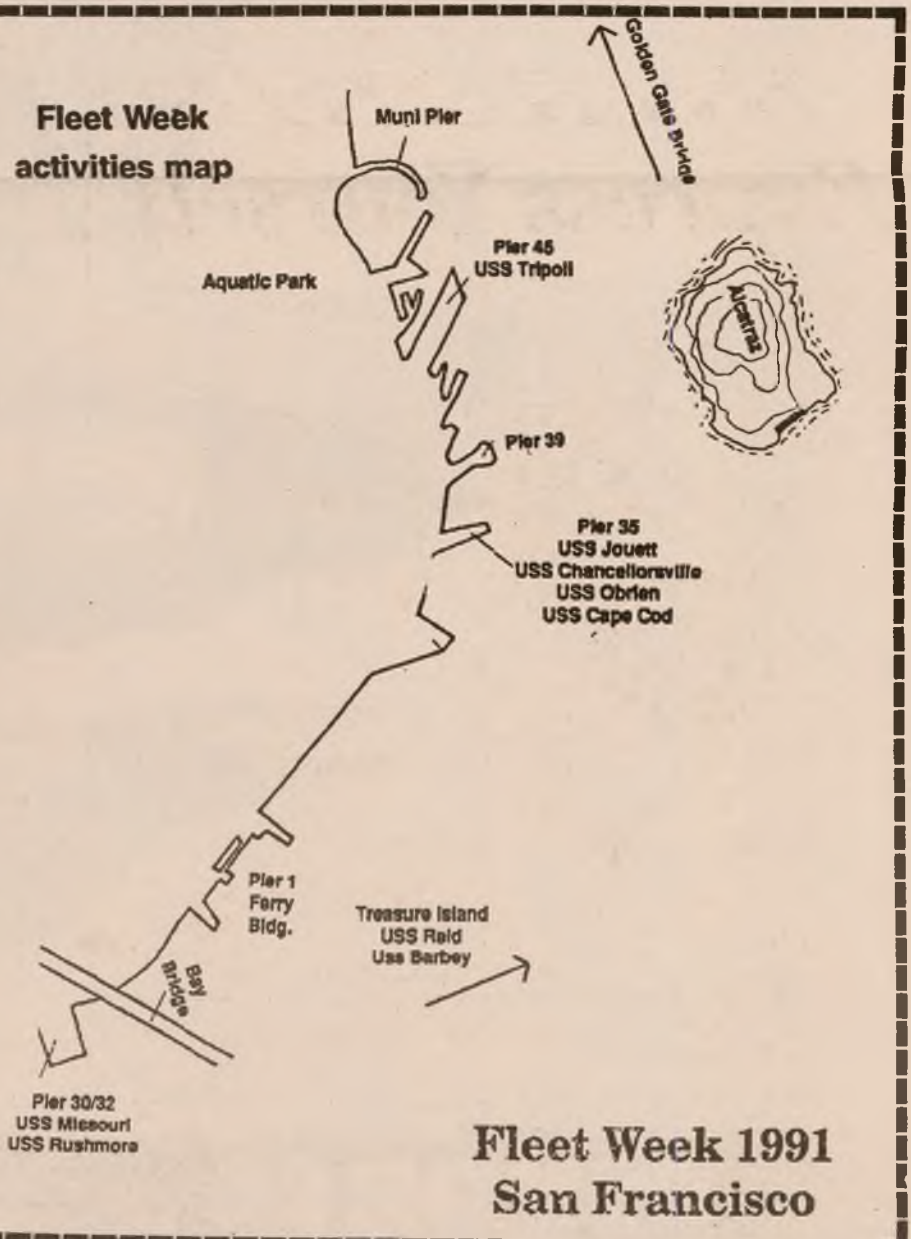
Educational note

Education counseling is available without appointment for soldiers, adult family members and Presidio employees at the LAMC Education Center, building 1014 and at Ft. Scott Education Center, building 1216. You can come by Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and on Fridays until 4 p.m.

T-ball sign ups

Six and seven year olds will learn basic game skills playing T-ball at Portola Recreation Center, Felton and Holyoke Streets. The free sessions are held Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Some equipment is available for loan, but youngsters are encouraged to bring their own. For more information, call Claudia Reinhart at 468-2875.

Fleet Week activities map



It's Showtime!



Presidio Theater

Friday, Oct. 11: Mystery Date (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12: Doc Hollywood (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 13: Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man (R), 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14: Bingo (PG), 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18: Jungle Fever (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19: Double Impact (R), 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 20: Return to the Blue Lagoon (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 21: Only the Lonely (PG-13), 7 p.m.

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Spec. Catherine Payne shows proper form during the rappelling exercise.

photos by Kenneth Cassius, Sixth U.S. Army Band

Sixth U.S. Army Band holds field training

by Sgt. Winterhalter
Sixth U.S. Band

The Sixth U.S. Army Band conducted its own field training exercise Sept. 23 and 24 at Camp Parks, Calif. The training that was planned included setting up a field site, learning the fundamentals of rappelling, testing the effectiveness of the M17 protective mask, basic marksmanship skills and even maintaining MOS proficiency in a field environment.

Over the two-day period, the soldiers gained a confidence in themselves, their equipment and their unit. After drawing weapons and eating breakfast at Fort Scott, the field site, the band members left for their next task—learning to repel with the help of the riggers assigned to the Air Delivery Section. The day was a success. "I learned to overcome a fear of heights," said Spec. Tammy Jorgensen. "It was a new experience having the confidence in myself to jump off that tower."

As the afternoon temperatures climbed, the band continued with training. This time soldiers went to the gas chamber to test the effectiveness of the M17 protective mask. Back at the field site, the Woodwind Quintet set up to practice for upcoming commitments. In the event of war an Army band must be able to maintain MOS proficiency no matter where its soldiers are, while being called upon to perform any number of secondary missions.

After a quiet night, the band rose early to set up the rifle range. The whole band was involved in this and it was a great success. With the help of Sgt. 1st Class Gillihan, selected personnel from the band and the soldiers assigned to Letterman U.S. Army Hospital who piggybacked with us were easily qualified. After tearing down the tents and packing everything, the band returned to the Presidio and the cool temperatures soldiers are used to.

The FTX was a success for all involved, it was planned and executed in a professional manner—proving to many that the Sixth U.S. Army Band members are not only professional musicians, but total soldiers!



Soldiers assigned to the Sixth U.S. Army Band set up GP Medium.

News

S.F. MI Detachment faces new challenges

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

The Military Intelligence unit on post is expanding its training and operational programs despite government budget cuts by following a new policy designed to better serve its customers and the United States.

The San Francisco military Intelligence Detachment, located in Building 1648, is executing a new program called the Counterintelligence Complementary Security Strategy, or C2S2, to give more security support to government agencies and subcontractors. Meanwhile, the SFMID will be making personnel and site changes, moving its headquarters to a new location and eliminating some regional offices.

The SFMID, commanded by Capt. Bruce A. Buckman, is part of the 902nd Military Intelligence Group. The unit's detachment sergeant is Staff Sgt. Curtis J. Leisentritt.

Under its present command structure, SFMID is commanded by Headquarters, Military Intelligence Battalion, 902nd MI Group, located in Building 1201. But that battalion headquarters is due to be inactivated. SFMID is scheduled to move into new facilities on Oakland Army Base, Calif.

The SFMID is in charge of six subordinate resident offices. These offices are located in Utah, Colorado Springs, Colo., Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Fort Ord, Calif., and Los Angeles. Through these offices, the detachment provides counterintelligence and counterespionage support to all active Army, reserve and other Department of Defense organizations in the 12 western states from the Dakotas to California.

Due to force and budget reductions, there is some contemplation about deactivating the resident offices in Utah and Los Angeles, according to Capt. Franklin Merritt, SFMID operations officer.

The SFMID conducts SAEDA (Sabotage and Espionage Directed against the Army) briefings and investigations as routine services. The SFMID's special agents possess credentials that place them as

equals with other U.S. federal agents and allows the SFMID's special agents to work as liaison with other law enforcement agencies.

During Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the SFMID gave counterintelligence assistance to Army Reserve units mobilized throughout the western U.S. The SFMID supported the deployment and redeployment of units and equipment through western seaports throughout the ODS period.

During fiscal year 1991, the SFMID conducted more than 100 counterintelligence investigations and 76 SAEDA briefings. In the face of force reductions, the SFMID is developing new methods of managing scarce resources.

"We are in the process of building 'super MIDs'. We will be building up the detachments because the battalion will be gone and we won't have that close linkage," Merritt said.

"The big thing the detachment is marketing now is the C2S2 program," Merritt said. In this program, the detachment's special agents act as consultants who advise government interests about important intelligence and security considerations.

The C2S2 program is designed to heighten the security of the Army, provide security support to government agencies, provide a procedure for counterintelligence special agents to interact with their customers and improve communications channels between the field offices and higher headquarters.

"It makes them more aware of their vulnerabilities," Merritt said.

The detachment supplies surveys to military units and DoD interests to help determine where the agencies may have weaknesses in their security. The survey is then compared to an extensive check list and a threat analysis is performed to determine what actions are needed to upgrade the security level.

If the need arises, the detachment can coordinate with its higher headquarters to have special-trained high tech agents conduct technical surveillance counter measures, conduct investigations via an Automated Information System, conduct communications security monitoring as well as many other

technologically advanced security procedures.

"We're selling the program to other agencies, supporting them, and are able to quantify exactly who we support," Merritt said.

Merritt said the detachment's special agents meet with its customers periodically and work with them on a liaison basis. The agents perform interviews with them, inspect their sites and their setup, assess their vulnerabilities and then coordinate with them for various types of support.

The SFMID's special agents are soldiers performing a vital function for the Army. Don't be surprised, however, to find them wearing suits instead of BDUs. This is largely due to the liaison mission that SFMID special agents conduct with other local intelligence agencies.

Military Intelligence is a demanding career that requires plenty of field work. It is the type of job that an outgoing, personable soldier may find rewarding.

"We look for people who are able to present themselves well, people who have creative minds and who are willing to question thoroughly when it comes to investigation, people who don't want to avoid the paperwork but want to follow everything involved down to the finest detail," Merritt said. "And (foreign) language skill is always good."

"We are in the process of upgrading our information management capabilities by replacing outdated computer and fax systems with newer more advanced ones. We are also expanding our capabilities by furnishing our personnel with portable computers and the establishment of an electronic mail system. SFMID's modernization program has been established to stay abreast of technological advances and enable us to effectively market a professional security product to our highly advanced customers/consumers."

The SFMID is responding to a changing world and reduced resources with new ideas and methods to better protect its customers in the western United States and the U.S. government against espionage and breaches of security.

Letter to the Editor

Retiree Council

For years the active Army has, seemingly, turned a deaf ear to the problems and concerns of the members of the retired community in this area. Retirees have been allowed to use the facilities provided for the active duty personnel, on a space available basis, but have been isolated from having an official voice to the commander to discuss the problems and concerns they face.

This month a most important activity was reestablished. The Retiree Council was reactivated, under the DPCA. The importance of this council cannot be over emphasized. The voice of the retiree will not only be heard locally, but the problems can be taken directly to the Army Chief of Staff for consideration and resolution. As base closures continue, and DoD whittles away at benefits, we must find alternative ways to protect what is left.

My expressed concerns, at the council meeting, were discounted by an active duty officer, because he felt only the official view had merit. He dismissed me as being unworthy of consideration. This has been a prevalent attitude until now. The commander is listening!

We are in a period of great change. "Things" will never again be the same as we have known them. Most of those things we will have to accept and adapt to, some we can delay, some we can modify and some we can change. As we move into these perilous waters, it is imperative that no one be left to drown. It is imperative that the widows and fatherless not be forgotten, that the elderly retiree, who could also be disabled and ill, not be left behind. We have much work to do to take care of our own.

I feel very privileged to have been appointed to the Retiree Council. I have long been concerned about the plight of the unrepresented in our society. The party-line answers are often more disturbing than they are satisfying. We have opportunity to let the commander and the Army Chief of Staff know what we are thinking. I will welcome input of the problems retirees would like brought before the council. Telephone 415 665-6919. The next meeting will be Nov. 19.

The reactivation of the Retiree Council is so important, it must not go unused.

Mary Goodsell, Member

CHAMPUS News

courtesy of the CHAMPUS Public Affairs Office

Non-availability statements go electronic

For civilian health care received on or after Oct. 1, non-availability statements (NASSs) — certifications from uniformed services hospitals that they can't provide a certain type of care — must be filed electronically in the Defense Department's DEERS computer data banks by the service hospitals. CHAMPUS claims processors won't accept paper copies of NASSs. Anyone who needs an NAS should check with the Health Benefits Advisor at the nearest military medical facility.

CHAMPUS fraud case resolved

A military dependent convicted several years ago of filing false CHAMPUS claims has been ordered by a U.S. District Court to repay the stolen CHAMPUS funds, plus interest. Akwaga C. Ndigbara will have to pay nearly \$14,000, plus additional interest until the debt is paid.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian Editor

"What is sexual harrassment to you?"

Staff Sgt. Estrella P. Castillo, 380th Military Police Company, Criminal Investigation Section, Oakland: "It happens everywhere. Minor things happen everyday. It's hard to determine sexual harrassment unless it's obvious. I've never had it happen to me, but if it did, I would let them know I didn't like it."



Spec. Alesia A. Martin, Criminal Investigation Detachment, word processing clerk: "Sexual harrassment can take several different forms, either verbal or physical. You should inform the person to stop; if they continue, go to their chain of command."



Staff Sgt. William D. Bailey, U.S. Army Recruiter, San Jose: "Sexual harrassment is anything that is sexually offensive, either deliberately or indeliberately, in the workplace. If you ask for it to stop and it still continues, it's harrassment: report it!"



Pvt. 2 Stephanie L. Carter, Letterman Army Institute of Research, Department of Veterinary Medicine: "When a person finds that their privacy has been invaded on an uninvited, unprofessional personal level. Let the offender know that they are on shakey ground in a respectful, military manner."



Capt. Kenneth Madison, Container Freight Branch, Oakland Army Base: "A perceived concept that is very difficult to prove. It also happens the other way; women do it just as much as men."



Maj. Vicki Y. Bowman, Adjutant General, Military Personnel Section: "Sexual harrassment is unwanted comments or attention. Tell them directly to stop; if they don't stop: report them!"



Presidio NCO selected Military Member of Year

by Lt. James Chan,
USMEPCOM Western Sector

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Gilbert Carlson for being selected as United States Military Entrance Processing Command's 1991 Military Member of the Year.

Carlson, representing USMEPCOM Western Sector, Building 1808, was chosen from a final field of four candidates, one representing each sector and one from headquarters.

On Sept. 20, a special selection board, comprised of selected senior service NCOs, the command sergeants major from each sector, and presided over by USMEPCOM's command sergeant major, was convened to select the command's Military Member of the Year.

USMEPCOM, headquartered in Chicago, is a Department of Defense agency which is divided into three geographic sectors—Western, Central and Eastern—with stations across the country to include Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. USMEPCOM's 68 stations test and induct qualified applicants into the U.S. Armed Forces.

Carlson arrived at USMEPCOM Western Sector in June 1990. He was quickly recognized and selected



as Military Member for Headquarters, Western Sector during the period November 1990 to April 1991. Since then, he has supported local units during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, completed the Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course and the Master Fitness Course.

Currently, Carlson serves as the legal NCO for Western Sector, processing all sector legal actions. He holds an Associates Degree, has completed the Pre-Commissioned Officer Course and is currently pursuing an appointment as a Warrant Officer. He and his wife, Barbara Jean, have a 5-year old daughter, Alicain Suzanne.

Carlson, accompanied by his wife, will receive his award at the annual National Commanders Conference on Oct. 24 at Lake Delavan, Wis.

Congratulations again to Staff Sgt. Gilbert Carlson, MEPCOM's Military Member of the Year.



photo by John McGrath

Cpl. Peska takes his oath during his re-enlistment Friday at the Rigger Shop.

Worth Repeating

"No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar."

—Abraham Lincoln,
U.S. president

"A decision is the action an executive must take when he has information so incomplete that the answer does not suggest itself."

—Adm. Arthur Radford,
U.S. Navy

"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics."

—anonymous

Gulf Veteran Wins Soldier of the Month

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux
Reserve Component Advisor
Sixth Army Public Affairs Office

Spec. Edgar A. Thomas, Jr. got more than he bargained for when he appeared at the "Soldier of the Month" ceremony last Tuesday morning. It was no surprise that he had been chosen winner—he had already been told about that—but he was shocked to discover all the fringe benefits that go with being selected Presidio's best soldier in a given month.

This was the first time Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, new commander of Sixth Army and Presidio, presented a winner with official awards, which included an Army Achievement Medal, a plaque and \$75 savings bond from Sixth Army and a congratulatory letter and Commanding General's Coin.

In offering the post's congratulations to the young soldier, Gen. Mallory noted that Thomas' selection was especially noteworthy considering he has only been back at the Presidio since April, when he returned from a tour in Saudi Arabia.

Thomas is a patient administration specialist assigned to Letterman Army Hospital, where he helps in admitting and discharging patients. He left that job temporarily last October to serve with the 528th Medical Detachment in the Mideast. There he traveled with other unit members to many locations helping other soldiers deal with battle fatigue and stress. His Operation Desert Shield/Storm Medal with two campaign stars was displayed on his uniform at the ceremony, a proud reminder of that service.

Before he was selected Soldier of the Month, Thomas had to compete with nominees from other tenant units at the Presidio. First he was interviewed by a board of senior NCO's, who rated him on his responses to their questions. Then he had to take a



photo by Wanda Arceneaux

Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, presents Spec. Edgar A. Thomas Jr. with an Army Achievement Medal certificate at the Soldier of the Month awards ceremony.

written test and a hands-on test of common soldier tasks. The board then selected the soldier with the highest overall score, and the announcement was made by the board president, post Command Sgt. Maj. Otto M. Copeland, Jr.

Thomas is a native of Granite City, Illinois, where he was graduated from Granite City Community High School in 1984. He enlisted in the Army in 1988 after attending college for three years. After serving this enlistment, he plans to return to college and eventually become a doctor—"an Army doctor," if Gen. Mallory gets his wish.

In the meantime, Thomas should be able to eat in some nice places as a result of winning this honor. And he has a shot at getting even more fringe benefits, because he is automatically included in the competition for NCO of the Year to be announced sometime after the beginning of the new year.

News

News Briefs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

New shuttle service

A new shuttle service began Sept. 29 that will take patients from Letterman U.S. Army Hospital to the Naval Hospital in Oakland. The bus will depart from and return to the second floor lobby waiting room area as per following schedule: depart Letterman at 8 a.m.; depart Oak Knoll at 11:15; depart Letterman at 1:15 p.m. and depart Oak Knoll at 3 p.m.

Fall clean up

Fall clean up has been scheduled to begin Oct. 29 through Nov. 8. The first week will be for family housing residents only. The second week will be for troop areas. A schedule on days and times for your particular area will be provided by your area coordinator. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Powell at 561-4860.

Enlisted voluntary early transition program

The Regular Army enlisted soldiers who have a minimum of three years active service without regard to expiration term of service may separate upon request, providing they are eligible. Soldiers may request specific release dates but must be separated by Aug. 30, 1992 or earlier. Soldiers must apply for early release through channels to Headquarters United States Army Garrison, Presidio. For more information, call Mr. Smith at 561-2151 or (DSN) 586-2151.

PSF sobriety check

A sobriety checkpoint will be held at Lincoln and Grant from 7 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Flu vaccinations

Letterman U.S. Army Hospital is offering Flu vaccinations for retirees and their dependants Monday through Oct. 25, from 8 to 11:15 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m., at the Schwartz Theatre, located in the hospital. Also, active duty dependants and authorized civilian employees are eligible to receive the vaccinations.

Also, the Immunization Clinic has moved. The clinic's new location is in the main hospital building, wing 4 East, room 448E. Their number is 561-4311.

Library book sale postponed

Due to administrative difficulties, the proposed book sale at the Presidio Library has been canceled until further notice. The sale was originally scheduled to run from Oct. 16 through Oct. 24. However, due to unforeseen problems, the book sale will be postponed indefinitely. The *Star Presidian* will post the new dates or any proposed changes as soon as the information becomes available. For more information, call David Lucia at 561-2002.

Custodial services increase

For the last 10-months custodial services for all administrative buildings at Presidio and Fort Baker has been limited to cleaning of the latrines three times a week. This has resulted not only in an inconvenience by the building occupants who have had to clean their own working area and take their trash to the dumpsters, but also on the deterioration of cleanliness of the floors and carpets. Considering that keeping the same level of services would lead to a worse condition, a decision was made to use some of the available year end funds to pay for the following services for all the administrative buildings: strip and wax floors, shampoo all carpets, high dusting. Additionally, regular cleaning services were funded and will be reinstated for all offices for from Oct. 1 to Jan 25, 1992. These regular services which include sweeping and mopping floors, shampooing carpets and low dusting will be provided once a week during the period indicated above. At this time, it is not known if funds are going to be available to extend these services beyond Jan. 25.

Army swaps land three ways

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

After years of negotiations, the Army, Alameda County and the East Bay Regional Parks District will finalize a three-way land swap.

This swap will open up land for an East Dublin BART station. The Army will give the county 35 acres and Dublin 12 acres in Camp Parks that is intended to serve as a parking lot for a new BART station.

The park district will give the Army 445 acres north of Santa Rita Jail. These 445 acres, once owned by the Army, were released to the park service and are now being returned, according to David L. Warner, Chief, Master Planning Division, Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

Alameda County will give the park district 121 acres north of Del Valle Dam.

Without the swap, Alameda County would not be able to create the transportation center for the second BART station.

Everyone benefited from the swap, according to Warner. "The Army certainly benefitted by regaining 445 acres," he said. "Dublin desperately needed the land, as I understand, for the Dublin Boulevard extension and an East Dublin BART station."

The park district plans to use its land as an extension of the Del Valle Regional Park. The area, which once was the site of a large tuberculosis hospital, will be used as a beginning area for hikers and provide space for offices. The land is also one of the links the park district needs for a trail connecting Shadow Cliff Recreation Area with the Del Valle park.

"Alameda will decide how much land will support

the BART station," Warner said.

According to an article in the July 31 issue of the Tri-Valley Herald, The Alameda County Transportation Authority refused to release needed funds for the BART extension unless the east station is built before a west station could be built. The land the county received in the swap is intended to serve as the keystone of a transportation center in the area.

The Army will use the 445 acres to conduct general field training, according to Warner.

Legislation for the three-way swap was passed in September of 1988. However, it wasn't until July of this year that all parties reached an agreement.

The Army Corps of Engineers was working with the county and the park district on drafting a proposal suitable for the three-way exchange, said Warner.

"The park district was concerned about some features of the land from Alameda," Warner said. "Now, all of that has been resolved."

"I believe the agreement only needs one more signature to make it complete," continued Warner. "That's an Army signature and the paperwork is already on the desk."

Resolutions between the parties had a great impact on the community, allowing for this hub of mass transit to add luster to the county's plans to build homes and businesses on the nearby Santa Rita property, according to a statement in the Tri-Valley Herald by Ed Campbell, county supervisor.

The final agreement over the three-way land exchange will be celebrated in a ground breaking ceremony Oct. 25.

Post begins annual fall cleanup

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Residents of the Presidio and Forts Barry, Baker and Mason will conduct a clean-up campaign to remove trash and litter and generally beautify the post during the annual Post Fall Clean-up Week from Oct. 28 through Nov. 8.

Commanders and directors will allow their personnel who live on the post's housing areas one afternoon to conduct cleanup of the grounds around their quarters.

By the same token, Presidio units will conduct a cleanup around their units as well. The cleanup around the post's buildings will be very extensive. Tenant units are responsible for cleaning all streets within their boundaries, removing grass from cracks in curbs and trimming grass approximately one to two feet back from curbs. All trash and litter will be removed from the grounds, to include tree limbs and bark.

All areas will have designated dump sites which will be monitored by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing. Presidio units will use only the yellow, open-air dumpsters within their areas for trash. The green dumpsters are to be used by the housing areas.

Cleanup for housing areas will be performed from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on specified days. Following is the cleanup schedule for the post's housing areas.

- Oct. 28: 1 to 100 area; 300, 1500 and 1700 area.
- Oct. 29: 400, 800 and 500 areas.
- Oct. 30: 900, 1000 and 1200 areas.
- Oct. 31: 1300 and 1400 areas; and Fort Mason 1800 area.
- Nov. 1: Fort Baker 500, 600 and 800 areas; and Fort Barry 700 area.

For any information concerning the cleanup schedule, supplies or areas, contact DEH at 561-4860.

Worth Repeating

"Peace is best secured by those who use their strength justly and who show they have no intention of submitting to injustice."

— anonymous

"Don't tell them anything. When it's over, tell them who won."

— Adm. Ernest J. King,
U.S. Navy

"Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations — entangling alliances with none."

— Thomas Jefferson,
U.S. president

"Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash."

— Gen. George S. Patton,
U.S. Army

Holiday early transition

Soldiers who have separation dates that range from Dec. 2 to Jan 5, 1992 may request early release from the Army that can range from Nov. 29 to Dec. 13. Soldiers must apply for early release through channels of the Headquarters United States Army Garrison, Presidio. Have your PSNCO contact Military Personnel Operations to establish your early release date. For more information, call Mr. Smith at 561-2151.

Pre-transition briefing

The Military Personnel Division will conduct a pre-transition briefing at the Audio/Visual Center, building 603, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. Spouses and commanders are welcome to attend. Topics such as veterans benefits, employment assistance, property shipment, travel entitlements and out-processing procedures designed to assist in making the transition to civilian life as simple as possible. Soldiers scheduled to separate and taking transition leave prior to separation between Nov. 20 and Feb. 29 (except retiring) from the Army must attend this mandatory pre-transition briefing. For more information, call Mr. A. Calica or Mr. Smith, Military Personnel Operations at 561-2151/3297.

From the Past

Army Hawk to join Nike Air Defense here; Site selection for new missiles to start soon

(This article was taken from the Oct. 17, 1958 Star Presidian)

The versatile Army Hawk surface to air missile has been ordered to the Bay Area for defense duty.

Within the next fortnight, experts will begin selecting sites for the low-altitude capability missile, according to a joint announcement this week by Lt. Gen. Charles D. Palmer, commanding general, Sixth Region, Army Air Defense Command.

Hawk, Homing All the Way Killer, is considered a key defender of American cities. A versatile air defense missile system designed to provide very low altitude capability, it will complement the defense against high-altitude air attack provided by the Army's Nike system.

Hawk sites will be selected on the basis of least disruption to the local economy and community. In choosing possible sites, representatives of the Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters emphasized the fact that the Department of Army policy is to use the least amount of land for the Hawk installation.

Final determination of the exact locations will not be made until all necessary surveys have been completed and approved by the Department of the Army in Washington. Only enough acreage necessary to emplace, operate and administer the Hawk system and to afford adequate safety protection will be acquired. Land requirements for a typical Hawk battery consist of about 50 acres in easement and 12 acres in fee. These figures may vary depending upon terrain, safety factors, utilities and access roads.

Where possible, the Hawk sites will be placed on Federal, state and county-owned land.

Safety is a prime consideration in the establishment of a Hawk site. The Army has incorporated the experience gained over the past five years with Nike air defense sites, according to General McGaw.

The troops who man the Hawk installations will be highly skilled and qualified personnel. A high percentage of them will be electronic specialists who have had about 10 months' special training at the U.S. Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Dependent upon the requirement of the defended locality, typical Hawk deployment will consist of a

battalion headquarters and three to five batteries. The battalion headquarters will have about 85 officers and men commanded by a lieutenant colonel. Each battery will have about 75 officers and men, commanded by a captain.

In the continental United States each battery consists of six launchers, with each launcher holding three missiles. Hawk is about 16 feet long and 14 inches in diameter and uses a solid fuel propellant.

The Hawk system uses guidance techniques unusually successful in hunting down and destroying the attacker. Its radar "eye" ignores stationary objects, but speeds instantly toward a threatening moving aerial target. The missile has outstanding ability to seek out and destroy invaders even at tree top level. The Hawk's unique radar system makes it possible for the first time for a missile to pick out the reflection from a moving target at low altitude—in the blind zone of conventional radar—from a mass of signals reflected from ground objects such as hills, buildings and tree tops.

It is the first missile in mobile field use to employ these advanced radars successfully and, as a result, the first superior very low altitude capability. Its extreme mobility and simplicity make it the most versatile surface-to-air missile available. Units of the system, including launcher, loader and missiles, can be quickly airlifted. It can be transported on highways, using minimum of vehicles, by helicopter and aircraft.

Hawk missiles will not be fired from their on-site positions except in the event of enemy air attack.

Site selections for emplacement of Hawk weapons have been initiated in New York City and the Washington-Baltimore areas. In addition to site selections being conducted on the West Coast in the San Francisco area, other surveys will take place in the Los Angeles, Lompac and Seattle-Tacoma areas.

Research and development studies were begun on the Hawk in June, 1954, by Army-Industry team, including U.S. Army Ordinance Corps and Raytheon Manufacturing Company.

News

Release from active duty not the same as discharge

by Army News Service

The Army is reminding separating soldiers that "release from active duty" is not the same as a discharge, according to Army Reserve Personnel Center officials.

All initial entry soldiers have eight-year military service obligations, said Col. Rodney Nishimura, mobilization, operations and training director for ARPERCEN.

Soldiers with less than eight years service who are released from active duty can fulfill their remaining obligation by joining an Army Reserve or National Guard unit. They can also be assigned to the Individual Ready Reserve in an inactive status to complete their contract.

However, their inactive status does not preclude the Army from calling them back to service in a crisis. That's exactly what happened to more than 20,000 soldiers in the IRR who were ordered to active duty during Operation DESERT STORM.

"Some of them thought that since they were off active duty, they were out of the Army," Nishimura said. "They weren't."

ARPERCEN officials said typical reactions from Individual Ready Reservists ranged from "you can't call me. I was discharged from the Army" to "you've called the wrong guy; I'm in the inactive Reserve."

Nishimura said the IRR is likely to grow to more than 440,000 members as the Army's drawdown forces thousands of soldiers from the active rolls.

ARPERCEN officials said soldiers separating from active duty should discuss their reserve obligations with Army career counselors during their transition process.

(From an ARPERCEN release.)

Army job assistance offices help separating soldiers

by Army News Service

The Army is continuing to establish worldwide comprehensive job assistance centers to ease separating soldiers' transition to civilian life.

"We expect to have 61 transition assistance offices open at major installations by mid-November," said Linda F. White, chief, Army Career and Alumni Program.

"With the Army's downsizing and base closures, it is essential we assist departing enlisted and officer personnel," White said. "We offer a six-hour workshop on how to assemble a portfolio, resume and cover letter. In addition, we list prospective employers in an extensive data base. This is beneficial to both sides because we are able to place our departing soldiers in jobs, and employers obtain a disciplined, drug-free worker."

The chairman of one such employer, General Electric's John F. Welch Jr., said that, "... as the global struggles facing American business intensify, men and women trained to lead in the Army become an increasingly attractive pool of employees. They served all of us while in the Army, and we owe them at least a chance to 'be all that they can be' in the private sector as well."

Soldiers can begin their job searches up to 180 days before separation, according to White. "Currently, we refer soldiers to more than 2,500 civilian companies in our Army Employer Network, nearly half of whom have sought us out to supply them with employees."

White said the goal is "transition with dignity." To that end, she said soldiers are counseled so they understand what their entitlements are and how to obtain them.

Former soldiers have written to ACAP praising the pilot transition offices for their practical advice and professional service.

One soldier wrote that visiting the job assistance center should be mandatory for all separating soldiers. "Too many men and women exit the service with no idea of what is ahead of them," he said. "The program can help them transition more easily from Army life."

Halloween

A time for ghosts, goblins, safety

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

It's hard to tell who is the most frightened by Halloween, parents or children. While children are relishing the thought of scary costumes and shopping bag loads of candy, parents are wondering just how safe their children will be on this eve of All Hallows.

This year the Presidio, Forts Baker, Barry and Mason will celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. When planning your celebration, Presidio safety officials recommend that parents take a few minutes to follow basic safety precautions.

Make sure costumes are made of flame-retardant materials. The outfit should be short enough to avoid tripping and becoming entangled. Footwear should fit correctly and be easy to walk in.

Costumes should also be bright enough to be seen by drivers. Creative use of reflective tape can solve the visibility problems of a dark costume. Give children a flashlight or glow tube to further assure passing motorists can see them.

Instead of using a mask, paint your child's face. This will allow children greater visibility and will not interfere with breathing. Also, be sure that wigs, hats and beards do not obstruct vision.

Tell children not to eat any goodies before they get home where you can inspect them. Once home parents should throw away any unwrapped foods. Cut fruit into small pieces to check for pins, razor blades or other foreign objects. If you discover anything

wrong with any of the treats—and you live on post—call the Military Police at 561-2251 or 561-2252. The Military Police will have additional MPs on duty. They will warn other parents and attempt to find the people responsible. Letterman U.S. Army Hospital will X-ray bags of candy on Halloween night only from 9 to 10 p.m.

Go trick or treating with your children. If you cannot, encourage your children to go in large groups. Never let your child go alone. Go over basic traffic and safety rules before they head out the door and tell them to stay within their own neighborhood.

For those parents staying at home to hand out goodies, here are a few suggestions. Remove obstacles from your steps, lawn and sidewalk so children don't trip. Keep a porch light on. Wrap goodies and consider adding a tag with your name and address so parents can be assured where it came from. Consider handing out non-food items such as stickers.

If you live on post and see any vandalism, call the Military Police for help.

Tell children to stay away from dogs and other animals. A costume may frighten them into attacking.

And best of all, enjoy the evening and share all those "when I was your age" stories because sadly, Halloween has changed over the years.

(Material for this article was provided by the Presidio Military Police, the post Safety Office and the Fire Department.)

News

Alcatraz: Military post, prison and protest symbol

by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian Staff

With increasing signs of a pending civil war, Capt Joseph Stewart and the men in H Company were kept busy with the demands from the Chief of Engineers to increase the number of guns mounted on the Island. A fifth, and then a sixth gun battery were built, both facing the Golden Gate.

According to Martini, Stewart's men found some of the original wooden gun platforms were already showing signs of dry rot, and the men grudgingly dismounted many of the existing cannon and repositioned them atop more permanent granite platforms.

Rumors were flying with the possibility of war with the Union, that local Southern sympathizers would attempt to seize this treasure-bearing country for the Confederate. Even the local military were not free from suspicion. Col. Albert Sidney Johnston, Kentucky-born and a former commander-in-chief of the Army of the Republic of Texas, became commander of the Department of the Pacific in January 1861. Martini said the widely-reported fact that Jefferson Davis considered Johnston the finest Army officer in the United States did little to build public confidence in his commitment to defend San Francisco.

"There is treason on Alcatraz," read one letter sent to President Abraham Lincoln. "To insure success of the scheme, Albert Sydney Johnston was placed in command of Fort Alcatraz (sic). It was arranged that the leaders in San Francisco with a force of picked men sufficient for the purpose, should surprise and capture the fort."

Martini reported Johnston was, in fact, approached by local Confederate organizers who sought his assistance in exactly this type of scheme. A delegation of Knights of the Golden Circle was sent to pay a social visit on the colonel and ascertain his political leanings.

"One of the delegates, a young firebrand named Asbury Harpending, recorded Johnston's opening remarks: 'Before we go further, there is something I want to mention. I have heard foolish talk about an attempt to seize the strongholds of government under my charge. Knowing this, I have prepared for emergencies, and will defend the property of the United States with every resource at my command, and with the last drop of blood in my body. Tell that to our Southern Friends!'" Any plans to seize San Francisco were quietly dropped for the time being.

Col. Johnston continued to carry out his duties faithfully until relieved of command although his sympathies lay with the Confederacy. His replacement, Brigadier General Edwin V. Sumner, arrived on April 25, 1861 - one day after the Pony Express arrived with news of the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter. Martini said, "Johnston promptly resigned his commission, returned to Texas and accepted the rank of general in the Confederate Army. Later he would die on the fields of 'bloody Shiloh' fighting for the Stars and Bars, becoming one of the great heroes of the Confederacy."

Gen. Sumner feared an attack by enemy vessels, or an attack on Forts Point and Alcatraz by the local Southern sympathizers and ordered all military forces in the Bay area on full alert. By late April, the garrison had been increased to 361 enlisted men and eight officers.

This number of soldiers far surpassed the capacity of the two-company Citadel, and the wooden laborers' barracks above the South Battery were turned into enlisted soldiers' quarters although the quarters were still crowded and not the best of living conditions. By early 1865 there were 433 men assigned to Alcatraz.

Troops continually arrived, trained, and departed for the battlefields back East. Although troops were busy mounting, dismounting, and shuffling cannon around the batteries, the defense of San Francisco was low priority for Washington. Older, almost obsolete equipment was shipped to Alcatraz. Several of the Columbiad cannons exploded due to a larger than normal charge and eventually it was ordered they only be fired with a reduced charge.

After the threat of Confederate naval attack on the Eastern cities decreased, more modern ordinance became available. In 1864 Alcatraz

received some of the most modern smoothbore guns that foundries of the east had produced. The 8-inch and 10-inch Columbiads known as "Rodmans," in honor of their designer, had a reputation for safety that appealed to the artillerymen.

Martini states nearly 100 guns of various calibers and models had been received when news arrived that three of the largest cannons then in production, 15-inch Rodmans, were being shipped to Alcatraz. Weighing 50,000 pounds each, these giants fired a 440-pound solid shot up to three miles and could penetrate through four feet of oak planking. No ship of that day could withstand such a shot.

The first 15-inch gun was mounted on July 20, 1864 and festivities to celebrate the event were remembered years later. Martini said, "Ten years later, a private named Lorch still retained vivid memories of the day. He told the post's surgeon that 'liquor had been freely supplied to the command on that day in celebration of mounting the first 15-inch gun at this fort.' So much liquor had flowed, stated Lorch, that casualties occurred. Two privates, while in a state of intoxication fell from an embankment 40 to 50 feet high. Both enlisted men were killed."

Alcatraz Island's location in the middle of the bay made it a safer than usual stockade, and eventually other army posts began sending their hardcore soldier-prisoners to Alcatraz for safekeeping. According to Martini, the practice became formal on Aug 27, 1861, when the post was designated as the official military prison for the entire Department of the Pacific. From 1861 through the end of the Civil War, the number of prisoners varied from 15 men to about 50. Civilians suspected of being sympathizers and politicians whose loyalty was suspect were confined there also.

Living conditions for those early prisoners was extremely grim. Martini says no individual cells had been provided; the men slept together head to toe on pallets laid on the stone floors of the dungeon. There was no running water or heat in the cell rooms, and sanitary facilities were almost non-existent.

In 1863 a frame building approximately 20 by 50 feet was built to ease overcrowding for the duration of the war, and was the first of dozens of prison structures to be built on Alcatraz, Martini said.

With the end of the war, work of modernizing Alcatraz continued half-heartedly, but the hand-writing was on the wall. The new technology of long-range, rifled cannon had made the fortifications on the island technically obsolete. The tall masonry walls of the Citadel, and the escarpments presented inviting targets for the same weapons that almost

leveled Fort Sumter. Plans were being developed to remodel the entire island.

Convict labor was being used to remodel and rebuild the Alcatraz defenses. They were housed in an ever expanding prison complex according to Martini, which grew up around the old guardhouse. In 1867, the "Civil War" cellhouse with its two large cellrooms had been torn down and rebuilt with brick. It had two tiers of small closet-sized cells and prisoners still slept on the floor. In the 70s, additional wings began to be added and a brick, two-story workshop and recreation hall spanned the roadway on the south side of the guardhouse.

Soldier-prisoners continued to flow to the island in ever-increasing numbers. Men were assigned to work details to work on such tasks as demolition and excavation of the fortifications. Others were sent on work details to Point San Jose and the Presidio where escape attempts were frequent and often successful. Those prisoners not considered trustworthy enough to work outside the prison compound were given simple maintenance tasks, worked in the tailor shop or were simply confined in the halls of the cell-blocks.

This was still the age of corporal punishment in the military and guards sometimes administered floggings. Some prisoners although considered dependable enough to be given work duties, still had to undergo additional and continuing punishment for their original crimes, said Martini. They were chained to 12-pound iron cannon balls which they either dragged or toted wherever they went.

For the last half of the 19th century, the prison population averaged 100 convicts with a cross-section of crimes. Many prisoners ended up on the island for relatively simple offenses such as stealing or desertion, while others were sent up for rape and murder. In later 1899 the population jumped from 25 men to 441 and the island's garrison was doubled in size to handle the load. Every prison facility was bursting, according to Martini. More prison space was needed and soon.

In 1907 the War Department made a final decision regarding the future of Alcatraz, said Martini. No longer would the island be designated as a harbor-defense fort. The island was removed entirely from the control of the Department of the Pacific. On March 21st, the War Department officially designated the post "Pacific Branch, U.S. Military Prison, Alcatraz Island," a part of the long-established Army prison at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Fortress Alcatraz was no longer.

You can help CFC help others

Have you been asked to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign yet? Are you wondering what happens to the money you donate to CFC? One example of CFC funds at work is the United States Army Youth Services. None of the money received is used for administrative expenses. The Youth Services uses their funds to support a youth sports program, classes in ballet, jazz, tap dancing and karate. The funds also support the Teen Club which is a gathering place for the Presidio youth to work on special interest projects.

This is one organization of more than 1,000 that rely on CFC funds to support their programs. Please read the campaign book and make your choice. Many good things happen with money from the CFC. You can make a small difference in someone's life. Give it some thought.



photo by Greg Dejean

Maj. Billy Jackson, executive officer, Headquarters Command Battalion, and Col. William Swift, Presidio garrison commander, choose a charity to donate to CFC.

News / Views

Thousands enjoy Fleet Week

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

Poor weather didn't stop thousands of people from taking part in Fleet Week activities throughout the San Francisco area this weekend, though it did stop the feature attraction from performing.

The heavy fog which blanketed the Bay Area this weekend not only stopped the aerial display by the Navy's premiere demonstration team, the Blue Angels, but it also made the parade of ships on Saturday morning difficult to see from most areas of the city.

The damp weather didn't dampen spirits though, as some of the visiting 16,000 service members could be found throughout the city in their telltale black and khaki uniforms. Many civilians took the opportunity to tour the historic and history-making ships on display at many of the city's piers. While civilians got a view of life aboard a ship, sailors and Marines were taking in the views in the city by the Bay. But the biggest attractions seen this weekend were the sailors themselves as they toured the town. Many uniformed service members found themselves impromptu celebrities as people came up to them in the streets to give their regards.

Many marked the event by taking to the streets in the Fleet Week 10 Kilometer Bay Bridge Challenge Run Sunday. Thousands of runners took the challenge to race from Fisherman's Wharf along the waterfront over the Bay Bridge to Treasure Island. Later that day, the Golden Gate park was the site of "A Day In The Park," where sailors were treated to a picnic highlighted by challenge games and a concert.

So, even though some of the hardware was absent, the spirit of Fleet Week was alive and well in the friendship shared between the San Francisco community and U.S. service members.

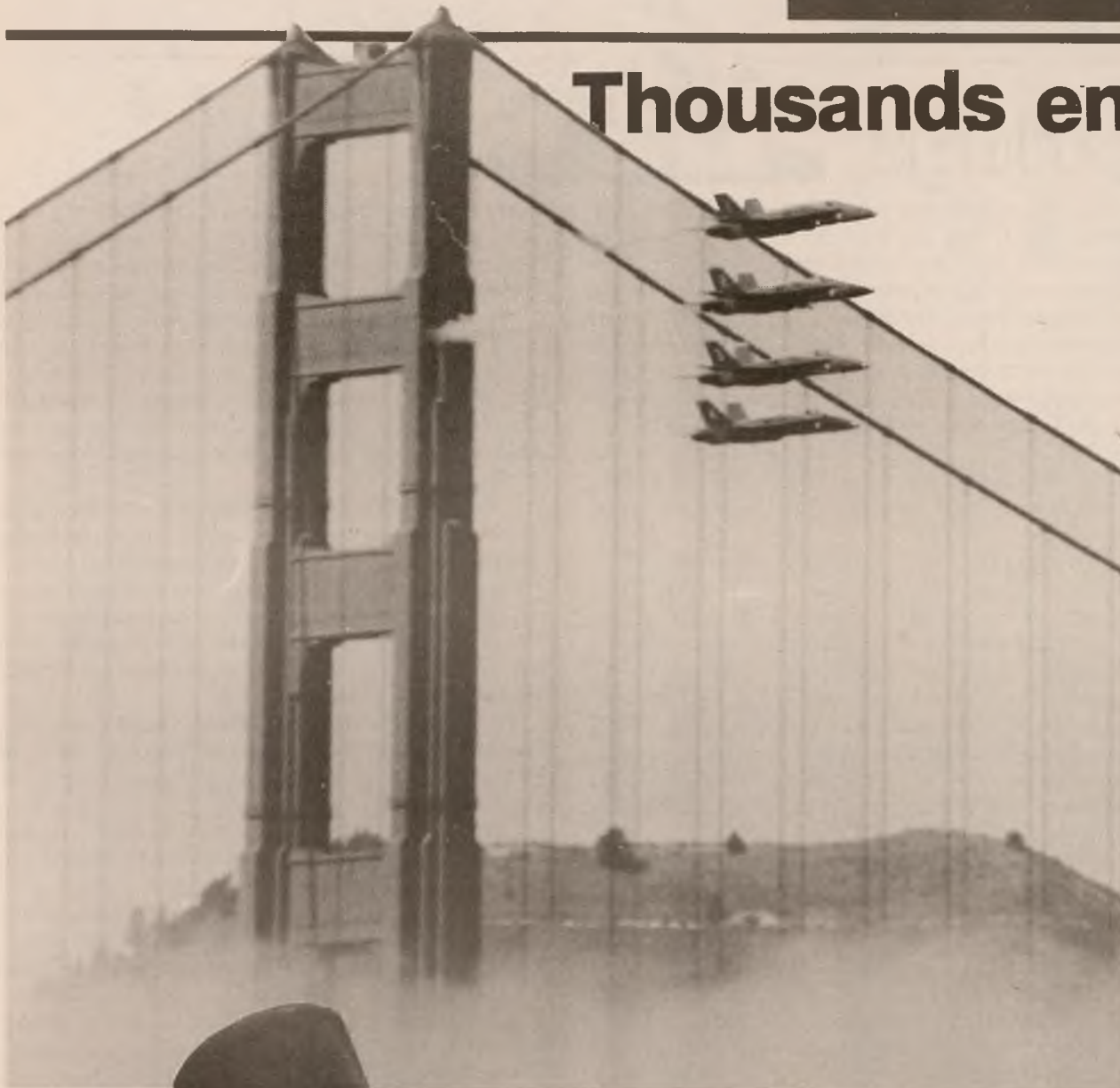


photo by John McGarrah

The Blue Angels fly around the Bay Area Friday. Their show was cancelled Saturday, however, many spectators viewed their practice performance.



photo by John McGarrah

A juggler puts on his act for many who celebrated Fleet Week.



photo by John McGarrah

Tourists and residents of the Bay Area view submarine docked at the pier for Fleet Week.



photo by John McGarrah

This is a photo of the Blue Angels taken from a 1958 Star Presidian.



U.S. Navy photo

Thousands participated in the 10-kilometer run across the Bay Bridge.

Presidio News

Chapel Pond-erings



Quip of the Week: "A look, or a word, or an act, may be taken well or ill."

—M. Tupper

By Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

Greetings and best wishes from the entire Post Chapel staff. We hope and pray that you are all healthy and happy.

This will probably be one of the last weeks that we can spend down by the Chapel Pond before the rains begin. It is so very beautiful down here with the sun shining brightly against the blue water and the green leaves. It smells so clean and alive. It really makes us feel very close to God; in fact, it is almost a worship experience. Why do we go to Chapel to worship when there are places like this pond where we can go and feel like we are feeling now? Good question.

William James in his book, *Varieties of Religious Experience*, defines religion as "the feelings, acts and experiences of individuals in their solitude, so far as they apprehend themselves to stand in relation to whatever they may consider the divine." (page 50) He goes on to define prayer as "the very movement itself of the soul, putting itself in a personal relation of contact with the mysterious power of which it feels the presence." (page 444) So, according to James, we are religious if and when we realize that there is something more to this world than just our day-to-day routine, more than just football and work, more than just children and family, more than just the beauty of this world. We are religious when we know the existence of a deeper meaning to this world, when we allow ourselves to be open to the relation to the divine. We ask the question, "Can't we do this alone, by ourselves?" And prayer: "putting (ourselves) in a personal relation of contact with the mysterious power of which (we) feel the presence". Can't we do this alone?

The answer to both these questions is "YES." So why the Chapel? I like to think of a person with a reli-

gious experience like a person with a bucket of water. Each one of us who has that religious experience has a bucket of water. When we go to Chapel, we begin to pour our buckets into, let's say, the Chapel Pond, and as the Chaplains assist us in discovering where to pour, the Pond gets deeper and deeper until we are able to swim and actually be engulfed by the presence of the divine. We are suspended in the arms of God. We are enraptured by the experience. The Chapel worship service is a uniting of individual religious experiences into an engulfing realization of God's presence and love. Sounds pretty nice, huh?

One thing that we need to remember is that it is our individual buckets that are essential. Our buckets will never be emptied. If we don't pour ours in the right place or if we don't pour our buckets at all, the pond will never be full enough to swim. We, as individuals, are important. What we have and what we do with what we have is absolutely critical to a Chapel functioning. Praise God for our coming together in worship. Join us in the Chapel this weekend and bring your bucket of spirit. We need you and yours to help fill the Pond.

Some major upcoming events that you may be interested in: On Halloween or All Saints Day Eve, we are planning a carnival at the Religious Activities Center. Many of the rooms here in the building will be decorated in theme, and candy and gifts will be distributed to children who come in costume. We will have many, many games and pumpkin decorating. If you are a teen and want to help us set it up and run it, come by the RAC on Oct. 30 after school. If you have a child that needs a safe place to go for Halloween, bring them by the RAC for as long as you like. The Carnival will begin at 5:30 p.m. A.P.S. on that—We need individually wrapped candy to give out. If

you would like to donate some for the carnival, drop it by the RAC or Post Chapel.

The Catholic community is holding its annual Octoberfest on Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin. Tickets can be purchased for a \$5 donation at any of the Chapels. Great German food and fun!!

The Post Chapel is sponsoring a trip to the top of Mt. Whitney, the tallest mountain in the lower 48. This is a trip for soldiers. Spaces are no longer available but watch this space for further trips and outings.

Catholic children on the Presidio are invited to attend religious classes on Sunday mornings. Every year we add to the child's knowledge of God and our Church. Have your child get the whole picture by attending every Sunday rather than just the pieces. Classes begin at 11 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center, building 682. You can register on Sunday morning before class.

Protestant Sunday School is also held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for children three years old and up and an adult class. Come by to register.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday at 5 p.m. and every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397. The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 every Sunday morning at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and a Gospel Service Bible Study is held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the LAMC Chapel. We have other Bible Studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, please phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

Qualified veterans can seek special federal appointments

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

Qualified veterans can enter federal jobs up to GS-11, WG-11 or equivalents under rules revised earlier this year.

The Veterans Readjustment Appointment authority changed March 23, according to the Office of Personnel Management. Formerly, vets could be appointed to jobs no higher than GS-9 or the equivalent, a Department of Veterans Affairs spokeswoman said.

The appointment authority is a special hiring program that allows veterans to get federal jobs without having to take an examination or to compete with non-veterans. Appointees who successfully complete an initial two-year probationary period earn a permanent civil service appointment.

The new law also drops the limit on the amount of education an applicant can have. Before, vets with 16 or more years were ineligible.

The program was created for Vietnam-era and disabled veterans, but now applies to post-Vietnam-era veterans as well. The program's rationale is that the United States is obliged to assist veterans in readjusting to

civilian life because by virtue of their military service, vets lost career and educational opportunities, OPM materials state.

Vietnam-era veterans who served more than 180 days of active duty, any part of which occurred between Aug. 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, are eligible if they have other than a dishonorable discharge and if they have either a service-connected disability or a campaign badge such as the Vietnam Service Medal. Eligibility time limit is 10 years after the vet's last discharge or Dec. 31, 1993, whichever is later.

Post-Vietnam-era veterans — those who first became service members after May 7, 1975 — may apply if they served more than 180 days of active duty and have other than a dishonorable discharge. Time limit is 10 years after the last discharge or Dec. 17, 1999, whichever is later.

Disabled veterans get preference for the program. The 180-day-service rule doesn't apply to them, nor do any time limits if the veteran has a disability of 30 percent or more. To apply, veterans should contact the personnel office of the agency for which they want to work. Agencies recruit and appoint directly without getting a list of candidates from the Office of Personnel Management.

For more information, contact the nearest OPM area office. 

"Your Help is Their Hope" ushers in 1991 CFC

by Army News Service

Feeding the hungry and saving the environment are just two of the causes soldiers can contribute to during the 1991 Combined Federal Campaign.

Secretary of the Army Michael P.W. Stone announced this year's CFC theme, "Your Help is Their Hope," during a Sept. 23 ceremony at the Pentagon.

Stone said last year's invasion of Kuwait by Iraq "stimulated the quantity of donations, but made it difficult for solicitation." Nevertheless, he said, the Army met its goal last year, and he expects this year's goal to be met as well.

CFC officials said the easiest way to contribute is through the payroll deduction. Cash and checks are also acceptable methods.

According to CFC officials, the various local and national benefactors of CFC monies do everything from feeding hungry children, counseling families, finding cures for diseases and comforting the dying, to digging wells in the Third World, and saving the environment. CFC began in the 1960s after the number of charitable campaigns increased to a level where one annual combined campaign offered employees a more efficient method to contribute.

Presidential sports award motivates adults to be fit

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

Uncle Sam wants you—to be physically fit! For many, a regular exercise program is a commitment to better one's self. The only recognition that these people have sought is the knowledge that they are improving their bodies and health. But there is recognition out there for those endless hours spent in the gym or on the road. The recognition comes from the very top with the Presidential Sports Award program.

Developed in 1972 by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in conjunction with national sports organizations and associations, the purpose of the program is to motivate adults to become more physically active. The program, administered by the Amateur Athletic Union, puts the emphasis on a regular exercise program not on

outstanding performances or achievements.

The program is open to anyone over the age of 15, and includes categories from aerobic dance to weight training. Sports such as baseball, basketball, football, golf and tennis are also included. Other non-traditional subjects include bowling, roller skating, and sailing. Military participants might be interested in the backpacking, jogging, orienteering, rifle, running, and sports fitness (calisthenics) categories.

Persons who complete the prerequisites in any of the 49 sports and fitness activities will receive a certificate of achievement suitable for framing signed by President George Bush and personalized with the participant's name; a letter of congratulations signed by Arnold Schwarzenegger, chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; an embroidered blazer patch signifying the sport or fit-

ness activity in which the award is earned; a sports bag identification tag imprinted with the award logo; and a shoe pocket to hold valuables and Identification card while working out.

To earn the award, simply select one or more fitness activities; keep a daily record of participation on the fitness log; once the standards are met in that category, send the fitness log along with \$6 to:

Presidential Sports Award
P.O. Box 68207
Indianapolis, IN 46268

For more information on the requirements for your subject or for fitness logs, either write to the address above or visit the Main Post Gymnasium.

Not only is the award a sign of the participant's desire to keep physically fit, but the award is also worth promotion points for promotable soldiers.

Sports

Sports Briefs

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Flag football starts today



The Presidio's seven-men Flag Football season begins today at 5 p.m. with a game between the defending champions, USAG and LAIR, on the Fort Scott Athletic Field. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Seven teams are entered in this year's round robin competition.

The teams are: USAG; Letterman U.S. Army Hospital (LUSAH); Law Enforcement Company (LEC); Information Systems Command (ISC); 864TH; Letterman Army Institution of Research (LAIR); and Oakland Army Base (OARB).

Tonight's schedule will include the following teams.

5 p.m. USAG vs. LAIR

6 p.m. LUSAH vs. 864th

7 p.m. LEC vs. ISC.

OARB has a bye tonight.

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Actually, it's a golf tournament. The 1991 Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament will tee off at noon Nov. 14 on the Presidio Army Golf Course.

A turkey or ham will be presented to the top two finishers in each division.

The tournament is open to soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members 19 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco. Golfers will compete in either the Senior (40 years and older), Open (39 years and younger), Callaway and Women's divisions. The Callaway Division is for golfers who do not have an established handicap at the PAGC. All women golfers will compete in the Women's Division.

All green fees are established by the PAGC and will be paid in advance at the Presidio Sports Office by golfers who are not members of the PAGC. Golf cart rental fees will be paid at the golf course's Starter Shack and golf clubs can be rented at the Outdoor Recreation Branch, building 667.

Entry forms are available at Gym No. 1, building 63.

Aerobics classes

Reduce stress, lower cholesterol, improve circulation, increase calorie burn and strengthen your cardiorespiratory system by joining an aerobic exercise class at the post gym. There are four certified instructors who, using the driving beat of great music, will help you improve your level of fitness. For more information, call the post gym at 561-4120.

Run For Your Life

Presidio Run For Your Life Program Director Sob Darling has a deal for runners who need that extra incentive to get out regularly and run the Presidio.

"It is a basic beginning running program open to the military community," he said. "You can earn mileage credit towards a patch. Certificate awards are also given for 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500-miles and on up."

For more information on this or any running program, call Darling at 561-4120.

Youth Services Activities

Swimmers needed

Swimmers between the ages of five and 14 who are interested in trying out for the Presidio Youth Services Swim Team can call Mike Copeland at 561-4224.

Youth soccer

PSF Tigers lose 6-0



Daniel Kim (2) steals the ball from an opponent as Chris Bowersox (25) rushes in to help during the Tigers' game Saturday. The Tigers play at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park. They are in the San Francisco Viking Soccer League, for players 9 to 10 years old.

Unfortunately, the team is barely a month old and is playing in a league that consists of teams that were formed at area schools. These teams have been playing together for some time, as reflected by the Tigers' 0-5 record. However, the Tigers play for fun. Once they master the fundamentals, they should be able to match any team in the league.

photo by Pleasant Lindsey III



U.S. Navy photo

The U.S. Army Squid Squishers show they're number one after taking first in the female military team category of the Bay Bridge 10 kilometer run.

10-kilometer run over the Bay Bridge

Presidians meet challenge and win

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

At 8:10 a.m. Sunday, I realized that the Bay Bridge has an incline you wouldn't believe! Never before had I noticed this; I guess because it doesn't take much to push in a gas pedal of a car. However, running up such an incline takes a little more than just eating your Wheaties.

I along with thousands of people, figured this out during a 10-kilometer run from Pier 39 to Treasure Island held for Fleet Week.

It certainly was a rush to run across the Bay Bridge and despite the incline, I think it's faster to get to the other side than driving. No one was stuck in traffic, and runners had one lane to run in and one lane free.

When I saw Treasure Island, I thought: "Alright, now I'll just sprint in and I'm there." Wrong! The course ran to the Naval base and a little more than

a mile into it, but everyone who participated met the challenge.

I think the Army team was perhaps a little more popular than the Navy. I heard "Go Army" at least a dozen times and most of those shouts came from sailors that guarded the runners lane.

The U.S. Army Squid Squishers, a team consisting of six Presidians, took first in the military female team competition. Members of the team were Sharon Swartwart, Josie Morris, Sue Peterson, Stephanie Taylor, Valerie Neck and myself.

Twenty-three military teams competed in all.

After the run, people continued to cheer others on their way to the finish line. Soft drinks and snacks were given out.

People were bussed back to Pier 39 where an awards ceremony was held.

Of course, the Squid Squishers were called up first to receive their medals.

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by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Community Calendar

Job faire

More than 50 East Bay employers will recruit at the East Bay Job Faire Oct. 29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue in Pleasanton from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. The job faire is free and is sponsored by the Community Career Education Center. For more information, call 345-0753.

Family concerts

World dance, music and storytelling are combined in a lively production during the Khadra International Ballet's Family Concert Series. The colorful performances feature dance and folk tales from the Soviet Republics, South America and the United States. Khadra is celebrating its 20th anniversary as San Francisco's leading folk ensemble, performing throughout the Bay Area on tour. The concerts will be performed at various theaters and schools throughout the Bay Area. For more information, call 626-7360.

Bay Area Discovery Museum

The Bay Area Discovery Museum will be transformed into the land of Halloween for the Museum's fourth Annual Goblin Jamboree on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a Haunted House, face painting, magicians, musicians, pony rides, petting zoo and a storybook maze. The Wizard of Oz will be performed by the Masque Theatre and children will be given the chance to "go fish" from the witch's cauldron and win prizes. To reach the Museum

from San Francisco take the Alexander Avenue exit off highway 101 in Sausalito and follow the signs to East Fort Baker. From the North and East Bay take the last exit before Golden Gate Bridge.

VA offers toll free service

The Department of Veterans Affairs has set up a national toll-free telephone number accessible by a telecommunications device to assist deaf and hearing impaired veterans and their families. Veterans with this special equipment, known as TDD, can call 1-800-829-4833 for information on VA benefits and programs. Based at the Chicago VA Regional Office, the service is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Calls received after normal hours will be returned the following business day. Nearly 230,000 veterans receive VA disability compensation for hearing loss. Throughout the United States, approximately 21 million people suffer from a degree of hearing loss. Of that number, 350,000 are deaf.

Fort Point

The Fort Point National Historic Site will celebrate its 21st year as a National Park Service Historic Site Sunday with a series of special programs, tours and walks. Events are planned for the entire day, with rangers and volunteers dressed in Civil War soldiers' uniforms. For more information, call 556-1693.



photo courtesy of the Presidio Army Museum
caption by J. Edward Green, museum technician

Artillery practice fire, circa 1885.

Two Civil War era muzzle loading 24 pound siege pieces are being fired at a target on the Presidio. This photograph was taken just above the Presidio Avenue Gate. The Presidio was a far more open place in those times. Almost all the buildings were on the old Main Post, bounded by Lincoln Boulevard, Funston Avenue, Moraga Avenue and Graham Street. The Wright Army Hospital (now the Presidio Army Museum) can be seen above the white horse's head (right center). The first planting of trees to beautify the post can be seen on this side of Funston Avenue. From 1883 to 1900 more than 60,000 trees were planted on the Presidio. The look of the post changed drastically as the trees grew. Views may have been obscured by their growth, but they bring majesty to the Army post by the Golden Gate.

Volunteer ghoulies needed

Help put the "scare" in scarecrow and the "haunt" in haunted house. Volunteer ghosties, ghoulies and beasties are needed to help set up the Halloween Night Haunted House at Upper Noe Recreation Center, Day and Sanchez Streets. Set up will be Oct. 24 at various times according to volunteer schedules. Monsters will work Halloween night from 5 to 9 p.m. Volunteers can call Kevin Black at 695-5011. This event is sponsored by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.



Halloween events

Hands Around the Bay Masquerade Ball, an annual party for the developmentally-disabled, will be held Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the San Francisco County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. Admission is free. For more information, call 666-7039.

A Halloween party at the Childrens Playground will be held Oct. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. for children 3 to 11 years of age. Admission is free.

The Randall Museum Halloween Extravaganza will be held Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-9600.

PMUG meeting

The Presidio Macintosh User's Group monthly meeting will be held Oct. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Headquarters Command Battalion's conference room. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 561-2528.

Presidio Post Theater

Friday, Oct. 18: Jungle Fever (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19: Double Impact (R), 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 20: Return to the Blue Lagoon (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 21: Only the Lonely (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Conservation Corner

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian Editor



The yellows, oranges, browns and reds of discarded fruits and vegetables need not rot in some god-forsaken dump. If you are really serious about recycling, you can take this refuse and enrich your flower or vegetable gardens. Here's how: dig a shallow hole in the ground and place a bottomless drum over it. Then, after preparing your meals, take the various unwanted pieces of fruits and vegetables and place them in this "cauldron". Every other day, you can use a pitchfork to toss this decomposing salad. And, within a short time, you will have some of the richest composted soil you could ever want to enrich your flower and vegetable gardens with. Now, that's *real* conservation!



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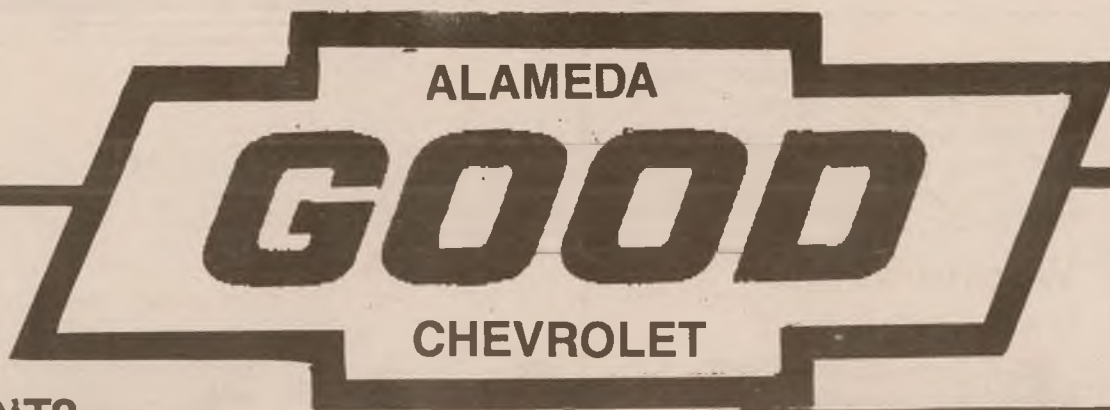
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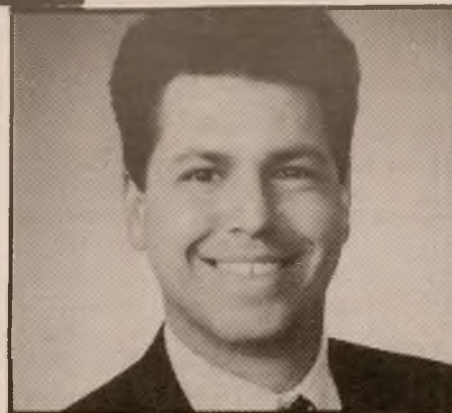


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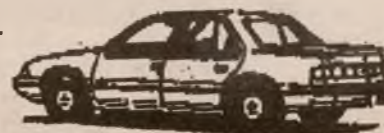
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LAIR hosts 13th annual laser conference

by Maj. Kathy Knudson
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Letterman Army Institute of Research's Division of Ocular Hazards will once again host the annual Lasers on the Modern Battlefield (LBM) conference on Oct. 21 through Oct. 25.

Now in its 13th year, LBM is a forum in which scientists, engineers, analysts, managers and users within the defense community of the United States, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom can exchange information and concerns across a broad range of topics concerning laser applications and laser research.

More than 180 participants are expected to attend this year's conference that will include sessions on intelligence, modeling, systems and testing, Desert Storm, laser bioeffects, laser injury cases and treatment, bioeffects simulation, laser eye protection, optical improvement, fixed versus dynamic protection and doctrine and operational concepts.

Last year's conference was a great success, producing a proceedings of four volumes totaling approximately 700 pages. A similar proceedings is expected from this year's conference.

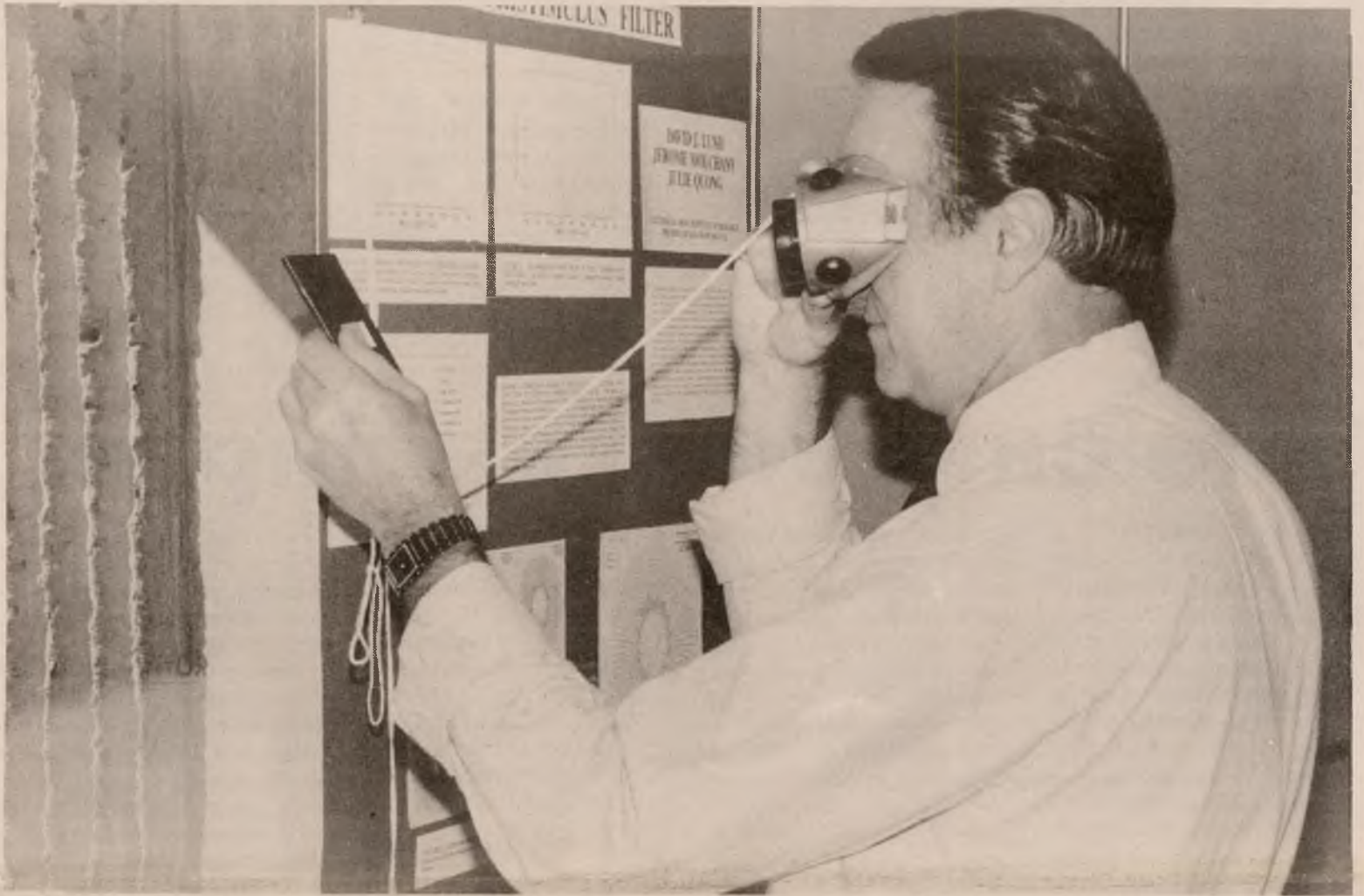


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An attendee at the 12th Annual Lasers on the Modern Battlefield conference looks through a prototype laser protective device and reviews a research poster comparing changes in color perception induced by several protective devices.

Jumpmaster training

Presidio Readiness Group rewrites the book

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian Staff

Readiness Group-Presidio of San Francisco has developed a new standard for Reserve component special operations airborne training that has been adopted as the standard by the Special Operations Command.

The new Special Operation Jumpmaster Course, a static line course, is the first of its kind for the Army Reserve component and was developed at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Readiness Group-Presidio is hosting the first course from this week through Nov. 8, with classes on post, at Hamilton Army Air Field and in the air. Yes, in the air.

There are 48 students taking the inaugural course. Most of them are from the 12th Special Forces Group. Also, some members of the Presidio's Riggers Shop will be attending the course.

The jumpmaster is the key person for the success and safety of airborne missions. Sixth U.S. Army's Reserve units are facing a severe shortage. However, RGPSF intends to change that.

The course is the culmination of three years of work and planning led by Master Sgt. Edward Barnes, chief, Special Operations Branch Assistance Team, Readiness Group-Presidio. Barnes is a master parachutist and a jumpmaster, with 339 static line jumps to his credit.

"All instructors have been preparing their lesson plans for more than a month," Barnes said. He said that the instructors have been practicing their teaching skills on each other, honing their instructions and making preparations for running an intense but safe course.

"Our goal is to provide the instructors with as professional a program as they've seen," said Lt. Col. Alexander A. Janke, RGPSF. "The number one concern is safety. The safety of the soldier is the number one consideration."

For their part soldiers who apply for the course must have some knowledge of airborne operations.

Applicants for the course are required to have a minimum of 12 jumps after airborne training. Plus, they must be involved with Special Operations in some fashion. Students in the first course include Army Reservists and active duty soldiers who are members of Special Operations units or support such units.

Upon graduation, the students will be qualified in two skills. The students will have earned their jumpmaster qualification as well as their Jump Zone Team Leader qualification. These are specialized skills, but unfortunately they weren't readily available to the reserve component units.

Janke said that the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga., doesn't have enough slots available to train active duty soldiers and

reserve soldiers for these skills. Sixth U.S. Army needs more jumpmasters for its reserve units. This course will fill that need. Beforehand, reserve Special Operations units have had to rely on active duty jumpmasters to help them in their airborne training whenever they were available.

"Normally active duty units and Ranger Battalions operate their own courses," Barnes said. "The reserve component doesn't have that opportunity."

Barnes cited one example of this hardship. A reserve Special Operations unit that was training at Fort Hunter Liggett two years ago would not have been able to complete its training and certify its soldiers as jumpmasters if Barnes hadn't been at the course. There was no one else available to teach it.

Now, that has changed. Not only has RGPSF developed a program of instruction for Sixth U.S. Army's Guard and reserve soldiers, the course has been adopted as the standard for Special Operations jumpmaster training by the Special Operations Command.

Barnes and the RGPSF Special Operations Team used Fort Benning's jumpmaster course manual and related regulations as a template and developed a 129-hour program of instruction.

This course has been approved by Fort Benning, Forces Command and SOCOM.

In fact, SOCOM adopted the

course for the whole command without changing a thing—except the title, of course. It is now a part of the SOCOM training regulations.

The want for training became evident even before the course became operational, according to Janke. He said RGPSF already has more requests for attendance than slots available.

"We're filling a need that's been out there a long time," he said. "For any kind of regional scenario you could think of, this is the type of training that's needed in the Reserve component."

"We've had a lot more people ask to come who unfortunately aren't S.O. people."

The students who make it in will be getting some intense instruction.

The first week focuses on team leader instruction. The second week focuses on ground operations, with extensive training on personnel inspection. It is the jumpmaster's job to personally inspect each jumper and jumper's equipment for safe operation before each mission. The jumpmaster also inspects cargo and bundled equipment that is to be air dropped from planes, and inspects the planes as well.

The second week is also when the students will learn Air Force terminology (after all, the planes belong to the Air Force), weather observation techniques and container building and equipment rigging.

They'll even learn how to make poncho chutes. These are parachutes that are actually made from ponchos. Remember, these are Special Operations soldiers.

"The 'chutes work," Barnes said.

The third week of the course is when the students will make their jumps and put their jumpmaster and team leader instruction to practical use. The students will make 12 jumps, half of them at night.

The RGPSF has pooled plenty of resources to make it happen.

The aircraft to be used include UH-1 Iroquois (Hueys) from HAAF; CH-47 Chinooks from the California National Guard, Stockton, Calif.; and C-141 Starlifters from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. The Coast Guard will place a boat offshore, beyond HAAF's air field, because the planes and helicopters will approach the air field from the bay.

And though there is no Navy involvement in teaching the course, there will be one Marine taking the course.

The future success of the course could depend in large part to what happens here.

"Once we've lead the way, others will follow suit," Janke said. "This training costs much less to the units, because the soldiers can be trained locally instead of having to travel to Fort Benning to train."



October is Handicap Awareness Month

By Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Presidio is ranked number one for hiring people with a handicap and disabled veterans throughout the Bay Area, according to Ann Williams, personnel management specialist and handicap coordinator, Civilian Personnel Directorate.

Since 1984, the Presidio has been on top. "Despite nay situations, we have been able to maintain progress," Williams said.

Every directorate on post has a handicapped individual worki

Presidio also has a volunteer program that allows handicapped individuals to work on a volunteer basis to gain experience, according to Williams. "Nine out of ten times the individual is placed in that position.

"The Presidio is known as a bridge that has carried many special people over to the work force,"

Williams continued. "We also assist other federal agencies within the state in developing a handicap program—the Presidio is a mentor."

People with severe disabilities and those with disabilities that aren't noticeable such as cancer, diabetes and epilepsy, are recognized by managers of the Presidio directorates.

"The handicap program could not be successful without the support of the Command Group," according to Williams. "This Command Group has always been on top of it.

"A job is the most essential part of life," Williams says. "It makes people's existence possible and enhances their sense of worth."

Williams feels that the Presidio has given special people an opportunity they wouldn't have. "It's not a hand out," she said.

"Handicap people are usually the top workers anywhere," Williams said. "Studies show, they take less leave and are sick less. They are usually the most grateful workers."

October is Handicap Awareness Month.

During this month, the goal of the Handicap coordinator is to increase employment of disabled people, eliminate negative thinking about individuals with disabilities, open up communications between disabled and non-disabled people, gain a better understanding of specific disabilities and learn how all of us are limited to the exposure of people with disabilities.

Throughout the year the Presidio proves to work hard to protect the rights of handicap individuals.

"After all, these people are capable to do the job they're hired for," Williams said. "They just need a chance."

The case for keeping an Army

courtesy of ARNEWS

The Cold War is over and the President has ordered a stand-down of our nuclear forces. Recent global changes and realignments have made it increasingly more difficult to identify America's adversaries.

Why do we still need an Army? After all, couldn't the Army's budget be diverted to worthy social programs? With no visible threat, aren't we wasting money supporting an Army?

The answer, to paraphrase James Madison, is if countries were angels, no army would be needed. Unfortunately, that it not the case. The Army has been needed to keep the peace in Europe, Korea and, most recently, in Southwest Asia. Just imagine the post-World War II world without a determined U.S. presence. The Army truly has been America's strategic land force for peace.

With or without a Cold War, our

national military objectives remain constant. According to a joing militry assessment, our Army prevents war and defends the nation's vital interests through its ability to inflict overwhelming destruction on any potential foe. To that end, the Army acts to deter or defeat aggression in concert with its allies. That is what Operation Desert Storm was all about.

The Army also has other important missions as defined by U.S. National Security Strategy in conjunction with the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

The Army ensures global access and influence by protecting free commerce, enhancing the spread of democracy and guaranteeing U.S. access to world markets and critical resources. The Army has evacuated Americans from countries in turmoil. It has provided humanitarian assistance to people in need, such as the Ethiopians during the famine of the 1980s, the Kurds

during Operation Provide Comfort and U.S. citizens in the Virgin Islands after Hurricane Hugo. And the Army assisted the Navy and Coast Guard in safeguarding the international flow of oil during the Iran/Iraq War.

The Army promotes regional stability and cooperation through its military presence, mutual security arrangements and security assistance programs. Ask the Western Europeans if they would have remained free without our Army these past 45 years. Ask the Kuwaitis if they'd feel secure living next to Iraq without the presence of U.S. soldiers to combat aggression.

In addition to its more traditional missions, the Army has responded to changing national and international conditions with new missions. Two recent examples are the Army's involvement in helping to stop the flow of illegal drugs and its counter terrorism efforts. Counter-narcotics operations on our southern border and in South

America are helping diminish a scourge infesting our own nation. And the Army's counter-terrorism operations protect our citizens at home and abroad.

In the environmental arena, the Army has been called on to fight forest fires in our national parks. Meanwhile, it helps preserve natural resources on Armyinstallations through hunting and fishing programs and land grazing leases. The Army also preserves historic archaeological properties on its posts and is spearheading the effort to remove and destroy toxic chemical munitions without harming the environment.

In education, the Army typically takes young high school and college graduates and gives back to society well-disciplined people with a good work ethic who are used to performing as a team. In fact, according to Christopher Bassford, professor of history at Purdue University, the GI Bill has "fueled explosive growth in the nation's

university system and helped to democratize education, business and the professions."

Bassford also says, "As for racial equality, the Army has become in many respects a model institution. It comes close to being colorblind." Thus, it's not surprising that former soldiers have built friendships with males and females of various races, creeds and religions and are used to operating in an environment of equal opportunity. Veterans have demonstrated an ability to handle responsibility and have proven their patriotism by volunteering to serve their country. They have higher education and lower crime rates than non-veterans. This is a reliable, drug-free pool from which civilian employers can select tomorrow's workers and leaders.

Perhaps Thomas Jefferson best summed up the need for an Army when he wrote, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The constitution guarantees our liberty. The Army guarantees our constitution.

You're never too old to get into shape

courtesy of Uniformed Services Journal)

Physical fitness experts are discovering that those little old ladies in tennis shoes were far ahead of scientific research," according to a recent article in the Senior Spectrum Weekly by Rochelle Jones.

They were on the right track intuitively because recent academic findings show that even moderate exercise can be very beneficial for those over 50.

The fitness decline begins for most people in their 20s as a diminished capacity for exercise

can be seen in heart and lung function. As exercise decreases, the proportion of fat increases reducing muscle performance. Oxygen is delivered to the muscles more slowly.

The effects, if not remedied by more exercise, can be devastating, especially for women. A survey of 2,654 people in the late 1970s showed that 66 percent of the women between 75 and 84 were unable to lift a 10-pound weight as compared to 28 percent of the men in the group. Postmenopausal women are also at risk of osteoporosis, a disease that reduces bone

mass and leads to fractures. A study done by the University of Connecticut Health Center found that by exercising three times a week bone density could be increased by an average of six percent which could make enough difference to help reduce the risk of fractures.

People who live a sedentary life decline twice as fast as those who stay active.

"Scientists used to think many things were biological markers of aging that we now know to be biological markers of inactivity and (inadequate) nutrition," William Evans, chief f the physiology lab at



Tufts University's Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, says in his book, Biomarkers.

The amazing thing is that people have a remarkable ability to snap

back. "The idea used to be that old people lose their ability to gain muscle tone, but they are as responsive, maybe even more responsive than young people," Evans says.

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Ask Presidians



"Your opinion of the Clarence Thomas confirmation to the Supreme Court?"

Staff Sgt. Terez L. McClarty, Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

"These was a possibility of some sort of harassment, but in a slight form. I think that Anita Hill was pressured to come forward since he was being nominated in an attempt to sort of lynch him."



Spec. William Coward, Hq. Co., USAG.

"I think that it was blown out of proportion. Anita Hill seemed to come out of nowhere with a vendetta. She made herself look like a bad guy. In the end, I think that he won by sympathy."



Angela L. Freedline, Family member. "The whole thing was very political. In the end, I think that it just made a laughing stock of our government."



HN Terence Cronin, U.S. Navy, Department of Psychiatry, LAMC. "I was glad to see that he made it. I think that it opened new doors for sexual harassment awareness. There is a lot more public awareness now that it does happen."



Spec. Julian E. Wynnkyj, 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion. "I feel the whole procedure should have been conducted in executive session. It did nothing to enhance the selection process. There is still the question as to who was telling the truth."



Spec. Mishner M. Curtiss, Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion. "I think that the whole confirmation process was a breakthrough for black Americans, in as far as America sees us today compared to 10 years ago, especially in the field of politics."



TSC Center offers options to training

by John W. McGarrah

For those military trainers in search of a way to add a new spark to training, the Training Support Center (TSC) here has a wealth of ideas.

Literally roomfuls of equipment and supplies stand ready to assist in your training needs—and the best part is it's free for the asking. All it requires is taking the time to fill out the proper paperwork for a company sized unit or activity to get support.

The center offers a media consultation service for customers who are unsure of what's available or how it can assist in their training. The consultation specialist will be able to assist with information on off-the-shelf, fabricated training support materials, and visual information items.

Some of the most popular training devices available include the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, and the Weaponeer. The MILES is a family of low power, eye safe, laser devices which simulate the casualty producing effects of direct fire weapons. The system is available in several forms; the M16A1, the M60 Machine Gun, The Dragon, The Viper, the T.O, and E and Control Gun.

The Weaponeer is a training device that realistically simulated the actual firing of the M16A2 rifle. It can display random target patterns, variable exposure time, shot and sound effects, and an adjustable mode to assist in familiarization and firing of an actual rifle. Two Weaponeer are

available, including a portable one in a van.

Some of the other training devices available include mine sets, plastic M16s, moulage kits, resuscitation manikins, various bridge model kits, OPFOR equipment, mockup compass, orienteering markers and aerial radiological survey kits.

Some of the equipment available for loan includes overhead projectors, cue/see projectors, opaque projectors, 16mm projectors, audio recorders, megaphones, lecterns, public address systems, television/video trainers, 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch video cassette recorders, and television sets. Also offered are 35mm slide projectors, caramate projectors, and slide presentation systems.

"The only thing that we ask is that customers return our equipment in a timely fashion, so that others can use them," said Jacqueline Eller, a supply clerk at the center.

There are also more than 3,200 video tapes and films available for instructional or informational purposes.

Production service

Whether you need a new promotion photo or slides for an important briefing, the Production Services Branch stands ready to assist you. Photographic services in color or black and white, can be provided for training, operations, logistics, intelligence, legal, tactics and information.

Full length promotion photos, passport and head and shoulders photographs are only taken on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

"Customers could really help us and help themselves by taking the time to fully prepare to have their Department of the Army photo taken," said Robert Davis, one of the photographic specialists. "We get people in here all the time who are not prepared to have their photo taken. Their uniform is in need of cleaning or pressing, or just doesn't fit anymore. These photos usually need to be reshot, which is a waste of time and resources for us."

Passport photos will be given to the customers the same day as they were taken. The full length photo will be available five working days after the photograph is taken. All black and white work is custom printed and cannot be rushed. A 10-day turn around time is required for all work in color.

A new service that is offered is video teleconferencing. Most Forces Command facilities can be linked together by video, thereby saving lots of temporary duty assignment money.

Graphics

The Graphics Section is available to create "state of the art" slides for presentations, training classes or briefings. Desktop publishing is also available for use in brochures, flyers and other publications. Coordination with the graphics production chief is required prior to use of the desktop publishing equipment.

There is also a self help area available for the creation of embosograph signs, charts and viewgraphs.

If a fresh approach to training is needed, look no further than the Presidio TSC, Building 603. The staff stands ready to help find, make or create what is needed to make that next class the best that it can be.

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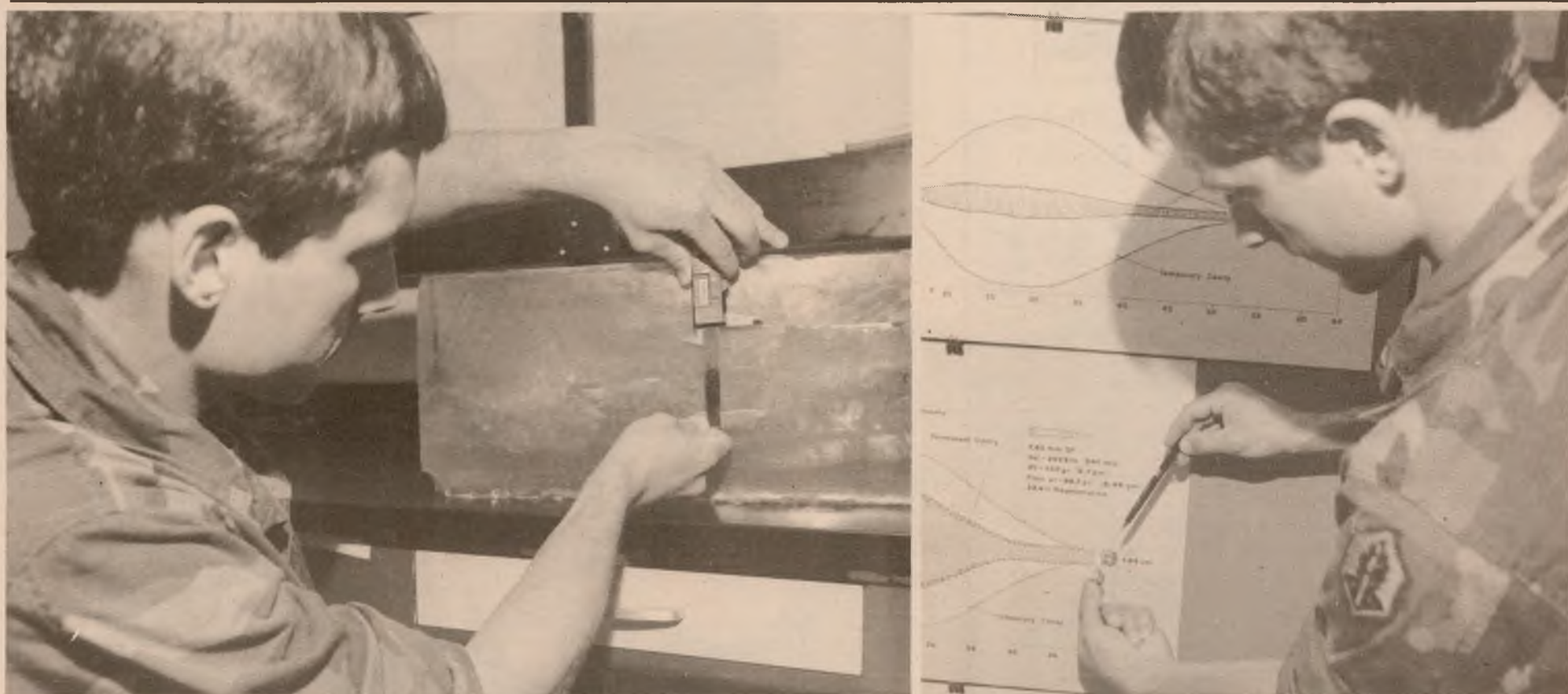


photo by LAIR Media Audio Visual Services

A researcher from LAIR's Military Trauma Research Division analyzes the path of a projectile through the "gelatin block" soft tissue simulant. An artist's ren-

dering of the projectile's path is used for further analysis and as illustrations in articles and scientific presentations.

Trauma Research continues innovative work

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian Staff

Living up to their motto — "Research for the Soldier" — is important to the people who work for the Military Trauma Research Division of the Letterman Army Institute of Research here.

As one of the nine biomedical research laboratories in the Army, the research division is in constant search of ways to save the lives of soldiers wounded on the battlefield. The fruits of their labors though have a much further reaching effect. Although the research done by the scientists is for the military, the resulting breakthroughs can be

applied to the civilian world as well. "We couldn't do what we do without the absolute best people available," said Maj. Stephen J. Bruttig, Chief of the Military Trauma Research Division. "Our people are as important as the work that we do."

Some of the projects to come out of the 40-person Trauma Research Division, or the contracted organizations they work with, include:

Hypertonic Saline Dextran - This blood resuscitation fluid is 12 times smaller in volume than conventional replenishing fluids, allowing medics to carry more of the life sustaining liquid. The special composition of the fluid allows

additional time for wounded individuals suffering heavy blood loss to be transported to medical facilities.

Intraosseous Infusion Device - This device allows a quick alternative to intravenous access for patients whose veins may have collapsed from heavy blood loss. The device bypasses conventional methods putting the fluid into the hollow area of the breast bone, where it will be distributed throughout the body.

Ankle Brace - This specially designed ankle support was conceived due to the high number of ankle and foot injuries suffered by Airborne soldiers.

A Microwave Warming Device

- This device, currently being tested, is a device that warms blood or other fluids for intravenous infusion to normal body temperature prior to use. The resulting benefit is avoiding an unwanted and/or dangerous drop in body temperature without effecting the composition of the blood.

A Gelatin Soft Tissue Simulant

- This Jello-like substance simulates the body's soft tissue. Perfected by LAIR researchers for their study of high velocity missile effects on soft tissue. The gelatin has become the "gold standard" for such research worldwide.

According to Bruttig, his team of

military and civilian scientists begin the research process by identifying a problem. "Finding the appropriate solution to the problem involves designing research protocols and conducting careful studies that lead to high quality products," he said.

Not all of the final products leaving the Trauma Research Division are in the form of a device or medical product. In many cases the products are academic and in the form of a research paper, policy, institute report, or a scientific presentation.

But no matter what form the results are in, you can bet that the benefits will support the soldier in the field.

Post begins annual fall cleanup

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Residents of the Presidio and Forts Barry, Baker and Mason will conduct a clean-up campaign to remove trash and litter and generally beautify the post during the annual Post Fall Clean-up Week from Oct. 28 through Nov. 8.

Commanders and directors will allow their personnel who live on the post's housing areas one afternoon to conduct cleanup of the grounds around their quarters.

By the same token, Presidio units will conduct a cleanup around their units as well. The cleanup around the post's buildings will be very extensive. Tenant units are responsible for cleaning all streets within their boundaries, removing grass from cracks in curbs and trimming grass approximately one to two feet back from curbs. All trash and litter will be removed from the grounds, to include tree limbs and bark.

All areas will have designated dump sites which will be monitored by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing. Presidio units will use only the yellow, open-air dumpsters within their areas for trash. The green dumpsters are to be used by the housing areas.

Cleanup for housing areas will be performed from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on specified days. Following is the cleanup schedule for the post's housing areas.

- Oct. 28: 1 to 100 area; 300, 1500 and 1700 area.
- Oct. 29: 400, 800 and 500 areas.
- Oct. 30: 900, 1000 and 1200 areas.
- Oct. 31: 1300 and 1400 areas; and Fort Mason 1800 area.
- Nov. 1: Fort Baker 500, 600 and 800 areas; and Fort Barry 700 area.

For any information concerning the cleanup schedule, supplies or areas, contact DEH at 561-4860.



Volunteer pushes herself to the limit and then some

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

A volunteer at Letterman Army Hospital works five days a week, eight hours a day just to get fired every day, as she puts it.

Agnes Twilley scurries around the hospital to get things done and watch out for the patients.

No one is quite sure how old Agnes is, but she claims to be just 32-plus.

With her wonderful smile and hard charging body, Agnes accomplishes an amazing amount of work, according to her co-workers. She hunts down lab cultures and X-ray reports with terrier-like zeal, according to Doctor Thomas J. O'Callaghan, Acute Care Clinic. "The success of our monthly Quality Assurance is due in large part to her energy in collecting all the required reports. She brings the same keenness to retrieving old EKG's or old charts for the Emergency Room physician who is deciding on the question of admission," O'Callaghan wrote in a letter nominating Agnes for volunteer of the year.

What O'Callaghan recognizes most about Agnes is her ability to point out what the physicians duties are and ensuring they contact patients of lab results.

"She's a marvel," O'Callaghan said. "There's no other word I could use to describe her. We'd be lost without her."

Agnes has volunteered at Letterman for four years.

"I hate my house and where I live," Agnes explains as the reason she volunteers her time. It's certainly not for recognition. She didn't want anyone to write a story about her.

Besides volunteering five days a week, Agnes works with the Special Olympics every Thursday. She plays soccer, softball, track and field—depending upon the season.

She participates in the Bay to Breakers, the Bridge to Bridge run and the Fleet Week 10-kilometer race over the Bay Bridge.

During the latter race, someone made her get in a vehicle for a couple blocks because they said they wanted to open the bridge early. Well, Agnes got in the vehicle but raised a fuss.

"It made me mad that they wouldn't let us go the rest of the way," she said. "They did drop us off though. I was surprised, but I figured it was because I gave them such a hard time."

Agnes is exceptional for a woman in her 32-plus years. And has some wonderful stories, according to Mike Meines, Letterman Public Affairs Officer.

The story Meines remembers the most is the night of the Earthquake.

Agnes was hurt, but she stayed at the hospital all night to help with the patients. The elevators were down and Agnes left her volunteer jacket on the fifth floor. She said she was too tired to walk up to the fifth floor to get her jacket, but according to Meines, she ran up and down the

stairs all night to assist the physicians and staff.

Also on the night of the earthquake, Agnes offered to help carry trays to the patients throughout the hospital, but because she was hurt, they wouldn't let her carry the trays.

"Agnes is wonderful," Elizabeth A. Posey, LPN, Acute Care Clinic, said. "She's very accurate with her duties—she stays on top of us. She's our mother hen."

"She's absolutely remarkable," Posey added. "I hope to be like her when I reach her age—sharp as a tack."

Agnes, who is a retired Air Force Major, has been a volunteer most of her life. She worked as a volunteer at hospitals where her husband was stationed before he retired from the military.

Agnes, who claims she doesn't have a last name or any stories to tell, has certainly lived an adventurous life.

In 1976, she hitch hiked to Canada so she could see the Olympics, according to Meines.

"She doesn't walk anywhere, she scurries," Carole Taigaasi Meines said about Agnes. "I just adore her."

According to the staff, Agnes is full of energy and puts most that energy into her concern for the patients.

When a lab slip comes back that doesn't seem normal, Agnes runs down the doctor to see what has been done about it. According to



Agnes Twilley.

Taigaasi, she gets extremely mad when a doctor says it's taken care of and then throws the slip away. At that time Agnes marches right up to Taigaasi's office to check the books to ensure the patient has been contacted. "She won't rest until she knows the patient is taken care of," Taigaasi said. "She comes up five times a day or until she gets answers."

"She's very thorough," Jenny Y. Reyes, medical clerk, said. "She has also taught me to be thorough."

"I love working with Agnes—she has a great sense of humor," Reyes added. "Her number one concern is the patients."

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photo by John W. McGarran

Octoberfest!

People dressed in colorful traditional German costumes sample the food during Octoberfest '91 last weekend at the Golden Gate Club. Attendance was light at the event due to the cancellation of the Volksmarch which was to be the highlight of the day.

From the Past

Military scientists producing new fighting man's fashion

(The following article first appeared in the January 16, 1959 issue of the Star Presidian.)

Advent of the nuclear and space ages is pushing armed forces scientists to produce strange new "fashions" for fighting men who will bear the brunt of modern warfare.

At a recent New York City meeting of Army, Navy and industry experts on radiation and high temperature behavior of textile materials, the Naval Clothing and Textile Research Laboratory paraded some of the protective garb being perfected for the services.

One test garment, fitted with porous filter fabrics, can exclude airborne contaminants such as gas or other CBR agents. By means of

a miniature blower mounted on back of the suit, humid air built up inside by body heat is expelled, allowing the wearer to work in relative comfort.

The circulating unit, weighing less than two pounds, was developed for the air-tight suit by the Navy's clothing laboratory. The device runs for some 15 hours on two 1.3 volt mercury batteries.

Another experimental suit displayed is a decontamination jumper suit for bluejackets working below decks in battened-down areas during an attack.

For example, in a boiler room where outside ventilation has to be cut off because of radiation following an atomic explosion, crews clothed in the impermeable suit can continue with their duties in tem-

peratures to 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Air pumped in through a neoprene (synthetic rubber) hose keeps the interior of the suit cooled to 80-90 degrees for up to two hours.

Unveiled for the scientists for the first time was shiny, aluminum-surfaced coverall that keeps balloonists in exposed gondolas warm at heights above 40,000 feet by cutting down on heat loss due to radiation from the body.

An Army researcher explained that the aim of the Quartermaster Research and Development Command is to devise uniforms offering protection against the heat of detonated nuclear weapons for troops on the atomic battlefield.

Quotes

Life moves on, whether we act as cowards or heroes. Life has no other discipline to impose, if we would but realize it, than to accept life unquestioningly. Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate or despise, serves to defeat us in the end. What seems nasty, painful, evil, can become a source of beauty, joy and strength, if faced with an open mind. Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.

—Henry Miller

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In Memoriam

On Wednesday morning, Oct. 9, the Sixth Army Public Affairs Office was notified that Ms. Liz Greeley, a long time friend and former staff member and editor of the *Star Presidian*, was dead. Members of the Public Health Services Office (Washington, D.C. area) were concerned when she failed to report for work on the 8th. She was found dead in her apartment from what is believed to have been a seizure. It was said she had been in poor health for some time. The exact cause of her death is under investigation. Liz worked in Sixth Army Public Affairs, Community Relations Division, beginning in February 1983 and within a year moved to the Garrison Public Affairs Office where she eventually became editor of the *Star Presidian*. She left the Presidio and San Francisco in the summer of 1990 to take a position with the Health Services Command, Maryland.

Buckle up—or else!

American Forces Information Service

"Military people have safety mindsets — you don't sit in an aircraft cockpit without fastening your harness," commented DoD safety official George Siebert. But those Americans who are not in the habit of using their seat belts are getting another incentive to change their ways, warns the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Police in many U.S. jurisdictions are cracking down on unrestrained motorists and passengers as part of a campaign ordered by President George Bush. The president wants at least 70 percent of Americans belted by 1992.

Safety officials say issuing traffic tickets and fines may seem wrong to some people, but there's no question the method gets their attention. Seat belt use in Dwight, Ill., for instance, climbed from 39 percent to 65 percent after 45 local drivers received tickets in a month. They said other areas where tickets dramatically increased belt and child-restraint use include Tallahassee, Fla.; Cobb County, Ga.; and the states of New York, Maryland, California, Montana, Texas and Hawaii.

The traffic safety administration estimates that half of all Americans regularly use their seat belts these days. Only about 11 percent used them in 1982, when awareness campaigns began, followed by state belt laws, officials noted.

Siebert, DoD occupational safety and health policy director, said the department's safety regulations require people to use safety belts and child restraints on installations at all times, regardless of state laws. Service members must use safety belts for both on- and off-duty driving, and DoD civilians must wear them when driving on official business. But the most important reason for using safety belts and child restraints is to save lives, he said.

"Studies show that unrestrained drivers and passengers are twice more likely than belted people to be killed or seriously injured when involved in an accident," said Siebert. "Even if your vehicle has airbags, wear your belt. Airbags are most effective for head-on collisions. Belts can protect you from being thrown from the car; airbags can't. The combination of the two provides the greatest protection."



NO!



YES!

Eisenhower Bank PSF branch closes Nov. 1

Effective the close of business, Nov. 1, 1991, the Presidio branch of the Eisenhower National Bank will officially close. All banking relationships can be handled by mail, toll-free phone lines, fax machines and ATMs. An ATM (Pentagon ATM) located at the Main Post Exchange is available for Eisenhower customers to use free of charge. For more information, customers can call toll-free 1-800-531-7334.

Since the Department of Defense's announcement three years ago that the Presidio would close, the branch has continued serving the Presidio community.

However, due to the recent drawdown of troops, the Eisenhower Bank board of directors mandated the branch be closed.

Eisenhower customers in the Presidio area will be able to maintain their banking relationship with the bank. The bank is also a member of the worldwide Armed Forces Financial Network (AFFN), thus Eisenhower customers have access to over 5,000 ATMs worldwide.

For information on banking by mail, fax numbers or ATM locations, customers can call the toll-free number or write them at P.O. Box 340340, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234.

Environmental waste

The earth can't afford it

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Just about anything can be hazardous waste, but we are the ones who make it that way.

An aerosol can, a half a can of paint, a little oven cleaner and bug spray aren't hazardous waste until people throw it into the garbage.

If these and other products are improperly disposed of in landfills "the hazardous materials will eventually combine and seep out," Alex Macievich, environmental engineer said. "This would lead to the waste getting into the ground water, polluting our drinking sources and causing problems in the environment," he added.

One solution, instead of throwing away partially used products is giving them away. For example, if you

have leftover paint lying around, give it to a neighbor to use. If you can't find any use for the materials or someone who can use it, you can call the environmental office at 561-5176. They will set up a place for you to take the materials.

The best way to dispose of such items is to use them wisely. The best way to do this is to buy only what you need. Once a container is completely used, it can be thrown away with regular trash.

Try not to buy materials that contain poisonous liquids or flammable items.

If you make hazardous waste you are committing a crime and are subject to serving prison time or paying a fine.

"Presidians who pour hazardous wastes down their sink or street

drains could be held legally liable for their actions," said Macievich.

There was an incident when someone was caught dumping motor oil down a drain which would cause it to eventually pollute the Bay, Macievich said. That individual violated the Clean Water Act and was fined.

Hazardous wastes don't only pollute the environment it can kill in other ways.

If materials combine, they can cause a fire or create a poisonous gas.

By being more conscientious about disposing of environmental wastes properly, individuals are not only keeping themselves out of trouble, they are helping to do their small, but significant, part toward keeping the Presidio a safe place.

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Reyes is the staff member who supposedly fires Agnes every day.

"We're like two peas in a pod—me and her," Reyes said. "I really do appreciate her."

From Meines' personal experience, he saw that Agnes' main concern is the patients.

Meines was taken to the Emergency Room for chest pains. Agnes came in, grabbed his arm and said, "Don't do this," while tears filled her eyes.

According to O'Callaghan, "Agnes inquires within the hospital about the progress of particular cases and acts as support for family members because of her rich sympathetic nature."

On top of compassion and accomplishing her duties, Agnes is physically fit. She has to be to have the ability to run around Letterman getting the job done.

Twice a year, Agnes goes skiing. She admits she only goes down hill because she's not quite strong enough to push herself up hill.

Three times a week, Agnes participates in an exercise class. She runs around and participates in all the exercises that she can do while standing up, but she leaves after the class begins the exercises that require her to sit down. The reason is Agnes wears a skirt to exercise in. "I don't like pants," she says. Agnes even wears skirts when she participates in the races.

"She's completely remarkable," Posey said. "Needless to say, she should have a medal."

Don't try to take on a new personality; it doesn't work.

—Richard Nixon

Life is to be lived. If you have to support yourself, you had bloody well better find some way that is going to be interesting. And you don't do that by sitting around wondering about yourself.

—Katherine Hepburn

When I can no longer bear to think of the victims of broken homes, I begin to think of the victims of intact ones.

—Peter De Vries

When I played pro football, I never set out to hurt anybody deliberately... unless it was, you know, important, like a league game or something.

—Dick Butkus

Community Calendar

compiled by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian Editor

Masquerade ball

The 17th Annual "Hands Around the Bay Masquerade Ball" is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Over 400 developmentally disabled people from throughout the Bay Area are expected to attend. This special Halloween event is located at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park at the corner of 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way. Donations and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping, call Don Ybaretta or Cynthia Brown at 666-7043.

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Dance the night away

Beginners country and western dance lessons will be offered for singles and couples beginning on Nov. 5. It's fun for all ages, especially teens. The lessons will be conducted every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin here on the Presidio. No experience is necessary and the cost is only \$5. For more information, call Doug Sanders at 992-3981.

Happenings at Fort Mason Center

This evening the San Francisco History Association welcomes the public to attend its monthly meeting about city history from 7 to 10. The meeting is free of charge.

On Friday at 7:30 p.m., the first and second drafts of original scripts by Playwrights' Center members are performed. An audience critique follows the performances. The cost is \$3. It will be held in the Blue Bear Theater, building D.

On Saturday at 10:30 a.m., a course entitled Drawing Your Inner Self-Portrait: Images Of The Higher Self will be offered for a fee of \$40. Access images of your innermost self and learn to translate them into beautiful illuminated drawings. The course will be held in building C.

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Do You Know

How many words are in the U.S. Constitution's preamble?

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Chapel News

By Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

Things here at the Post Chapel are beginning to gear up. Many new programs are beginning. This Saturday, the 26th, our Catholic community is sponsoring their annual Oktoberfest at the Log Cabin. Tickets may still be available. To reserve your seat for this evening of food, fun, and German music, phone the Post Chapel at 561-4239.

Next Thursday is our annual Halloween Carnival at the Religious Activities Center. Our Teen Fellowship Group is setting it up and running it for the younger children of the Presidio. This is an alternative to Trick or Treating on the streets of San Francisco. Remember that you can get your candy x-rayed at LAMC for free. During this week, Oct. 22 to 24, the Chapel staff is sponsoring a soldier's retreat to the top of Mt. Whitney. What an adventure. We hope and pray that Chaplain Renfrow and Chaplain Dolinger are as good navigators on land as they are for the spirit.

On the 9th of November our teen group will hold a scavenger hunt and pizza party. This promises to be a fun day for everybody. If a

teenager comes to your door that day and asks for the old lid to your cat food can, don't blink an eye. Any teenager who is interested in joining us is more than welcome. Phone the RAC and ask for Kathy Benjamin.

Sunday School and Catholic CCD is continuing at the RAC every Sunday morning.

The Protestant School begins at 9:30 for children ages 3 through adults. Catholic School begins at 11:00 and is for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Come by the RAC anytime to register, including Sunday mornings.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday 5 p.m. and every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday afternoon at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-4397.

The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 p.m. every Sunday at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday at the LAMC Chapel at 11 a.m.

We have other Bible Studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.



(This poem is by Spec. Victor A. Waters. Waters is stationed here at the Presidio.)

Untitled

What in hell do you want from me!?

I'm in great pain, so just let me be!

A light so bright it hurts my eyes

Stars in the sky are like nails in the night.

(High and clear voices)

"What have you done? Look at your life!

Get up and forget it, leave it all behind."

"Come on and stand up to something new, we are doing this all for you!"

OH - WHY?

(Deep and Rasping Voice Accompanies)

"Just let me die!"

I start to cry, "What's it all for?"

I look around, not happy with what I see.

It's a dirty little face screaming at me.

Deep down inside, behind all the fear is a desire.

Now I shed a tear.

"Somebody save me from what I am.

My mind is polluted with something I cannot stand!"

'Your mind is your own worst enemy,

it stabs you in the back where you cannot see.'

My fears grip me and hold me back from the light,

keeping me in the darkness, bound and tied.

STD

Deadly, bothersome and preventable

by Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

"STD" may sound like a gas tank additive, but it's actually medical shorthand for a serious U.S. health problem: sexually transmitted diseases. The Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control says almost 12 million new STD cases are reported annually.

STDs are spread primarily, though not exclusively, through sexual contact.

The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) linked to AIDS, which has infected an estimated 1.5 million Americans in the past 10 years, is today's best-known sexually transmitted disease, perhaps because it is incurable and fatal. But there are more than 25 other STDs.

"We've got new forms of traditional venereal diseases, new diseases with unknown cures and new concerns about cancer," said Col. Ernest Takafuji, disease-control consultant to the Army Surgeon General. "It may be time for the military to become even more aggressive in its approach to STD prevention education."

Education

The services provide education on STDs during basic training, at the service academies, before shore leaves or deployments to high-risk locations and in continuing unit education programs. Pregnant women and people treated for sexual diseases or substance abuse receive additional instruction.

Takafuji said most STD education emphasizes AIDS, syphilis, gonorrhea and hepatitis B. These are serious diseases, he said, but other STDs are more common and also deserve attention. They include chlamydia, herpes and genital

warts.

With four million new cases every year, chlamydia is the most common STD.

It is also one of the hardest to diagnose. The symptoms, burning during urination and discharge from the genitals, are similar to those of gonorrhea and other urinary-tract infections. Complications in women include infertility, dangerous tubal pregnancies and an increased risk of stillbirth or a newborn with eye, ear and lung infections.

Takafuji said physicians commonly prescribe antibiotics for patients whose symptoms could be caused by chlamydia.

Herpes

Genital herpes is also common: as many as 500,000 new cases a year. The American Social Health Association says some 40 million Americans have genital herpes and more than 50 million have oral herpes. The names are misleading, because both types of herpes virus can infect any part of the body. So, for instance, a person with an oral herpes cold sore can pass that strain to a partner's genitals by having oral sex.

Herpes is still incurable, but medication can relieve its symptoms and prevent relapses.

Herpes is not much more common than a nuisance and a cause of social discomfort for most adults. However, mothers can pass it on to infants during childbirth, causing terrible pain, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and often death. Therefore, many physicians recommend that women with herpes give birth by Caesarean section.

"If you've seen one baby with herpetic encephalitis, you never

want to see another. The disease can be devastating," Takafuji said.

Warts

Genital warts, caused by the human papilloma virus, affect an estimated three million people a year.

Genital warts are linked to certain cancers, including cervical and penile cancer. They can be easily treated if diagnosed early, reducing the cancer risk and preventing their spread to other people. Genital warts can be small and easy to miss, so it's important to let physicians know if you are sexually active.

Meanwhile, syphilis and gonorrhea are still around.

In fact, the incidence of syphilis is on the rise, with 100,000 new cases every year, say the Centers for Disease Control. Takafuji does not see syphilis as a large problem in the military and says military physicians are aggressive in testing patients for it and gonorrhea. However, health officials still stress that syphilis can cause blindness, heart disease, brain damage and death.

Gonorrhea affects about 1.4 million people every year. Reported cases of penicillin-curable gonorrhea are declining. However, a new penicillin-resistant strain is on the rise whose cure requires special antibiotics.

Early symptoms of gonorrhea include pain when urinating and genital mucus discharges; but many victims, especially women, notice no symptoms. Advanced symptoms include bleeding between menstrual periods, swollen joints, fever or pain the lower abdomen.

Untreated gonorrhea in women can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease. An infected woman can also pass the disease to an infant during

delivery, causing serious infection and possibly blindness.

According to Dr. Kay Stone of the Centers for Disease Control, men with gonorrhea generally have no lasting effects, but should seek treatment to avoid spreading it to their partners.

Precautions

"The risk of contracting any sexually transmitted disease, including HIV, can be reduced by having mutually faithful sex with one uninfected partner; using a condom during sexual intercourse; or not having sex," said Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Peterson, senior policy analyst for preventive medicine and health promotion in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

"It's important to know your partner well," Takafuji added. "Sexually transmitted diseases are not what young men and women think about when they go out on dates. But I wish there were a way to get people to realize that one night with an infected partner can ruin a person's whole life."

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by John W. McGarrah

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Veterans benefits briefings

courtesy of a VA News Release

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Veterans benefits briefings are available upon request to all active duty military units, and units of the National Guard and Reserves, according to the San Francisco VA Regional Office.

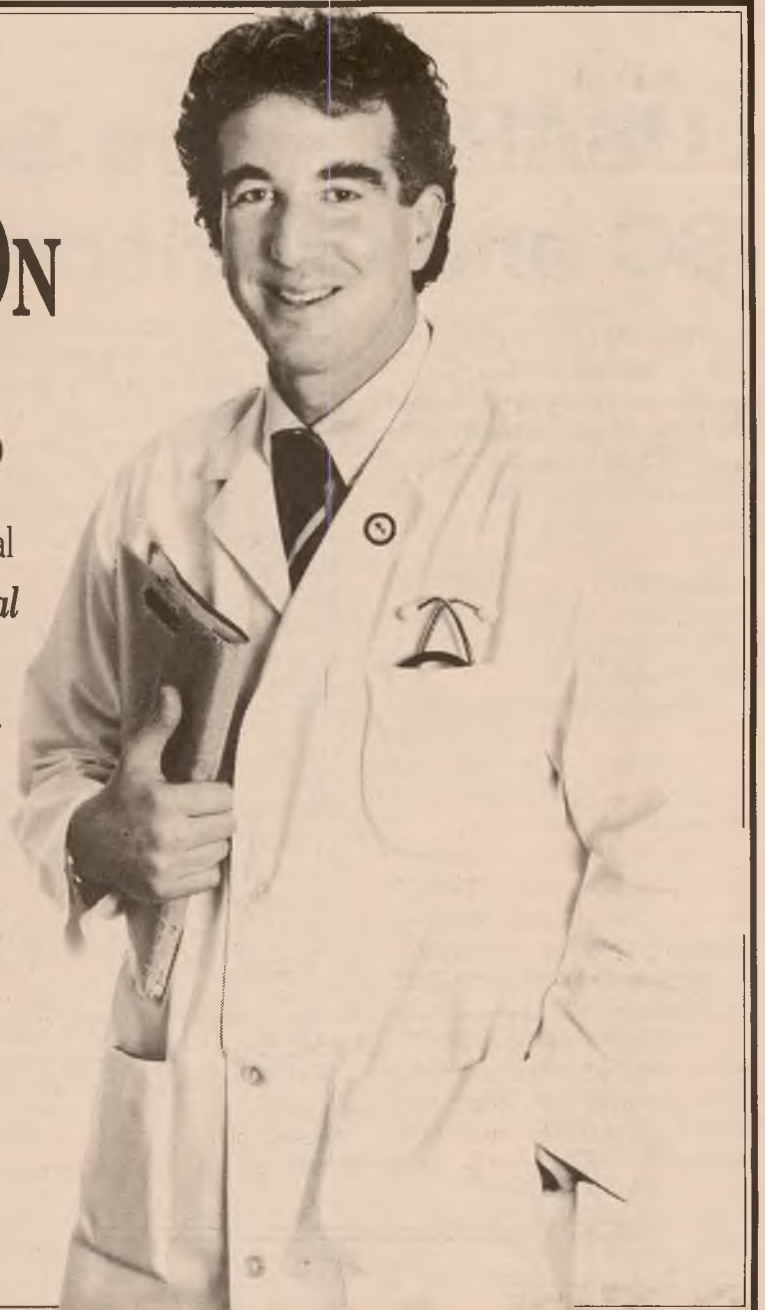
Many members of reserve components are now eligible for VA benefits for the first time as a result of being called to active duty in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. This new outreach briefing program supplements the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) which is sponsored jointly by the Departments of Labor, Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Military and Reserve Unit Commanders in Northern California, or their representatives, who wish to request a VA speaker, or have more information on the new briefings program or the TAP Program, should contact the San Francisco VA Regional Office's Military Services Coordinators, Guy Alberigo or Jim Bonner at (415) 744-6497/6498.

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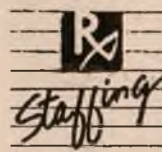
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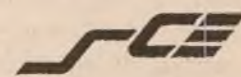
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LUSAH smears 864th; ISC and Garrison win

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

"We creamed them," said Michelle Stoehr, referring to the LUSAH Dawgs humiliating 42-0 drubbing of 864th on the opening night of the PSF Intramural Football League.

This was the second game of the night, coming after USAG's 32-0 victory over LAIR to start the season off.

"We've got a really good team," Stoehr said. She said LUSAH has a lot of new players and expects to dominate the league.

New players have pumped life into a couple of teams in the seven-team league, while another team has returned to active play after lying dormant for a couple of years.

That dormant team is none other than ISC, which hasn't fielded a football team in a couple of seasons. However, that didn't stop them from bumping off LEC, 24-21.

ISC was leading early in the game 18-6, but LEC scored three straight touchdowns to take a 21-18 lead late in the game. But ISC, which only has eight players on its roster, was undaunted.

On its last possession, with 40 seconds left, quarterback Tim Jansen lofted a mortar from ISC's 20 yard line that

landed in the hands of James Cole at LEC's three yard line. Later, after three scoring attempts, Lee Box caught Jansen's pass in the left corner and ISC took the lead, 24-21.

"We drove to the goal line and tossed it in," Box said.

ISC held on to win when, with time running out, LEC threw up a Hail Mary pass on its last possession that was picked off in the end zone by ISC's Franklin Riles time expired.

"Our receiver slipped and some little guy came up with the ball," explained LEC's Clyde Reese. Riles scored two touchdowns for ISC.

Box said ISC would probably be considered the underdog since it hadn't fielded a team in a while. But he added that his squad expects to finish at or near the top despite its small number. And, they've already picked out a rival.

"LUSAH is the team we're looking forward to playing. That's going to be a big one," Box said.

Neither ISC nor LEC was able to convert its extra-point attempts all night, and maybe that's as it should be. After all, its flag football—why waste time with extra-point pass plays? Make each TD count for six or seven and go from there.

USAG shut out LAIR 32-0 in the season opener.

"They ran away with it this time," said LAIR's Tyrone Mercer. "They kind of caught us off guard. We have pretty much an all new team. But we'll see them again."

Each team will play all of the others twice in the intramural league.

Jared Hopkins caught a deflection for a touchdown, and Cornelius Humphrey caught two TD passes. Murphy Paschall ran in another touchdown from the 11 yard line for USAG.

USAG's Richard Nunemaker said that the team's closest competition this year may well be LUSAH, the team that gave them a run for the money last season.

"LUSAH has a lot of speed," Nunemaker said. "Their speed should allow them to match up well against us, though I know we can still beat them. They gave us the most trouble last year."

The defending champions did show that they have the ability to keep the pressure on throughout the game, however. USAG scored two touchdowns within the final two minutes of the game.

Scores

USAG 32, LAIR 0; LUSAH 42, 864TH 0; ISC 24, LEC 21.

Tonight's games

LAIR vs. ISC; OARB vs. LEC; USAG vs. LUSAH.



Reno Fun League

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Week 4

Barbara Bagley lead all women and Art Burford lead the men with 235 and 233 scratch points respectively to help their team, "Take A Chance", retain its first place lead in the Reno League.

Paymasters' Regina Hollins was ranked second among women and rolled a 213 game, and The Slots' Valarie Dunn bowled 200. The 200-game scorers for the men included Fremont Wood of the second place Nuggets with 228 and Don Choy of Take A Chance with 213.

Positions reversed for the handicapped games.

For the women, Bagley was ranked first with 235, Dunn second with 228 and Hollins third with 227. For the men's handicap scores, Wood rolled 255, Choy bowled 239 and Burford scored 233.

Week 4

Brian Kitching has maintained a three-game lead over Barbara Bagley by bowling an 856 series and a high game of 246 to extend his record to 20-5 and become the star of the week. Bagley, who rolled an 842 series, has a 17-8 record going into week five.

The highest series score for the week however belonged to Ray Palomarez, who rolled 891, with a high game of 247. In all, eight keggers bowled series scores between 811 and 891.

Hui O Hawaii League

Week 5

"Gaspar's Darby" has bounced past "High Rollers" to take a half point lead in the Hui O league, thanks in large part to Mel Washington's 247, Linda Laws' 214 and Betty Larkins' 196 games. Washington lead all men keggers and Laws and Larkins were ranked one and three respectively among the top three women bowlers.

Second ranked Lillian Hong bowled a 211 game for the Rollers. GD has a 17-3 record; High Rollers is 16.5-3.5.

For total games played in a match, Laws lead the women with a 586 series, and Marie Refuerzo of "Up Your Alley" rolled a 526 series to become one of the week's stars. Washington rolled a series high 655 to lead the men.

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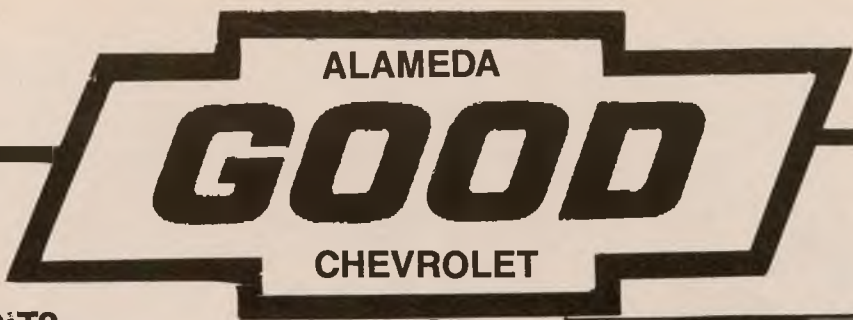
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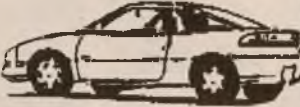
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New shuttle service

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Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

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The tournament is open to soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members 19 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco. Golfers will compete in either the Senior (40 years and older), Open (39 years and younger), Callaway and Women's divisions. The Callaway Division is for golfers who do not have an established handicap at the PAGC. All women golfers will compete in the Women's Division.

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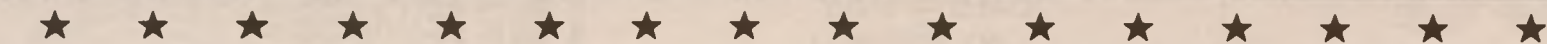
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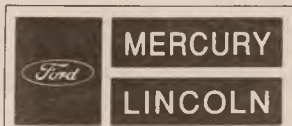
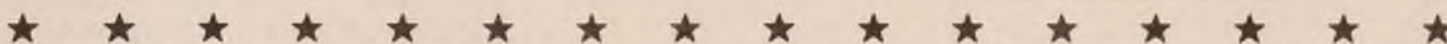
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News Briefs

Oakland fire help available

Veterans and family members affected by the fire in the Berkeley and Oakland hills are encouraged to call the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in San Francisco. The toll-free number for the Regional Office is **1-800-827-0641**. VA counselors will be available to discuss benefits and services, and any possible assistance which the VA may provide.

VA has established an Eastbay Firestorm Hotline **(415) 744-7733** to assist veterans who are fire victims and who have VA guaranteed loans. VA has already contacted mortgage lenders and have asked their cooperation in assisting veterans with fire-related problems. Veterans are also urged to contact their lender as soon as possible if they are unable to make monthly payments as a result of the fire.

VA can also provide assistance in changing addresses for compensation, education and pension payments, in applying for VA pensions, insurance settlements, death benefits and adjustments to VA-guaranteed home loan mortgages.

In addition, the Director of the VA Regional Office, Leo Wurschmidt, indicated that Regional Office personnel will be at the Red Cross disaster centers in Oakland and Berkeley to provide information and assistance to veterans and their families.



File that CHAMPUS claim now

If you received (or provided) civilian care under CHAMPUS in 1990 and still haven't filed a claim for CHAMPUS cost-sharing of the medical bills, now is the time. All claims for 1990 civilian health care must be in the hands of the proper CHAMPUS claims processor by the end of 1991.

If you wait until December 1991 to file for civilian care that occurred in 1990, you're risking denial of the claim because it was filed too late. If something is missing on the claim, it may be returned to you. Under certain circumstances, there might be no record you filed the claim in a timely manner and by the time you resubmit it, the filing deadline may have passed.

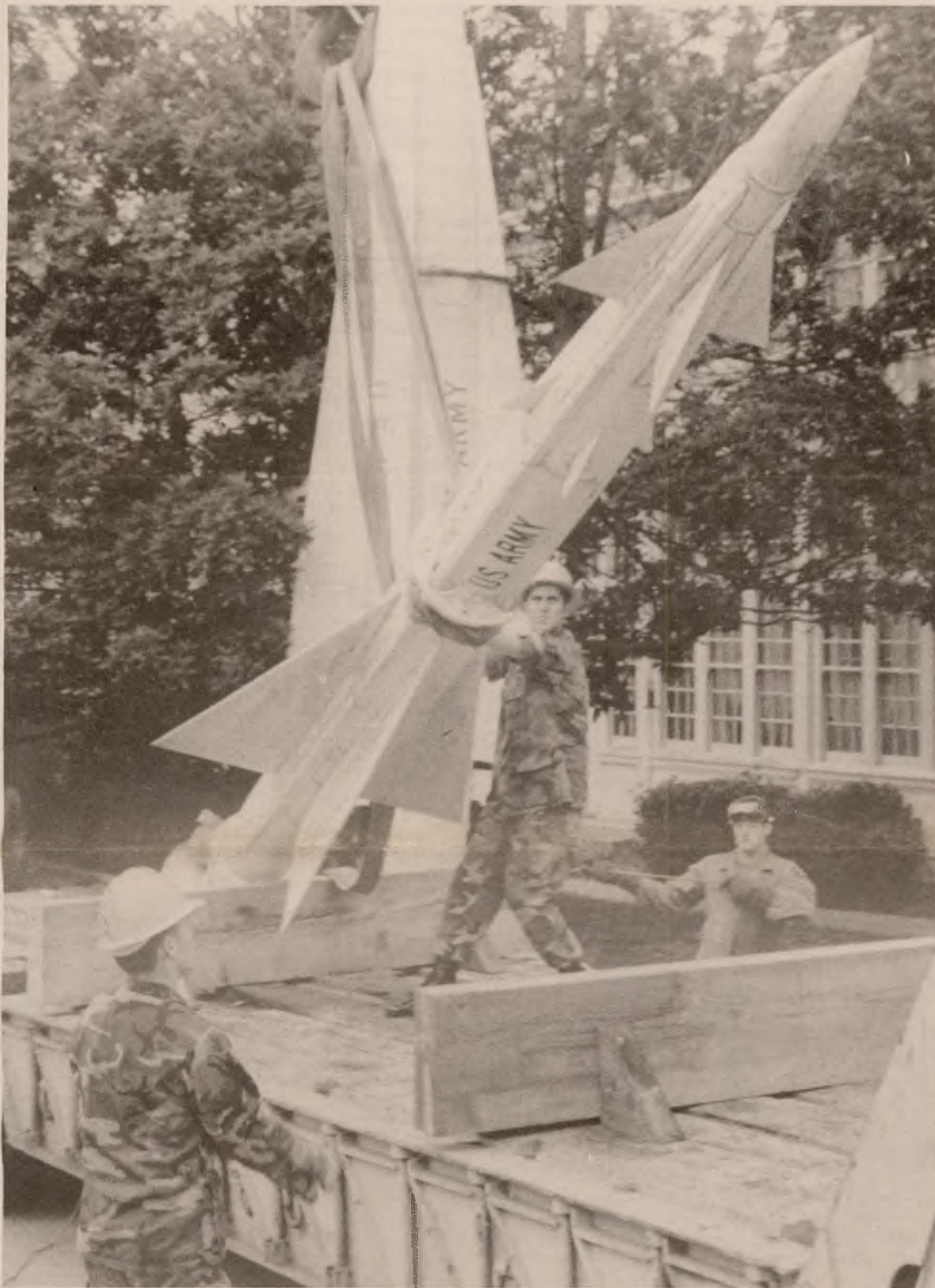
Active-duty cost-share changes

Effective Oct. 1, 1991, the daily amount active-duty families pay for inpatient care in civilian hospitals under CHAMPUS increased from \$8.55 to \$8.95.

This means that an active-duty family member who is admitted to a civilian hospital for care under CHAMPUS will pay the daily rate of \$8.95 times the number of days spent in the hospital or a flat fee of \$25, whichever figure is greater.

This rate doesn't apply to any other categories of CHAMPUS-eligible patients. Their inpatient care will, in most cases, be cost-shared under CHAMPUS' diagnosis-related group (DRG) payment system.

Compiled by Greg Dejean, Star Presidian editor



Spec. James Croxton, Spec. James Anderson and Sgt. Todd David lift the Ajax missile from a 920 trailer at Fort Barry.

Historic display

Missiles moved to battery

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion, soldiers moved the Army Nike Hercules missile and the Nike Ajax missile from the Presidio museum to the only remaining battery site at Fort Barry.

The missiles were moved Oct. 21 after being displayed behind the Presidio museum for 17 years.

At Fort Barry the missiles will be displayed in a battery that has been restored to an operable condition.

Other missiles should follow, according to (Ret) Col. Bud Halsey. Halsey is in charge of the restoring of the battery. Missiles at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, should be transferred early next year.

The Hercules was one of the the primary missiles of the United States until 1988, when it was replaced by the Patriot missile.

The Hercules was considered the key defender of

American cities. A versatile air defense system designed to provide very high altitude capability, it complemented the defense against air attack.

The Hercules could travel at 3500 miles per hour and take out 30 aircraft at a time.

The Hercules system used guidance techniques successful in hunting down and destroying the attacker. Its radar eye ignores stationary objects, but speeds instantly toward a threatening moving aerial target. The missile is known for its outstanding ability to seek out and destroy invaders.

It was used in mobile field use to employ these advanced radars. Its extreme mobility and simplicity made it the most versatile surface to air missile of its time. Units of the system, including launcher, loader and missiles can be quickly airlifted. It can be transported on highways, using minimum vehicles, by helicopters and aircraft.

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News

LUSAH conducts disaster scenario
First exercise since reverting to general hospital

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

An earthquake will rock the Presidio and surrounding area Nov. 16 at 4:30 a.m. that will make medical and emergency treatment teams test their disaster response skills.

Actually, this is a drill. Hopefully, we won't have to go through you-know-what again.

This drill, the Advanced External Disaster Exercise, is the annual exercise conducted by Letterman U.S. Army Hospital to test the Presidio's responsiveness to disasters.

This drill is more commonly known to Presidians who've been here awhile as the Mass Casualty Exercise. The exercise includes soldiers from Presidio units who play the role of casualties and are made up to resemble people who have suffered a variety of injuries.

Soldiers from the hospital provide the moulage, the fake injuries that resemble everything from broken bones to open head wounds. The so-called injuries look quite realistic.

The exercise is scheduled to begin at 4:30 a.m. and conclude at 9:30 a.m., with a critique at 10 a.m.

However, the AED exercise will be extensive and will provide a number of things to critique. The

scenario will begin with the early-morning earthquake, after which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will notify Sixth U.S. Army to begin using its Military Assistance to Civilian Authority plan.

Meanwhile, LUSAH will be picking up casualties and setting up minimal treatment, emergency room and triage sites.

Triage is the term used for the process of sorting casualties to determine the appropriate place of medical treatment.

While all of this is going on the soldiers playing the role of casualties will be receiving moulage treatments in Harmon Hall, building 649, and then will be evacuated to LUSAH and regulated through the emergency medical system.

Letterman will use up to 30 soldiers acting as casualties. The hospital's emphasis will be to support the community to the best of its ability, according to Bob Doney, of LUSAH Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Doney said LUSAH won't use any outside agencies to help carry out this exercise. Outside agencies will be incorporated in the next exercise in April, when Letterman practices its mass evacuation exercise. The evacuation exercises are scheduled to take place

each spring, and are usually all day affairs.

The AED exercise will give LUSAH the chance to practice its ability to resuscitate and stabilize casualties during extreme emergencies. However, the hospital staff will now have to find out how well it can perform with fewer available personnel.

Budget cutting and downsizing have had an effect on the number of available staff members and technicians at LUSAH who are available to take part in this exercise, or a real emergency for that matter.

Doney said LUSAH has developed a revised emergency preparedness plan that will allow the hospital, with fewer employees, to adequately be able to resuscitate, stabilize and evacuate casualties to other facilities.

At one time, the hospital could activate 16 triage lines. Now there are only two. The revised plan will help LUSAH determine the best way to provide critical emergency service to large numbers of people without overtaxing its limited staff.

So when the quake hits on Nov. 16, it won't be anything that should cause alarm for Presidians. It will just be LUSAH practicing one of its functions, and that's providing rapid, emergency care to the community.

Don't be alarmed—it's only a drill.

New LES, NPA show more pay information

by Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian staff

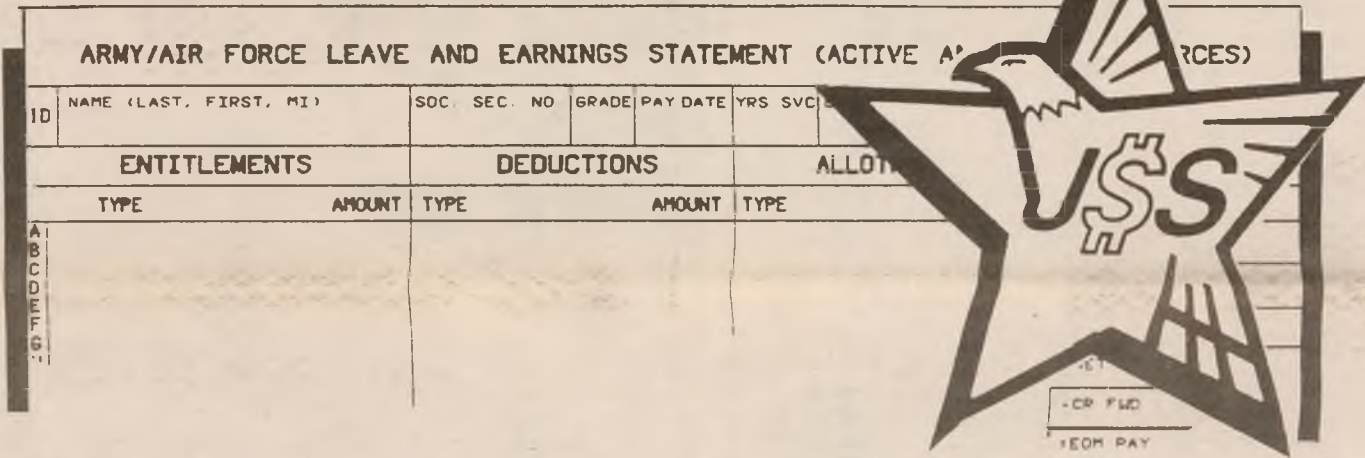
Soldiers will discover changes on their new Leave and Earnings Statement that give better reflections about their pay.

Also, soldiers will get a monthly Net Pay Advice form that will contain all remarks that do not affect pay.

The NPA statement will be given to all Active Duty soldiers. Those who have elected the mid-month pay option will receive mid-month pay information on this form, while those who have not selected the mid-month option will receive only administrative remarks.

Sgt. First Class Kenneth Ssumuel, NCOIC Pay and Examination Branch, Presidio Finance and Accounting Office, said those soldiers who have the mid-month option and receive their checks through direct deposit will get a mid-month NPA that will reflect the dollar amount of the mid-month payment.

The new LES/NPA program is the result of the Army's adoption of the



Joint Uniform Military Pay System/Joint Service Software.

The pay system was started as a joint effort between the Army and Air Force in 1988 to use common computer software to pay soldiers and airmen. The Army began modifying its unique software to interface with other Army software systems.

An extensive study was performed to

decide which pay system was more efficient and it was determined that the system used by the Air Force provided its members with better service in a timely fashion. The JSS system will provide those same benefits to the Army.

Among the benefits the Army expects are reduced operation and maintenance costs, as well as standardized procedures for processing soldiers' pay.

The JSS system is faster, makes it easier for soldiers to inquire about pay problems and provides a shorter waiting period for pay changes to begin, according to Capt. Tony Gongora, chief, Pay and Examination Branch, Presidio Finance and Accounting Office.

Plus, the JSS system updates its information nightly, and eventually will have the ability to retain 24 months of pay history in its memory.

Presidio Army Museum: Preservation of a proud tradition

by Ed Green, Museum technician

In 1776, Spain's military forces arrived in the Bay Area as both soldiers and settlers. They would establish a "presidio," or fortified place, as their outpost of an empire. For nearly five decades they held this region for the Spanish king. In 1822, the flag of Mexico replaced Spain's ensign. The Mexican garrison remained in control until 1846 when the Stars and Stripes first flew over today's San Francisco, then a sleepy little pueblo by the name of Yerba Buena (which means good herb).

Occupation of the Presidio by U.S. troops soon fol-

lowed. After some 120 years of service, they have taken part in every major conflict since the Civil War, particularly in the California Gold Rush. They provided relief during the 1906 earthquake and fire, as well as acting in other important parts of Bay Area history.

Because of the close link between the military and San Francisco's past, the U.S. Army established a museum in 1973 to preserve the colorful history of those men and women who have guarded the Golden Gate for more than 200 years.

Housed in a stately 1863 structure which originally

served as the post hospital, the Museum displays dioramas, illustrations, models and original artifacts related to many aspects of local life as it existed in times gone by. Experience San Francisco's historic Presidio by visiting the museum. Admission is free and so is the ample parking. Group, bus and walking tours of the Presidio are available by advance request.

The museum is opened to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and welcomes individuals and families. For more information, call 561-4115.

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Ask Presidians

by John W. McGarrah
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"In the aftermath of the recent mass killing in Texas, how do you feel about the enactment of a national gun control law?"



Rosario Bernhardt, family member. "I was against it at first, but now I think I'm for it. I've changed my mind on it. If there had been tougher laws this wouldn't have happened."



Staff Sgt. Beverly Nisonger, 347th General Hospital, Sunnyvale. "There shouldn't be tougher controls on guns. The type of people who commit these crimes will always be able to get weapons one way or the other. Tougher laws won't change a thing."



Staff Sgt. Philip Ranney, Piano/clarinet/sax player for the 6th Army Band. "I think that there should be one. More lives would be saved if laws were tighter. It's always the few that the rest of us end up paying the price for. They ruin it for the rest of us. If we can save one life though, we've accomplished something. We would be better off with more control."



SFC Patricia A. Houston, Military Entrance Processing Command, Presidio of San Francisco. "There should be laws and tighter controls. A waiting period would be a good idea."



Lynn Johnson, Sound Center Sales Associate, Main Post Exchange. "I'm for it. Weapons are available to too many people. There's too many crazy people out there and guns are too accessible to those people who shouldn't have them."

Photos by John W. McGarrah

Students visit Presidio, learn about nation's flag

Students from Sanchez school visited the Presidio and received personal instructions about honoring the nation's flag from none other than the post's Ceremonial Platoon.

Twenty-seven 3rd-graders from Sanchez school took a field trip to the Presidio on Oct. 12, and one of their stops was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations' Conference Room. There, members of the Ceremonial Platoon showed the students the proper way to display and fold the flag, and answered questions about the military lifestyle and the Army uniform.

Capt. John Doumoulin, special projects officer, hosted the students and their teacher, Ester Sichel. Sichel said her students were studying the Constitution and wanted to know more about the flag.

Sgt. First Class Christopher Kenally, Sgt. Michael Carpenter and Spec. Bruce Carey explained the proper wear of the uniform, the different types of uniforms worn in the Army and the types of medals worn on the uniform.

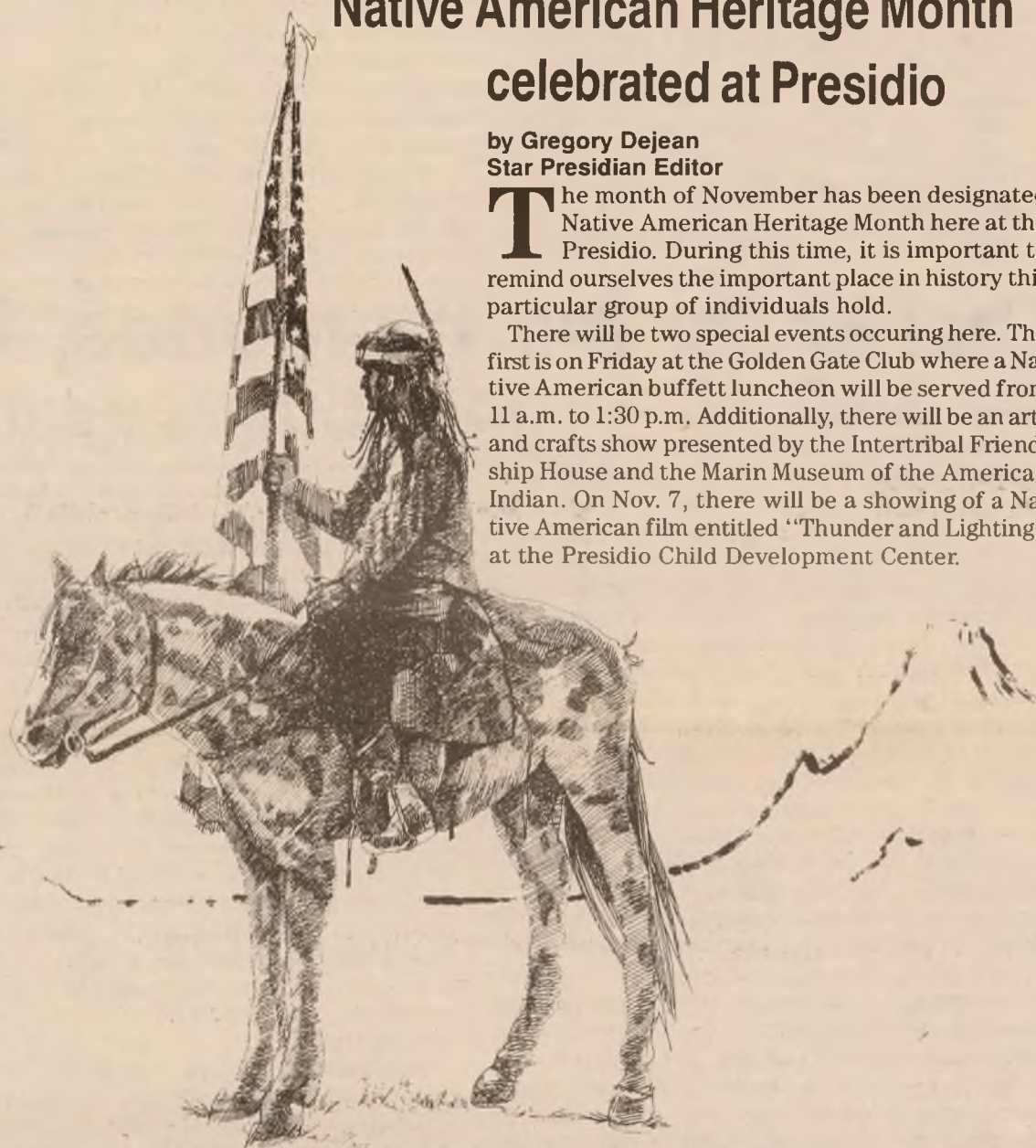
Kenally showed a special rapport with the children, keeping them in stitches with his answers.

Native American Heritage Month celebrated at Presidio

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian Editor

The month of November has been designated Native American Heritage Month here at the Presidio. During this time, it is important to remind ourselves the important place in history this particular group of individuals hold.

There will be two special events occurring here. The first is on Friday at the Golden Gate Club where a Native American buffet luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additionally, there will be an arts and crafts show presented by the Intertribal Friendship House and the Marin Museum of the American Indian. On Nov. 7, there will be a showing of a Native American film entitled "Thunder and Lightning" at the Presidio Child Development Center.



Bronze Eagle award

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Taylor (front row, l-r), Robert Gascon, David McCorry, Dennis Peterson; (back row) Richard Young, Maj. Vicki Bowman, Timothy Zinn, Robert DeSantis, and Lt. Col. Clyde Tull all gave from the heart, becoming Bronze Eagle winners in this year's Combined Federal Campaign. Eagle awardees unable to appear in the photo include Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, Lt. Col. Walt Coulter, Maj. Teresa Corbin, John Anderson, Franklin D. Merritt and Wallace Vollendorf.

Features

DEH conducts hazardous waste turn-in

from the Directorate of Engineering and Housing
The Directorate of Engineering and Housing will conduct a hazardous waste turn-in from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Nov. 6 for Presidio residents. Hazardous wastes can be taken to the DEH front gate for turn-in during that time. Staff members of the Environmental Office will be available to answer questions, provide guidance and receive hazardous wastes.

Hazardous waste for turn-in should be delivered in the original container, free of leaks and with the lid or cap and original label intact. If the original label is not available, then a makeshift label should be used to identify the contents of containers.

Hazardous wastes are waste that are ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic. Some common examples of hazardous wastes are used oils, car batteries, bleaches and paints. Excess or unused hazardous materials become hazardous wastes when discarded. Empty containers are not considered to be hazardous wastes.

Hazardous materials should be purchased only in

usable quantities and should be used up entirely whenever possible. If that is not possible, read the container label for instructions on disposing of the excess.

Taken from the Hazardous Waste Wheel produced by The Environmental Hazards Management Institute, 10 Newmarket Road, P.O. Box 932, Durham, NH 03824.

TOXIC—May cause injury or death upon ingestion, absorption or inhalation.

FLAMMABLE—Can be ignited under almost all temperature conditions.

CORROSIVE—A chemical, or its vapors, that can cause destruction or irreversible alteration in body tissues at the site of contact.

S—Do not dispose of these substances. These wastes should be safely stored until a hazardous waste program is organized in your community. Fully spent currently-available pesticide containers may, however, be triple rinsed and the rinsewater reused according to the instruction on the label.

1—Waste can be disposed of at wastewater treat-

ment plants where certain bacteria can detoxify the chemical. Do not pour on the ground.

R—Recycle. Bring to a service station, reclamation center or household hazardous waste collection. Partially used useful products (e.g. paints) may be exchanged. Or safely store until a hazardous waste program is organized in your community.

2—Keep in tightly closed jar and allow contaminants to settle out. Strain the thinner through a fine mesh sieve; re-use the liquid. The concentrated contaminants should be stored and taken to a collection day.

3—Air dry latex paints and discard container in the trash.

drum—Fully use these products so that no waste remains except residuals attached to the container. Containers should be rinsed with water. The container may then be disposed at the municipal landfill while the rinsewater may be either reused, or poured down the drain with great quantities of water.

Thanks for the memories, Presidio

by James L. Ballance

Managing Editor's comments: Jim Ballance is both a long-time friend of the Army and member of the Sixth U.S. Army Civilian Advisory Council. He is also an artist of note who volunteered significant time and much of the artwork for the Army Days celebrations in the past, a historian with the keenest of memories and observations, and a prolific and published writer. Jim recently sent me a manuscript with the title: "Enclosed find manuscript - of what, I do not as yet know - which I spent a good deal of the month of September writing. What I'll eventually do with it I really don't know. However, you have first crack at it or any part of it, from a squib to a squab. It is strictly noncontroversial. [The manuscript] might interest you [for Star Presidian publication]. I promise to credit, i.e., 'first published in part...' etc., whatever I do. In any case, it is a copy. Keep it for files or something." I found Jim's manuscript delightful and historically interesting - from his accounts of the Presidio and its soldiers and the Army's past, and his tales of growing up in a rural San Francisco now long gone with cows and goats and pastures and dirt pathways running from Lombard street outside the Presidio gates to downtown - perspectives, I believe, well worth sharing with you as a multi-part feature in the Star Presidian. It will give you much pleasure, I am sure, and will also provide a broader perspective of this unique installation on which we, and the Army, are in our last days of tenancy. I hope you enjoy the piece.

—K.M. Petrack, Managing Editor

PART I

If you're off to . . . in the morning,
 You musn't take my story for a guide.
 There is little left, indeed,
 of the city you will read of,
 And all the folk I write about have died.

—Kipling

We moved to old 7 Knox Street at the very top of a hill on the southern outskirts of the city in late 1925. The cash outlay was significant for those days and the last of the twenty- and fifty ruble gold pieces which Grandma Andronova gave my mother, neatly wrapped in a large silken handkerchief, when she left Siberia forever as the seventeen-year-old bride of an American soldier in 1920, was gone. The family already included three children and another was soon due.

The house, constructed in 1906 by a rather wealthy old gentleman as a retreat from the downtown confusion resulting from the great earthquake and fire, was listed for \$595. My mother secured it for \$550, paying fifty dollars down and contracting monthly payments of fifteen dollars. But she was worried: the average monthly salary ran from fifty-five to sixty dollars. Her hidden reserve was exhausted. Then the unthinkable occurred. The economy underwent one of those mild recessions which followed WW I, there

was a reduction in force at the Presidio, and my dad was laid off in mid-1926 as a comparatively recent hire.

I used to watch him as he pursued the hunt for a job, any job, walking over the hill path bound for downtown and past the grazing cows and goats, clad in his black Burberry overcoat, black Disney beaver fedora, and navy blue striped suit which had been custom tailored for him a Selix Brother (he never again approached this initial civilian sartorial elegance in which he had indulged after many years in the Army). His shoulders seemed to grow slimmer as the days passed. I heard him tell my mother that employers always seemed to favor native sons of California and Dad was native of Manhattan. He received promises, but when he called upon those establishments in the week following, found no job and the promises still in force. In time he began to stay home and plant vegetables on certain days. My brother Leonard was born in September. My father grew desperate. He had four children and no source of income. He wished he'd never left the Army. He had no job, no prospect, no unemployment insurance, nothing.

On Thanksgiving eve a large box, containing numerous gifts and a fruit cake, arrived from Aunt Elizabeth in New York. My father looked mildly disappointed. He donned his red sweater and walked to the far reaches of the yard and began to work among the vegetables. The day waned. The sky began to darken. About 4 p.m. I heard the grinding rumble of a big truck coming up the grade and hastened outside to watch it pass. An Army truck ponderously lumbered around the bend of the dirt road the wrong way and pulled up in front of our house, with me bring up the rear. The boxes were filled with food, a ham, a roast turkey, mince pies, pumpkin pies, canned goods, six loaves of bread from the commissary bake shop, nuts, candy, and everything necessary for an enjoyable (and filling) holiday. My mother wiped her tears. My father bowed his head, embraced Rowell, softly punched the other soldier on the arm. He called him Baldy. I never knew why: Baldy had a full head of hair and was occasionally giggled at inspections for lack of a haircut. Rowell produced a bottle of yellow liquid and poured a wee bit for each adult, placed the bottle back in his overcoat pocket, then left to visit other vets of the Intervention resident on the hillside and suffering similar circumstances. First he tucked a folded envelope in my father's shirt pocket.

In early December Rowell visited again, roaring up in the sidecar of an Army motorcycle, scattering pebbles in all directions as the bike skidded to a halt. We had no phone because there was no convenient phone line to tap into, so he had to come to us. On this occasion his spare dark features wore a big grin. My father was to report to work at the Presidio on the following Monday. My mother was radiant. She and Rowell chatted in Russian for a few minutes (most soldiers had learned some Russian in Siberia) as a matter of form, while his driver, a rather large man, peered out the window at the cityscape visi-

ble from the hill, all the while slapping his gloves against his breeches.

Rowell in time was promoted to master sergeant (a first sergeant was only a five-striper until 1941), then named sergeant major, Engineering Department, U.S. Quartermaster Corps, Presidio of San Francisco. Sergeant major was a job title then and not a rank. It was rarely conferred permanently. One Saturday—I had entered the Army the day before and was waiting at home before entraining for March Field on the SP Lark that evening—Rob Rowell phoned. "Jimmy," he said, "congratulations on becoming one of us. You need anything, you know how to get hold of me. If things get rough, write me; don't write your mother." He then spoke in encouragement for several minutes before signing off. His call meant a lot to me. Sergeant Major Rowell was a most unforgettable character in my young life and remains so today. There was a wealth of memorable characters, there was the Army, there was the Presidio. Things would never change. The Army would always occupy this magnificent wooded promontory, once so coveted by Great Britain, by France, by the United States of America.

Today the Army is an anachronism in San Francisco and its sun is already descending in the West. One anticipates the coming twilight, the reluctant relinquishment of day, the gradual envelopment of darkness. Soon the Army will be gone. But I know that when I take that evening stroll in nearby Cow Hollow, as I am wont to do upon occasion, I will always hear a bugler sounding Taps at the appointed hour, however muffling the fog, however faint the notes of that immemorial call, that "drawn-out haunting call," to cite Bruce Catton, "That puts the lights out for soldiers and that hangs in the still air over their graves at military funerals. . ."

All who have served in the United States Army, all who serve today, all who serve in the future, will at some point in their lives realize that they concurrently served in two armies, the topical or official Army—that of the Presidential administration in force at the moment and that of Congress—and the institutional Army, the Army of their fathers and forefathers, the Army of their youth and memories, the Army that will never die, no matter how aged, how ailing, how buffeted by fate and the sudden gusts of change, nor how assailed by its enemies. The institutional Army is possessed of both heart and soul as well as a sense of humor. It has been known to ignore the book when expeditious to do so. It is reliant and resilient. No matter how seriously wounded, it always recovers. It is the Army that beckons as all soldiers grow older. It is the Army that opens its ranks to receive them in perpetuity when they fade away. It is the Army that will remain at the Presidio until the waters cease to flow through the Golden Gate.

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Features

Missiles continued from page 1

Sites for the missile were set up in the Bay Area in 1958. There were 11 sites. Fort Barry is now the only site remaining.

The moving of the missiles was part of the downsizing of the Presidio. When the Park Service takes over the Presidio, forts Barry and Baker, the missiles will be displayed at the site for tourists.

Two 920 trucks were used by the engineers to move the missiles. One was driven by Sgt. Todd David and the other by Spec. James Croxton. Spec. Juan Huezos served as David's shotgun.

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing provided a crane and a crane operator to assist in the move.

The bolts connecting the display stand for the Ajax missile and the Hercules missile to the cement had to be welded by Sgt. Alan Laflamme so the missiles could be removed.

Research on the Hercules began in June, 1954 by Army Industry Team including the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps and Raytheon Manufacturing

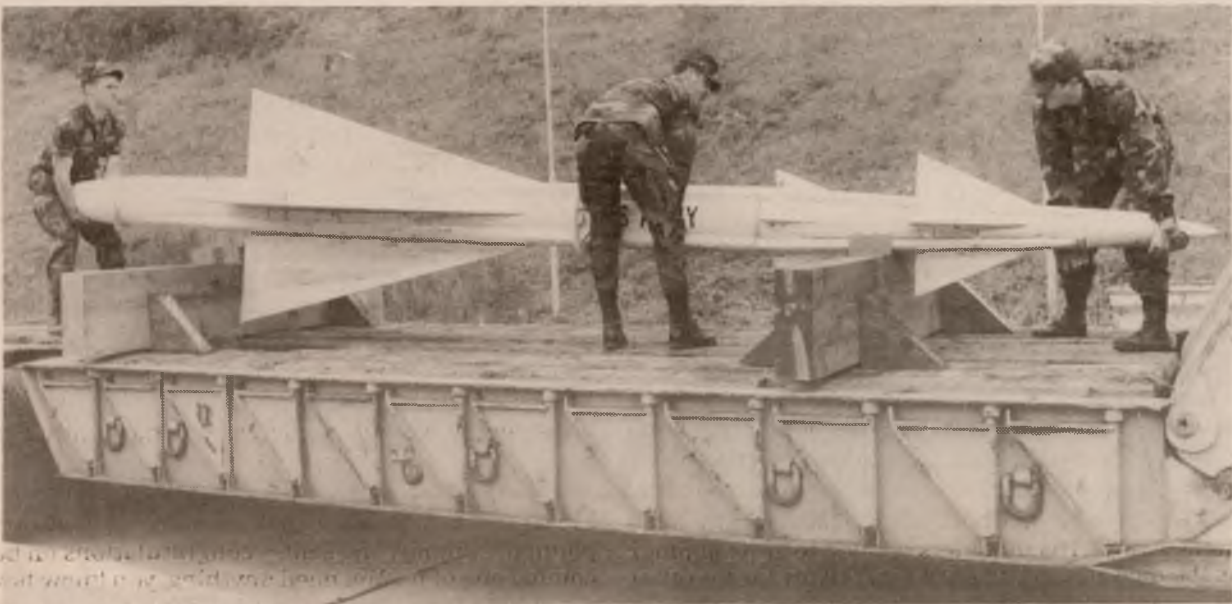
Company.

After the missile reached Fort Barry, soldiers carried the Ajax onto the elevator which took them underground. The Ajax was set up in an underground reverment, known as the "Pit," to be restored by volunteers who are providing government service.

The "Pit" is an underground battery to store missiles. The "Pit" has been restored and the elevator and launching units are operable. Up to four Hercules missiles could be put on a launching unit at one time. The process of firing the missiles was swift and safe.

At Fort Barry the controlled trailer was underground. The person with the keys to operate the launcher would be the last person outside to ensure the safety of others.

Safety was the primary consideration in the establishment of the Hercules site. The troops who manned the Hercules installations were highly skilled and qualified men. A high percentage of them were electronic specialists who received 10 months of training at the U.S. Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Sgt. Todd David hooks ropes to the crane before loading the Ajax missile onto the trailer.



Sgt. Todd David balances the Ajax missile while Spec. James Croxton and Sgt. Alan Laflamme pull ropes attached to the missile to ensure it is centered on the blocks.

From the Past

by William Courtenay

On May 27, the Russians are going to hand control of Berlin over to the East German Communist government and thereby hangs a tale.

For when in 1945 at the Potsdam Conference after the war, [where] Stalin met with Prime Minister Attlee and President Truman, it was there agreed that Germany, although to be divided into four zones of Occupation, should be reknit as an economic whole and nursed to health as a democratic country and brought back into the family of nations.

The four zones were divided between America, Britain, Russia and France. Our zones were north, west and south of Germany from the Baltic to the Swiss frontier. Russia's zone was in East Germany—naturally as it lay near the Polish and Russian frontiers. A glance at the map shows that Berlin is a little "island" in the center of the Russian zone. Thus, if America, Britain and France wish to send supplies for 200 to 300 miles from their zones of Germany to Berlin, where each has a sector, they have to move them through the Russian zone.

All this would have worked quite well had Russia played the game honorably by her allies and to Germany. We divided Germany so we could disarm her and then reorganize her for peace. But Russia from the beginning began to try to squeeze us all out of Berlin; she dropped an Iron Curtain in front of East Germany and cut it off from West Germany. She plundered East Germany of all machinery and fac-

tories and imposed reparations and looted 12 billion dollars worth this way, thus leaving East Germany like a desert.

Today, it is shabby and poor contrasted with prosperous West Germany under freedom and democracy. And Russia clamped Communism on the people of East Germany; denied them all freedom of opinion; of parties and of speech, etc. No wonder three million Germans fled from East to West Germany and the great exodus continues. No one ever fled the other way to live under the Russians.

Thus, by June 1948, Russia had gradually stopped all trade between East and West Germany and on June 24 of that year by a flimsy excuse that bridges required repair, she stopped all traffic on the roads and rails from our zones of Germany into our sectors of Berlin.

She plotted to starve the 2,500,000 Germans in our sectors of the city into looking to Russia for their rations and into accepting Communism as the price for their bread. So the United States Air Force and Royal Air Force took up the challenge and commenced the "Berlin Airlift". Never before had an attempt been made to feed a people in a city entirely by air. The airlift lasted 327 days and nearly 400 planes took part. They carried food, coal, machinery, medical supplies, etc. from our zones for 300 miles down the air corridors to Berlin.

There were three of these corridors, each 20 miles wide across the Russian zone of Germany, and we

had the right, which Russia dare not dispute, to use them. She had no excuses for cutting their air flow unless she was willing to risk shooting the planes down.

The airlift built up to over 1,000 landings a day in Berlin with ten thousand tons of supplies daily. Over 300,000 flights were made and over two and a half million tons carried. The Russians were licked and knew it by the spring of 1949. They came crawling to us asking us to call it off and, in return, they reopened the road and rail bridges!

Today, as May 27 draws near, we face another crisis. The Russians are determined to make us all recognize the East German Communist Government. We are all equally determined we won't. To do so would be a great triumph for Russia and would be proclaiming to the world there are permanently two Germanies and no hope of reunification of all Germany except on Russia's terms—which means under communism, not democracy.

This is the new challenge which can only be successfully met if we all stand solidly with the West German government and resist all pressures and refuse to be kicked around. Even if this meant war, we must face it and not flinch or fail before this challenge.

In this unity, we shall find the Russians will again crawl to us to find a face-saving formula.

(The preceding article first appeared in the March 13, 1959 issue of the Star Presidian.)

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Features

Save or make money at post Thrift Shop

story and photos by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

There is a place to go on post to turn those unneeded items into cash, or to find something at a great price. The Thrift Shop here is the outlet to buy or sell just about anything.

"People brag about the great deals that they find here," said Rhoads Fearn, Thrift Shop manager. Everything from antiques to jewelry can be found at the shop at bargain prices.

Items needed to establish a new home, such as curtains, linen, dishes, cooking supplies, furniture, and baby supplies can also be purchased at the shop for a fraction of the new cost. There are also racks of clothing for sale, including military uniforms. Although anyone can shop at the Thrift Shop, only military identification card holders can purchase uniforms or consign items for resale.

"We are not a junk shop," emphasized Fearn. "We're real selective about the things that we take in."

People interested in consigning items need to adhere to the following limitations. Items that are not acceptable include firearms, food, shoes, car parts, and open cosmetics. Clothing items should be in good repair, clean and on a hangar. Electrical items must be in working condition.

The Thrift Shop receives 20 percent of the selling

price for consignments. If a consignor chooses to pull out an item at the end of the 60-day time frame, a five percent penalty is charged. "The only reason that an item doesn't sell is the right person hasn't walked through the door yet," said Fearn.

The money made by the Thrift Shop is returned to the post in several different ways. According to Fearn, last year the shop made \$200,000 from which \$30,000 was returned to post through donations to the Boy and Girl Scouts, Hands Across the Presidio, the Red Cross and Army Community Services. Only a small portion of the money made by the shop is used to pay the staff which consists mostly of unpaid volunteers. Of the 50 volunteers who staff the shop keeping the shelves organized and stocked, only 6 are on salary. "Our volunteers are wonderful. They really give above and beyond every day," said Fearn. "The hours they put in are long."

The shop is also happy to accept quality donations during consignment hours.

The Thrift Shop, Building 204 behind the Main Post Exchange, is open on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month. If the first Saturday is a holiday, the shop will be open on the following Saturday. Consignment hours are from 10 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday. For more information, call 922-3384.



Rhoads Fearn, Thrift Shop manager (left), assists Linda Mallory, wife of Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, with some merchandise.



Antiques, such as this old Singer sewing machine, can be found at the post Thrift Shop.

Hands Across the Presidio program

by Judy Brown
Program coordinator

The Boy Scout/Girl Scout annual canned food drive benefitting the "Hands Across the Presidio" Food Basket Program is here! And just in time. Our cupboards are bare! Food bags will be distributed by the scouts Nov. 9 to all quarters including forts Mason and Baker. Please place bags on your front door knob for pick up Nov. 16 by 9 a.m.

Items most needed in order of desirability are:

Tuna, chili, canned soup, stew, canned fruits/juice, spaghetti, macaroni, spaghetti sauce, canned tomato sauce and paste, macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper, Rice-a-Roni, rice, baby food/juice, Bisquick, cake mix, syrup, catsup, mustard, jelly, pop corn, sugar, coffee and tea, canned vegetables and canned beans. Please do not donate frozen foods or foods in glass containers. Items can be taken to the Thrift Shop or Creative Cottage.

The food basket program helps more than 40 Presidio enlisted families each week. The program depends on this food drive to provide staples for the pantry shelves for the entire year.

This valuable food basket program was taken over

by the Thrift Shop Board from Army Community Service approximately two and a half years ago. Funds to purchase milk, bread, eggs, fresh fruit, potatoes, other staples and occasionally cheese and meat distributed each week are provided by the Thrift Shop, designated offerings by the Chapels, Enlisted Spouses Club, Officers' Spouses Club, Letterman Auxiliary, private individuals and other organizations.

Each week the commissary donates dozens of boxes of blemished but nutritious produce that would otherwise be discarded. For five years, five faithful volunteers arrive at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Youth Activities building where the food basket program is located. The volunteers sort, bag and beautify the donated produce.

Families participating in the program are referred by their first sergeant, chaplain or ACS for a two month period. To continue in the program, they must receive financial counseling at ACS.

Hands Across the Presidio has been added to the Combined Federal Campaign, as a recipient of funds. You may donate to the program through CFC by indicating on your contribution slip number 4211.

Chapel Ponderings

By Steve Miller,
Director of Religious Activities

We hope and pray that you and your family are happy and healthy. Our annual Halloween Carnival is tonight. We will be celebrating All-Saints Eve with a carnival with games, toys, and candy galore. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends with our teens having a pizza party at 7:30 p.m. All this happens at the Religious Activities Center, building 682. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Presidio Men of the Chapels will hold their first meeting and breakfast at the Religious Activities Center on Nov. 7 at 7:45 a.m. All men are invited to attend and partake of this great free meal.

The Chapel Teen Group will have a Scavenger Hunt and Pizza Party on Nov. 9. If on that date a Presidio Teen comes to your door and asks you for the top of your used cat food can—don't slam the door.

If you are a teenager and want to come together for some fun and some pizza, drop by the RAC on Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. You are welcome. The Post Chapel Teen Group is also planning an Aluminum Can Drive on Nov. 23. Please begin to save your aluminum for this worthwhile cause.

Our Sunday morning schools are going strong. Protestant Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center. We have classes available for children three years old, up through adult classes. You can register on any Sunday morning.

Catholic Religious Classes begin at 11 a.m. also at the RAC. You can register on Sunday morning for these classes also. Bible Study Fellowship Classes for women meet at the RAC every Wednesday at 9 a.m. Sixty women are presently registered; come by and see what they find so fulfilling.

Presidio Bible Talk, a bible study and discussion group, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the RAC. All Presidio personnel are invited.

The Chapel Teen Group continues to meet every Wednesday at the RAC at 7 p.m. Great Bible study and fun.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday at 5 p.m. and every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday afternoon at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-3764.

The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday at the LAMC Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

The Gospel Service Bible Study is at the LAMC Chapel on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. We have other Bible Studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, please phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

Reaching for the top

Soldiers struggle to climb Mt. Whitney

by Chaplain Randall Dolinger
Battalian Chaplain

A dozen soldiers pushed for the top of Mount Whitney. Mount Whitney, at an elevation of approximately 14,700 feet, is the highest Mountain in the continental United States. The chapel sponsored the event combining the physical and spiritual quest for excellence. Not everyone made it to the top but everyone made it farther than they would've if they never tried. Set high goals: "You'll never reach the top if you don't get off your bottom."

I see climbing the mountain as a parable on life. I wanted all of us to face a challenge. I want people to think about going over the hurdles of life instead of turning around when they face adversity. One section of the trail was a solid sheet of ice at least six inches thick. A 2,000 foot drop provided the motivation not to slip. The trail had a wire to hold on. There was some anxiety but everyone who faced that challenge made it across. The reward was the spectacular view on the other side of the mountain's ridge.

We were thankful for obvious things like a break from the regular routine, the beauty of God's creation and fellowship with good people. We also became thankful for things we normally take for granted like a warm place to sleep, water and believe it or not air. At 14,000 feet the air is extremely thin and you begin to set smaller goals. What took six hours to ascend only took two and a half hours to descend.

Spec. Michael Dunham, one of the soldiers who participated in the Mt. Whitney hike, said he was proud of everybody. Everyone took a personal challenge and met it. Sgt. Lavonne Settlemire, another soldier pushing for the top, kept a cheerful attitude in spite of the fact that the highwinds blew her tent down twice. Two engineers, Spec. Spencer and Sgt. Jamie Crawford, made valiant attempts to add fish to the menu. Again, the wind made fly fishing a little difficult.

1st Lt. Julia Turing said she felt like she was on top of the world as she looked down on all she surveyed from the top of Mt. Whitney with Spec. Hal Taylor. The religious discussions and the beauty prompted Turing to say she got more out of a few days like this than a year full of going to church.

Staff Sgt. David and Sgt. Debra Langdon may have just taken on a new activity to do as a couple. They served hot soup as the weary wanderers returned. Serving one another and team work were keys to a very special event. We are planning to go to the top again in the summer. Plan on joining the brave and the bold and start getting into shape.



Soldiers enjoyed the scenic view during the Mt. Whitney hike.

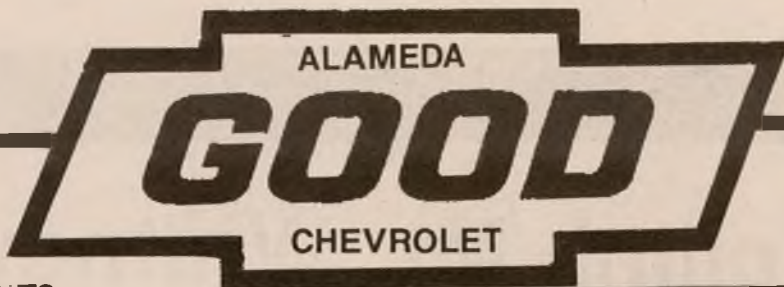


The beauty of a waterfall was enjoyed near base camp.



Soldiers set up their tent at base camp.

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Bowling by Pleasant Lindsey III, Star Presidian staff

Hui O Hawaii Winter League High Rollers extend lead by 2½ points

“Up Your Alley”’s Marie Refuerzo lead all women bowlers with a 222 scratch game to help her team maintain a fourth place tie with “D&G” with a 17-11 league record. After 18 games and 3,160 total pins, Refuerzo has a 175 average. For the week she lead the women by bowling a 592 high series.

Linda Laws of “Gaspars Darby” ranked second for the week with a 214 game and a 586 series. Lilian Hong helped her team, “High Rollers”, retain first place by bowling a 211 scratch game and Cindy Dunnington of D&G rolled a 520 series.

Second place Gaspars Darby’s Mel Washington once again lead men keglers with a high game of 247 and a high series of 655 to help keep his team within 2 1/2 points of the High Rollers. Washington, whose handicap is 0, has averaged 188 through 21 games and has bowled over a total of 3,956 pins.

Sid Donnell of third place “JD&Company” and Tim Carson of sixth place “Tisho” tied for second among men bowlers by rolling 234 scratch games.

Team	Won	Lost	Averages	Total pins
1. High Rollers	22.5	5.5	709	14,894
2. Gaspar Darby	20	8	713	14,980
3. JD&Company	20	8	711	14,950
4. Up Your Alley	17	11	719	15,108
5. D&G	17	11	711	14,948
6. Tisho	12	16	695	12,952
7. Sneakers	11	17	689	12,518
8. BITOA	9	19	702	14,479
9. Caretakers	5.5	22.5	694	14,746
10. Bunk Bowlers	5	23		8,336

Reno Fun Bowling League

Week 5

Art Burford’s 233 and Don Choy’s 213 scratch games helped Take A Chance maintain its two-game lead over the Nuggets, who were lead by Fremont Wood’s 228 scratch game.

Burford went on to lead the men in the league with a 584 high series as well. Seven Eleven’s Bobbie Gascon rolled a 551 series, and The Slots’ Robert Gascon bounced a 549 series.

Take A Chance could boast of having the best woman bowler of the week as well in the person of Barbara Bagley. Bagley continued to set the standard for the women in the league, bowling a 235 scratch game and a 593 high series.

Valerie Dunn of The Slots bowled 213 and had a 512 series, and Pay Masters’ Regina Hollins rolled a 213 scratch game.

Team	Won	Lost	Total pins	Averages
1. Take A Chance	14	6	10,673	711
2. Nuggets	12	8	10,485	699
3. Seven/Eleven	11	9	10,332	688
4. The Slots	10	10	10,509	700
5. Paymasters	8	12	8,236	686
6. Lucky Ladies	5	15	10,317	687

Note: The league has bowled 15 games, but Paymasters has bowled only 12.

Sailing takes you away



A boat is sailed in front of the Presidio Yacht Club.

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Sailing across the Bay—letting the wind glide you across the waves like the air carries the clouds through the sky.

“This is freedom,” Jessica Moreland says about sailing across the Bay. “No one decides were I go, but myself and nature.”

Moreland remembers sailing with her father years ago.

“At first I didn’t like it—all the waves made me a little sick,” Moreland said. “It didn’t take long for me to enjoy sailing though.

“Now, I love the waves and the motion of the boat. It makes me feel so alive without the corruption of the city,” Moreland said.

“I like feeling the water splash on my face while I’m sailing,” Moreland admits. “It’s like being in a rain storm without wishing you had an umbrella. It makes me feel like a kid playing in the rain, only this time Mom’s not yelling at me to get in the house.”

The Bay is like a vacation to another world for Moreland.

“It’s exciting, relaxing and new every time I sail,” she said. “Sure, I could take off for the Virgin Islands for a couple of weeks and spend more money than I have, but I still wouldn’t feel as refreshed as I do here.

“I guess it’s just exciting to know that I can escape the hustle and bustle of every day life in the city by driving a couple miles down the road and sailing less than a mile into the Bay,” Moreland said.

The Yacht Club is set up mainly to support the morale of active duty soldiers and their family members. The activities at the Club are also offered to retirees, their family members and Department of the Army civilian employees.

“Sailing to sum it up, it’s life beyond its boundaries,” Moreland said. “It’s great to see if it’s possible to cross life’s boundaries while I’m still alive. When I sail, I’m very much alive.”

To find out how you can enjoy the activities offered by the Yacht Club, call 332-2319.

USAG mops the field with ISC, 58-0

by Pleasant Lindsay III
Star Presidian staff

“They just weren’t there,” said USAG’s Richard Nunemaker. “They only have eight players and by halftime they were sucking wind.”

Nunemaker was referring to USAG’s Oct. 22 opponent, ISC, a team that saw its record evened at 1-1. USAG is now tied for first with LUSAH with a 2-0 record.

USAG has 15 players and everyone of them had a chance to rub ISC’s nose in it. Three interceptions were run back for touchdowns.

“They weren’t a good team,” said USAG’s Sheldon Martin, who picked off one interception at USAG’s 2-yard line and ran it back to the 50. Then he had a Tim McKyer flashback.

Martin pitched the ball to John Doumoulin, who ran it in for a touchdown. Quarterback Willie Williams threw touchdown passes to Murphy Paschall and Anthony Allen, and ran one in himself.

Nunemaker said once the score reached 52-0, he forgot how they scored all those points.

Scores

Oct. 22

LUSAH 14, LEC 6; USAG 58, ISC 0; OARB (f), 864TH 7.

The Oct. 24 games have been rescheduled for Nov. 12.

Standings W/L

1. USAG	2-0
LUSAH	2-0
2. ISC	1-1
864TH	1-1
3. OARB	0-1
LAIR	0-1
4. LEC	0-2

Upcoming games

Tonight

ISC v. LUSAH
864TH v. USAG
LAIR v. OARB

Tuesday

LEC v. USAG
ISC v. OARB
864TH v. LAIR

Nov. 7

ISC v. 864th
LEC v. LAIR
LUSAH v. OARB



Presidio Scratch Single League stats

Week 6

George Frame tossed a league high 258 for the week, which belied the fact that he’s in a three-way tie for ninth place with a 13-17 record. Barry Sawyer’s 257 game helped him reach the .500 mark with a 15-15 record, and first place kegger Brian Kitching rolled a 254 game to extend his record to 24-6 with a 198 average.

Although Kitching leads the league in victories, second place bowler Gary Schabert leads in the consistency department with a 204 average. Schabert was among the top three series bowlers for the week, having rolled an 849 series. He was bested by Kitching’s 856 and third place bowler Ray Palomarez’s league leading 891 series.

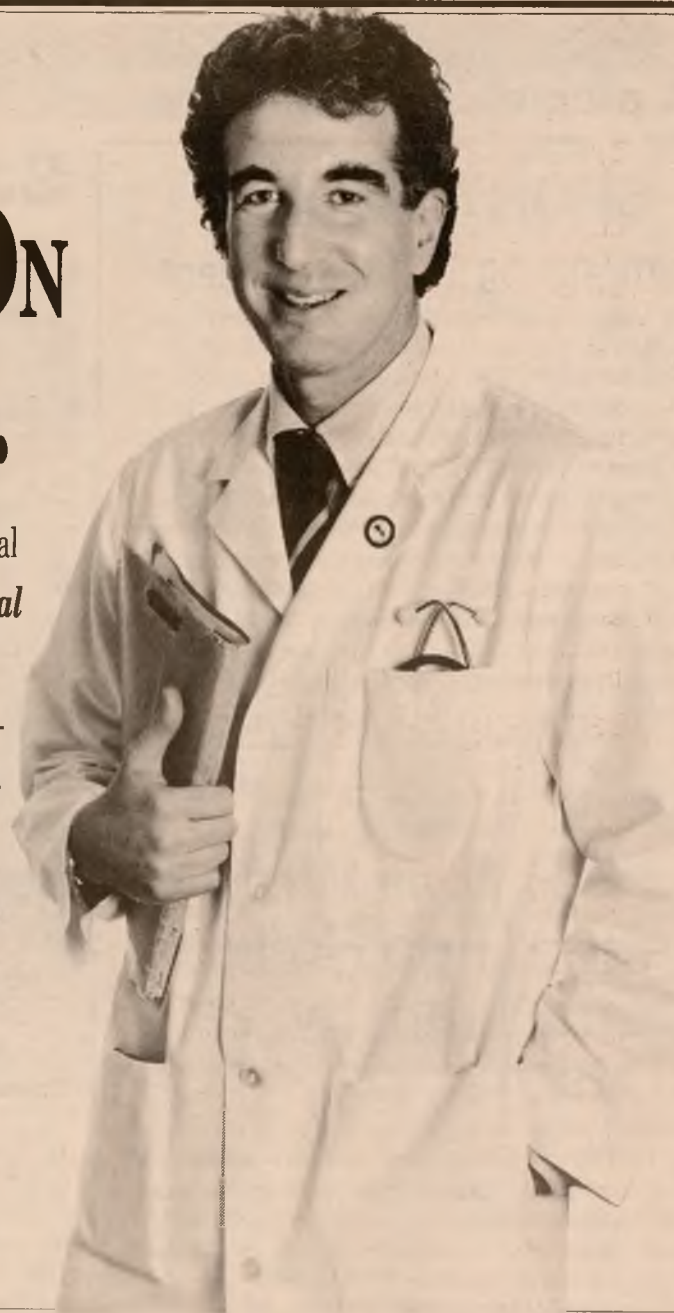
The Scratch Singles League has bowled 24 games and its members have knocked down an average of 4,266.2 pins.

Bowler	Won	Lost	Averages
1. Brian Kitching	24	6	198
2. Gary Schabert	20	10	204
3. Ray Palomarez	19	11	192
4. Barbara Bagley	18	12	186
5. Sid Donnell	17	13	178
6. Jeff Satterfield	16	14	173
7. Barry Sawyer	15	15	166
8. Bobbie Gascon	13	16	167
9. Craig Maier	13	17	184
George Frame	13	17	178
Sam Ramirez	12	17	170
10. Vic Dunnington	11	18	172
11. Calvin Derrick	5	19	163
12. Robert Gascon		25	151

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If you do decide to enroll or change your current enrollment during Open Season, you must file a Health Benefits Registration Form (Standard Form [SF] 2809) in time for it to be received in the CPD by Dec. 9. New enrollments and changes to current enrollments will become effective Jan. 12, 1992. The form SF 2809 is available in the administrative office of most organizations and also from the receptionist in the Civilian Personnel Directorate (building 37).

Actor beams into local area

Actor Jonathan Frakes, who plays Commander William T. Riker, the first officer of the starship Enterprise on television's "Star Trek - The Next Generation," was the special guest at a Trekfest held in the local area this weekend.

Frakes took time to share his memories of Gene Roddenberry, the creator of Star Trek, who died following a heart attack Nov. 24 at the age of 70. Roddenberry's view of life in the 23rd Century took viewers on voyages through "Space-the final frontier" since Sept. 8, 1966. Always a flight enthusiast, Roddenberry was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross following his actions as a pilot during World War II. In a recent television interview, Roddenberry explained that the legendary characters he created were all aspects of traits he had, or wished he had, himself. Some of those characters include the swashbuckling Captain James T. Kirk, the ever-logical Vulcan Spock, the fastidious Jean-Luc Picard and the adventuresome Will Riker.

Frakes said that his position aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise is one of the most military-like that you will find on the show. "My job is to make sure that the captain has a smooth and efficiently running ship."



photo by John W. McGarrah

Actor Johnathan Frakes.

Civil War sing-along set

Join Park Rangers Lynn Fonfa, Dave Barry, and Roxie Farwell in a sing-along at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 10 evoking the spirit of citizens and soldiers at the time of the Civil War.

Tap along to the cadence of the company drummer

and discover the stories behind enduring melodies such as the "Battle Hymn of The Republic."

Participants are reminded to dress warmly for the event. To attend the event, meet the park rangers at the parade ground inside Fort Point. The event is accessible to the handicapped.

Haunted open houses

If you and your children are in the mood to be scared witless this evening, then you have two choices: Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center at Day and Sanchez Streets has a haunted house open from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is a fee. For additional information, phone 695-5011. Also, only the strong survive at the Hamilton Teen Center at Geary and Steiner Streets. Its haunted house has the motif "Nightmare on Geary Street II" as its theme. There is a fee for this fright that will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is requested no one under seven attend. For more information, phone 292-2111.

Family tide pooling

Octopuses and sea stars, crabs and sea anemones: the tide is ripe. Now is the best time to look at the tide pools at Horse Shoe Cove. Bring the whole family for an adventure led by our naturalist, Bill Randolph, on Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 per person; registration is required. So, phone 332-9646 and join the fun!

Free classes offered

The Education Center will conduct courses on typing and an introduction to the popular word processing program, Wordperfect. The courses will be offered from Nov. 12 to Dec. 20. For additional information or to enroll, phone 561-2974.

compiled by Gregory Dejean Star Presidian Editor

Conservation Corner

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian Editor

There are times when people can conserve and recycle in the most unlikely situations. A recent example is what they plan on doing with the aftermath of the Oakland/Berkeley Hills firestorm.

The question is what to do with all the rubble scattered throughout the burn area. Some is totally unusable; however, there are plans to recycle the scrap metal that was once cars, refrigerators, stoves, etc. Additionally, there are large quantities of brick that can be used in the rebuilding effort of homes, walls and walking paths. And, finally, the copious amounts of ash from burned trees and wooden homes can be used to create cinder blocks.

Considering the magnitude of the disaster, this proposed solution allows a bright spot to shine in a most somber situation. Conservation of resources is always appropriate.

Movies At The Presidio Theatre

Nov. 2: Terminator 2: Judgement Day [R]
Nov. 3: 101 Dalmatians [G]
Nov. 4: Soapdish [PG-13]
Nov. 8: Bill And Ted's Bogus Journey [PG-13]

Nov. 16: Boyz In The Hood [R]
Nov. 17: True Identity [R]
Nov. 18: Shout [PG-13]
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864th takes over some DEH functions

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Charlie Company, AKA "Charlie Rock", is assisting the post engineers and will be responsible for increased administrative building maintenance as the post's history draws to a close.

Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, will assume more responsibility for maintenance projects on the Presidio of San Francisco that are usually handled by the Directorate of Housing and Engineering. As a consequence, the combat engineers will remain on the post until it closes as a military installation.

Charlie Rock will be responsible for organizing and executing maintenance and repair projects on administration buildings. The engineer company will be working on backlogged engineer repair, according to Sgt. First Class James Powell, Admin NCOIC, DEH.

The DEH will provide all materials needed to complete any jobs assigned to Charlie Rock. The DEH also will provide task descriptions for projects, blueprints and specifications, and technical assistance and construction inspectors to ensure close coordination in an effort to keep customer satisfaction high.

Any special tools that Charlie Rock needs will be provided by the DEH. Charlie Rock will be responsible for the quality control of the projects the unit is working on.

Powell said that Charlie Rock will have responsibility in three broad categories—roads, facilities and drainage ditches. The drainage ditches assigned are

located at Hamilton Army Air Field, but Charlie will also be working on road and building maintenance on post.

Some of the drainage ditches at HAAF are clogged with mud and vegetation, and some may need to be regraded. Charlie Rock will be responsible only for ditches located on Army-owned property.

Powell said that Charlie Rock has already started preventive maintenance work on the buildings in the 1000 area of post. Eleven buildings have been inspected and 19 service orders completed. Charlie is going to make repairs in every non-housing building on post, but not all at once.

The work load for building maintenance has been divided into geographical sections. Charlie Rock will perform preventive maintenance and complete any outstanding service orders, within its capability, in one section at a time before moving on to work in another section.

Once the unit has left an area, the DEH workforce will again assume responsibility for work in the area. The combat engineers will only be working on service orders that exist at the time work is performed. As a result, each building manager should submit needed work orders immediately.

Charlie Rock's engineers will be using pre-inspection checklists to determine the existing condition of buildings to establish the preventive maintenance required.

The checklist for the electricians will highlight

such things as wiring, light fixtures and electrical plug problems. The carpentry checklist will include checks for the condition of walls and ceilings, door jams, etc., and the general maintenance checklist will cover the condition of the plumbing in the post's facilities.

Also, Charlie Rock will be responsible for preventive maintenance on secondary roads on the Presidio and at HAAF.

Powell said these secondary roads include all gravel and tar covered roadways, but not the major asphalt roadways. Powell said the reason the post's combat engineers are not doing the work is that they don't have the capability to perform maintenance on asphalt roads.

The combat engineer company has already begun inspection of buildings and will begin roadwork around Nov. 8, at the conclusion of the Presidio's Fall Cleanup program. Charlie will begin work on projects at HAAF after Nov. 17.

Charlie Rock's preventive maintenance program will continue throughout the unit's stay on post. The unit is scheduled to leave for Fort Lewis, Wash., around September of 1994, well after Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army's departure.

Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion is programmed to be the last unit to leave the post, and as such will be the unit providing maintenance continuity throughout the transitioning period.

Child care fees increase

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

In our expensive era, where both parents have to work, affordable child care has become an issue of paramount importance. In San Francisco, the average monthly charge is \$400-\$450. That's a large sum of money when one considers all the other basic, monthly bills.

Due to the concern of the command here, Presidio families continue to have access to inexpensive child care.

Even with the recent fee increase, which helps pay the salaries of the "care-givers", the Child Development Center's charges are 70 percent cheaper than in The City. A family's bill is determined by a sliding scale, which is divided into five categories, based on their monthly income. The lowest fee is \$178 and peaks at \$382. The fee covers approximately 35 percent of the cost for providing child care. The rest is paid for by appropriated funds.

According to Tedi Siminowski, coordinator of Family Child Care and Development Services, the Center is the Army's answer to corporate child care. "Without this service, many parent's would be hard pressed to find affordable care for their children," she said, "especially here in what is one of the most expensive areas of the country in which to live."

"The command here on post is very supportive of the lower ranking people and their immediate needs. Child care is one of those obvious needs. And, as a continuing policy, hardship cases will be handled on a case by case basis. In unusual situations," she concluded, "the Center can make additional reductions in monthly fees."

For additional information or to register your children, you can phone 561-3588.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Production crewmembers assemble a Panavision 35 millimeter film camera to shoot a scene in the NCO/Enlisted Club for a "Streets of San Francisco" television movie of the week on Oct. 27.

News

Water policy relaxed on post

by Rajeev Parasnis

Presidians have won big on the conservation front! Water consumption on post was down 18 percent during fiscal year 1991, thanks to the conscientious efforts of Presidio residents. PSF water usage averaged about 1.33 million gallons per day in fiscal year '91. The daily usage before the Presidio water conservation policy became effective was much higher. The Presidio has enjoyed "Condition Green" throughout the summer except for a few days when outdoor watering was curtailed because of low reservoir levels.

Because of the improvement in water availability,

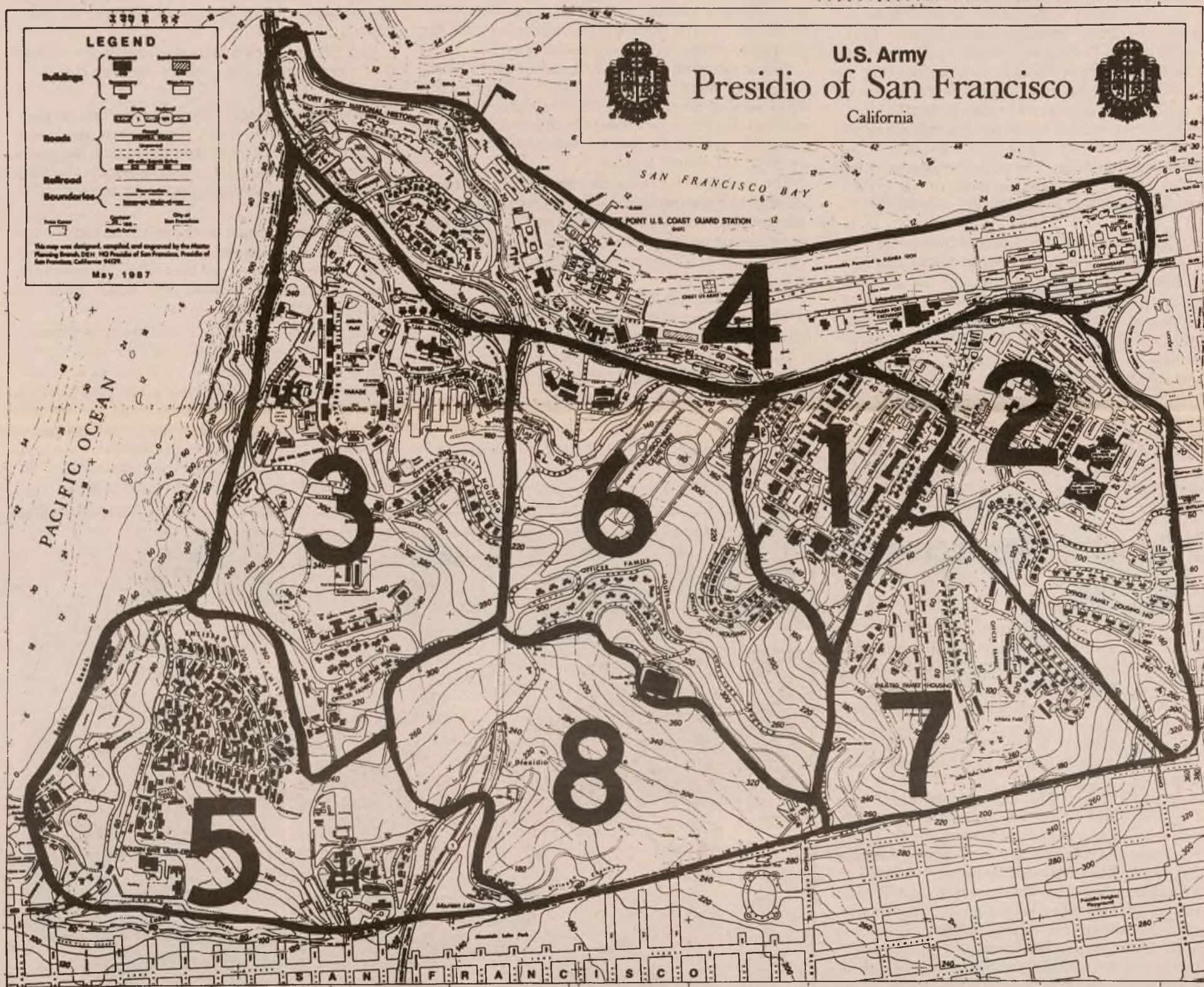
residents may now water their lawns twice a week. The revised outdoor watering schedule for areas marked 1 through 7 on the map below is as follows: Area 1, Monday and Thursday; Area 2, Tuesday and Friday; Area 3, Wednesday and Saturday; Area 4, Thursday and Sunday; Area 5, Friday and Monday; Area 6, Saturday and Tuesday; Area 7, Sunday and Wednesday.

Buildings other than family housing are also on the same watering schedule. Area 8 is the Presidio Army Golf Course. The tees and greens are watered as required. For more information call Rajeev Parasnis at 561-4051.

Power outages still in effect

Transformers on post are being shut down, one by one, in different areas on post between now and February as contractors sample the transformer's oil. Between now and Nov. 15, contractors will be working on the transformers in the 1200 and 1300 areas. The shutdowns will last from 30 minutes to one hour, but due to the complexity of this project the exact hour that power will be shut off cannot be predicted. Most of the outages will occur on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For more information Presidians can contact Ed Shamma, Contract Services Branch, at 561-6000.



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Ask Presidians

by John W. McGarrah
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"Your opinion on limiting terms of elected officials?"

Terry Thomas, Family member. "Please! We do need to set a limit. Some people get in there and never get out. People just vote for them because they are a familiar name. We need to get some fresh blood and some new ideas. It would also help do away with the 'Good-Ole-Boy-System.'"



Spec. Angela Holmes, Headquarters Command Battalion, Hq. Co., USAG. "I think there should be a limit on the years allowed in office, because it would give elected officials more of an incentive towards helping people. There would be more concern for our needs from those we are governed by. It would make them work harder."



Sgt. 1st Class Henry Stratford, Area Dental Laboratory, Alameda Naval Station. "They should be limited to one term to get rid of the old fashioned and stagnant views that we have now. The change would be good, because many of our elected officials are living in the past."



Gary Harrison, Assistant Manager, Main Post Exchange. "It should be done. The turnover of people would ensure new ideas in government. It would also give Americans more of a voice in government and the laws that govern the country."



Spec. Robert Tharby, Military Traffic Management Command, Oakland Army Base. "I know that the reason that the President is limited to eight years is to prevent a monarchy or dictatorship type of situation. I think that it is a good idea. It would increase the amount of work that they do."



Editor's Note: A recent question surfaced in reference to the "Ask Presidians" section - and that is, "Why we never seek and publish answers from officers?" The fact is we do seek responses from officers; however, almost always, officers decline to answer our questions. "Why" might be a good "Ask Presidians" question in the future.

Commentary

Remembering generations past, cultivating generations future

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

On Monday, the citizens of the United States will observe a venerable occasion that has been relived in our collective psyche for the past 71 years: Veterans Day.

Truly, America is a blessed nation in that it has never had to face the destruction and horror of modern warfare on its own soil. Therefore, it is of great importance to honor the men and women who did confront the vivid, hellish images of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, along with a multitude of minor conflicts around the globe.

People read about these deadly conflicts in newspapers and magazines with bold headlines declaring man's inhumanity to man; they watched and heard what warfare is like on flickering television screens in cozy living rooms.

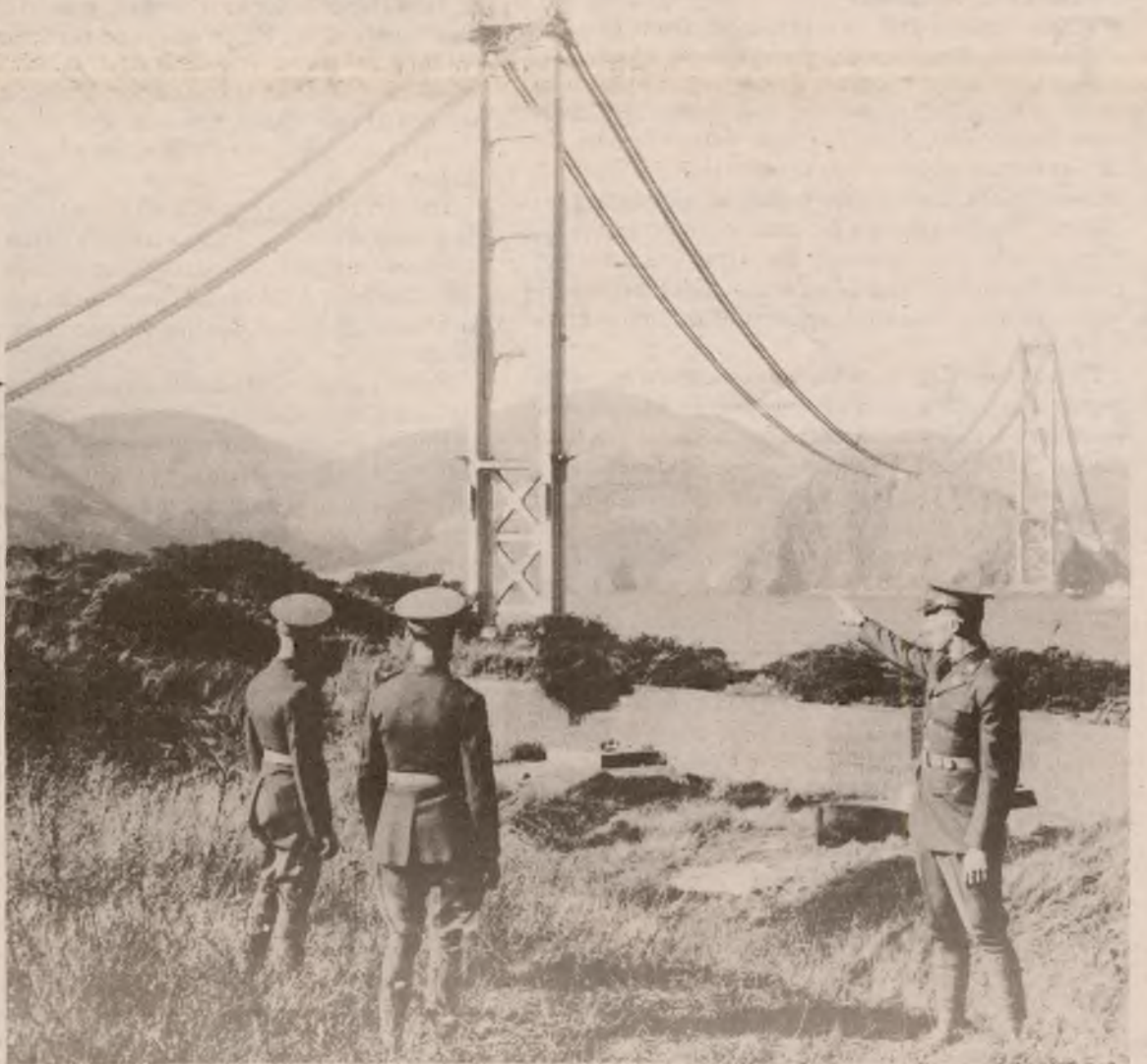
However, the troops couldn't simply push the

off button to rid themselves of the disturbing images nor conveniently lower the volume of bombs exploding nearby. No, they faced the beast within man with unabashed bravery, the scene often sizzling with the heat of a fierce and ugly reality.

Meanwhile, most Americans were at home enduring the necessary patterns of daily life: preparing meals, going to work in the busy cities, taking their children to parks and entertaining themselves with whatever diversions that could be devised.

Therefore, in recognizing this profound contrast, each one of us should reflect on what this warrior-like minority, the branches of the U.S. military, has accomplished for the good of all: the continuation of a free society that can grow economically, socially and, most importantly, spiritually.

The Golden Gate. . . 1936



Caption by J. Edward Green, Presidio Army Museum Technician; photo from the Presidio Army Museum.)

Three enlisted men of the 30th U.S. Infantry Regiment stationed on the Presidio observe the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge from old Battery East on the Presidio, circa 1936. They wear the Class "A" uniform, Model 1926. The Presidio gave up Battery Lancaster (near today's toll plaza) and the land for the southern approach to the bridge. The Golden Gate Straits were named by Capt. John C. Fremont, "The Pathfinder," in 1846. He named the Straits for a passage in the Bible, after seeing a magnificent sunset. The 30th Infantry, known as "San Francisco's Own," had served permanently here since the turn of the century. They left the Presidio at the beginning of World War II . . . never to return.

Features

Native Americans unique in United States

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Many American children grow up playing Cowboys and Indians. This practice is as common as apple pie, Ford trucks and Elvis Presley songs. However, within this "innocent" world of play-acting, it seems that the Indian is often looked upon as the bad guy, the one who has and always will die at the hands of the fearless and all-powerful Cowboy. And, yet, this perception of the Indian as being a major threat could not be any more erroneous than if one believed the world to be flat.

In fact, this unique group of people practice a type of spirituality that believes more in sharing and enjoying the gifts of nature than destroying them. Certainly, contemporary man could benefit from studying their profound philosophy.

Originating in Asia, these people migrated across the Bering Strait approximately 20,000 years ago into what is now known as Alaska. Over time they migrated southward into most of North America.

When the Europeans later discovered America (originally they thought they had arrived in India), they named the Native Americans "Indians".

Immediately, the two cultures clashed with the Europeans attempting to belittle what the Native American had cherished in government, values, beliefs and culture. As to be expected, Native Americans fought back and continue to fight for what they believe. After all, this year's theme in celebrating Native American month is Hope, Pride and Strength.

To highlight the divergent interests between the two cultures, it is interesting to note the values of the Native Americans. According to Lt. Col. Victor Ogilvie, United States Air Force Reserve, in his *Review of Data on Native Americans*, the Native American culture holds the following tenants: "democracy; tolerance of individual differences; egalitarianism; absence of wealth concentrated in any particular family; lack of interest in technology if it interferes with basic values or does not improve the quality of life; low value given to the possession of material

goods; deep commitment to spiritual life; opposition to unnecessary destruction of any living being; opposition to unnecessary alteration or destruction of any part of the earth; lack of interest in warfare or imperialism; and orientation toward highlighting beauty through arts, crafts, music, prayer and ceremony." All of this is peculiar and foreign to what the average American deems important in his world view.

With the above-mentioned in mind, it is no wonder that the Indian's civilization was seriously ruptured by the less sensitive European who wanted to conquer land and people at any cost. For many years the Indians successfully fought the invading Europeans, but in the end lost. They were eventually given land in the form of reservations, but the height of their extraordinary culture had been dashed.

Even to this day, shadowy U.S. government officials take advantage of the Indian's "protected"

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Thanks for the memories, Presidio

Part II

By James L. Ballance

The mules and the prisoners from the U.S. Army Disciplinary Barracks on Alcatraz Island did all the work in keeping the post neat, clean and, in fact, splendid to behold. The lawns were disciplined, force fed, and manicured by Uncle Sam's men-at-arms whom were thus cast into the limbo of silent, sloppy blue-denimed disciplinary servitude. The blue denim fatigues were probably the most popular ever issued by the Army, but were horrors to behold in their issue state, an ill-fitting and baggy two-piece outfit consisting of jumper and trousers.

The old soldier immediately took them to the regimental tailor who shortly produced a smart well-fitting two-piece uniform, the trousers or jeans slightly belled at the bottom, the jacket still copied ad praesens by Levi Strauss & Company. The campaign hat was usually worn with this uniform, but it was a part of the summer uniform and the latter was never prescribed in San Francisco until WW II. Yet it was worn, the issue really depending upon the attitude of the commanding general.

The trash and garbage details were also handled with aplomb by the prisoners working the tall olive-drab mule-drawn garbage wagons, often accompanied by a disinterested sentry armed with a riot gun. The latter was assigned to the provost marshal's office, either under orders or by choice, the Corps of Military Police being nonexistent between the wars. These prisoners were trustees, however, and resided in the barracks just beyond the cemetery and on the same rise south of the hollow where the stables were located. This ancient wooden edifice, with the verandah in front where the men sat and smoked their allowable Bull Durham in the evenings, is now devoted to religious purposes. The stables and attendant corrals, where once stood a small workout track, is now occupied by the Veterinary Corps. In the early 30's, the federal government, sans a by-your-leave to anyone and scarcely a salute to the Army or the citizens of San Francisco, preempted the Army presence on Alcatraz, which it had occupied since 1847, initially as a site for artillery emplacements, and gratuitously bestowed the unwanted and repellent presence of the nation's undesirables, its most hardened criminals, in its stead.

Today slack-jawed locals from elsewhere and ogling tourists enthusiastically squabble for tickets to view the cell blocks where such as Al Capone, the cinema-created "Birdman," and their famed fellow felons were incarcerated in the interests and safety of all citizens save those of San Francisco. It could never happen today, granted, but forgotten is the colorful and historic 88-year presence of the U.S. Army.

The Army prisoners, drawn from the extent of the IX Corps Area—similar to today's Sixth U.S. Army area—were sent packing, the Quartermaster laundry on the island closed, the manufactory which produced the blue denims turned over to the new tenants.

Upon returning following the close of WW I, I visited Letterman to see Master Sergeant Isidor "Opie" Oppenheimer, a veteran of the AEF Siberia who had served with my father and an uncle at different times and, in the late conflict, served valorously with the Air Corps infantry regiment on Bataan, survived the infamous Death March and three and a half years as a prisoner of the Rising Sun at Cabanatuan.

Opie was well, but the Presidio was different, deserted but milling with people addressing myriad pursuits. Most were civilians. The Army was gone. It would never return. The old IX Corps Area was no more and the Fourth U.S. Army held sway. The white four-leaf clover on the crimson diamond was everywhere visible as a shoulder patch. The Presidio no longer teemed with soldiers and never would thereafter.

At times during the subsequent years I felt that it looked deserted compared to the old days—so quiet, so peopled by ghosts. But on this occasion, shortly after the conclusion of the war against the Axis, I was mystified. Something was different. Then I realized that the Army mule was gone, the prisoners no longer present. The magnificent lawns were now adequate. The splendid greensward of the parade grounds had been blacktopped and converted to parking, with only a small parade in front of what is now Sixth U.S. Army headquarters remaining sodded.

I recalled the loud whistles from the old power house blasting away at 7:32 AM, noon, and 4:30 PM, now silent, the power house unused, even as an auxiliary.

But the Army was ruled by the bugle in those days, real horns instead of recordings or tapes. The artillery bugler sounded off at Fort Winfield Scott, of course, but we couldn't hear him out on Lombard Street. At the red-bricked contonment, though, the bugler of the 30th's two battalions—the other was always stationed at HQ, Third Division, Fort Lewis, WA—always stepped smartly to the platform at the north end of the parade ground across Lincoln Blvd from the old guardhouse (today's recent Eisenhower bank), mount the stairs and confront the large swivel-mounted megaphone, placing the bell of the bugle at its mouth and, standing at attention, sound the prescribed call three times, each in a different direction.

Over on the second block of Lombard (directly behind our former home on Greenwich), where we now lived in a dark shingled duplex, complete with verandah on all sides, I was usually up at the crack of dawn and always heard Reveille, despite the distance from the parade ground and, although tucked into bed early as behooved a little shaver, was often awakened by the sound of Taps. It comforted me and I'd feel safe as I snuggled deeper and went back to sleep.

I mentioned this to Brigadier General Walter Bickston, then Chief of Staff, Sixth U.S. Army, a few years ago and once, while visiting his quarters for a meeting, the General artfully contrived to get me out on the front porch as Taps sounded. I was touched, the General smiling in satisfaction. I smelt mule, heard the jingle of harness, the muted shouts of the teamsters, the soft clomp of shod hooves on macadam, the blowing snorts of those beloved long-eared creatures whose ornery presence so dominated Uncle Sam's fighting support through so many lifetimes. I saw the barracks lights being extinguished one by one, heard the Muni Railway's center-boarding E car (it ran from the Embarcadero into the Presidio via Union Street), trucks now squealing and grinding as it entered the circle, completing a late night run and halting at the little station, still located across Lombard (now Letterman Drive) from Letterman Army Hospital. It was 1934. An engine coughed and then exploded into a roar at Crissy as the U.S. Army Air Corps prepared to fly another emergency load of air

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News

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mail on the long, unpredictable, and dangerous night run to Cheyenne—one man, an open cockpit, no heat and few instruments against the elements—aided only by those prayers held at departure point and forthcoming at point of arrival.

I remember even the Twenties well. All was new in my small world and initial impressions etched themselves indelibly enough to remain vivid throughout a lifetime. Upon becoming aware of the adult world, I was convinced that all grown-up males wore garrison shoes, woolen olive-drab wrap-around leggings, and elastique OD breeches. In the evenings they came home, doffed the uniform and, perhaps, donned corduroy trousers and an old red woolen sweater originally issued them by the U.S. Army in Siberia as arctic gear.

My mother and dad would converse, she in the soft consonants of the Russian language, he gamely answering in a rather fractured version—Dad was Irish—of the same. Then he would sort the mail and messages received during the day. Supper followed. While we lived on Lombard our house served as an informal mail drop for a good many veterans of the AEF Siberia who decided to reside in San Francisco, both those remaining in the service and those opting for civil life. Soon the doorbell would commence to ring, the phone to shrill. Often the house

seemed filled with uniforms, mufti, and wives—Russian and otherwise—as well. The crystal radio was still king, but the necessity of using headphones made it a novelty instead of general entertainment. Thus the wind-up Victrola still reigned.

I don't think my parents ever begrudged filling the roles fate had thus bestowed merely because we were conveniently located. Old friends passing through the city or on orders to new assignments made it a point to visit the Presidio, where many Siberian veterans were posted or working for the Army, then check in at our place in the 2600-block of Lombard.

Colonel Charles H. Morow, who commanded all three battalions of the 27th in Siberia as a lieutenant colonel, visited the Presidio to see some of his old command. He was surprised to find my father a civilian, spoke to him about returning to the Army, then asked him to round up as many men and officers as conveniently possible for a get-together that evening. I imagine my father spent a goodly portion of the day on the phone or dispatching messages via other people, summoning them to once again dance attendance upon the "Old Bull of the Woods," as they had fondly dubbed Morow in Siberia.

The Colonel originally entered the Army as a second lieutenant, 1st Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, during

the Spanish-American War in 1898. He was both smooth and rather rough cut and direct of speech.

He got right down to business: he had a new command and he sought to induce some of his old relatives to join him in the new venture. I was to learn this sometime later. For the nonce, I was soon put to bed, but the noise and merriment, the loud guffaws resultant from the retelling of some faux pas of the past, kept me alert. I fixed my bedroom door ajar and peeked. It was prohibition, but I remember the bottles of scotch, the cigars, the smell of pipe smoke, the fact that all seemingly spoke at once, the songs they sang—those incomparable songs of the Great War, plus the unprintable marching song of the 27th—particularly the one they stole from the Middlesex regiment or the Duke of Cornwall's Own, an air originally sung in the trenches of France, then subsequently seized and parodied to express Yank sentiments in Eastern Asia:

*The train may whistle, the cannon may roar,
I want no more Siberian war.*

*Take me over the sea,
Where the Bolsheviks can't get at me.
Oh My! I don't want to die;
I want to go 'ome.*

To be continued

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reservations in ways that are considered, at best, devious. It was recently reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle* that an Indian tribe living in the deserts of Southern California had somehow come under the powerful influence of high-ranking federal officials who were taking advantage of the tribe's reservation which is exempt from certain federal laws. The destruction of toxic wastes and the selling of high-tech weapons to questionable nations were just two of several illegal arenas that were being circumvented from the scrutiny of federal law.

However, the Native American's relationship with the federal government hasn't always been fraught with violence and dubious contacts. According to

Ogilvie, "Native Americans fought during the Civil War for both the Union and Confederate Armies. Some [even] fought in special Indian units and others were mixed in with regular units.

"During the Civil War," he continues, "the 3rd Indian Regiment gained distinction and was the last to quit fighting."

Eight thousand Native Americans participated in World War I and by World War II 25,000 Indians were in the military. Additionally, 41,500 Native Americans served during the Vietnam War.

Ogilvie wrote that "Native Americans and Alaskan Natives are unique. Although they preceded the European immigrants who dominated Ameri-

ca's development, their culture has had relatively little long-term impact on modern America. Today, many are re-discovering the values and contributions of America's original peoples. Our hope is [that] military members [will] better understand and appreciate the uniqueness of Native Americans."

With San Francisco's long-admired tolerance of human diversity, the men and women here at the Presidio understand and appreciate America's original people, the Native American, "who," according to Lt. Gen. (Ret.) William H. Harrison, "continue to contribute to our national heritage by enhancing our quality of life in the areas of defense, science, art, religion, business and entertainment."

Rehabilitation Center rescues marine mammals

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Center rescues and rehabilitates marine mammals found on the northern and central shore line.

"Mostly seals and sea lions are rescued," according to Denise Springer, a spokesperson for the Center. "Occasionally we find whales and dolphins.

"Our most famous rescue was probably Humphrey the whale," Springer said. In 1985, Humphrey was rescued from the Delta region which took approximately one month.

October 1990, Humphrey was stuck again in the mud in the Bay Area. According to Springer, it took three days and hundreds of people to rescue Humphrey.

The Coast Guard, the center and volunteers worked together to save Humphrey. The community donated equipment to assist in the rescue.

The center has 450 volunteers who are trained in

marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation.

"We like to have long-term volunteers because training is always on-going," Springer said. "Things are always changing. Sometimes we find different animals and develop new techniques on rescue and rehabilitation."

The majority of rescues deal with mammals that have been abandoned by their mothers, moved by humans or caught in plastic debris and discarded nets, according to Springer.

After a mammal has been rescued it is taken to the center and treated.

"We have our own standards of what we consider healthy," Springer said. "The veterinarians that work at the clinic treat the animals and decide if they are well enough to send back into the wild. We ensure that the mammals have no parasites that will endanger other animals," Springer added.

"The dedication here is important, not to mention impressive," she said. "In 1989, President Bush

presented us with the President's Volunteer Action Award."

Representatives from the center went to Washington D.C. to accept the award.

The center operates through donations only. People can become members of the center. Through their membership, they are informed about the marine mammals.

"The most important thing that people can do is inform us if they see a marine mammal that seems hurt or out of place," Springer said. "They can participate in the beach clean up that will help prevent mammals from getting caught in debris, and if they have time they can become volunteers."

The Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Center is located at Fort Conkrite.

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Feature

Fort Point: Protector of San Francisco Bay

Story and photos by Dixie L. Porter
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Part One

With the command of "Attention," a seven member gun-crew picked from the tourists watching the daily "Gun Drill," haphazardly snapped to attention and prepared for the next command, "Load." Cannoneers #5, 6 and 7 are back by the limber, a copper lined wooden box built to hold ammunition and mounted on a carriage to be moved with the cannons as necessary.

Cannoneer #6, a young man in shorts and a tank top, opens the heavy lid of the limber while #7, an older man in jeans & tee shirt, grabs an iron ball that looks like a shotput attached to a sabot and fastens it to the gunpowder bag. He deposits it in the haversack worn by cannoneer #5, a bouncy teenager who is obviously nervous. This leather sack is for protection to keep the round from being hit by a spark and exploding prematurely. Cannoneer #5 giggles, and runs straight ahead about 20 feet while Cannoneer #2 takes the shot. Cannoneer #2, a matronly lady in a dress and jacket, is standing by the left wheel of the 12 Pounder Napoleon cannon.

Cannoneer #1, a German speaking gentleman in casual clothes, is standing just opposite by the right wheel of the cannon holding a sponge rammer. Upon the command "Load," he dips the sponge in a bucket of water and swabs the barrel of the gun to kill any sparks from the previous firing.

Cannoneer #3, a teenager with torn jeans, is standing back towards the rear on the right side of the cannon. He has a leather "thumb stall" on his left hand and a metal vent pick in the right hand. On the command of "Load," he puts his thumb over the hole on top of the barrel to cut off air to the inside, while #2 nervously loads the cannon ball into the barrel and #1 rams it down with the opposite end of the swab which has a wooden head.

On the command "Ready," #3 inserts the pick into the hole to puncture the powder bag, and #4, a young lady speaking English with a German accent, puts the friction primer into the vent, turns her body away from the cannon, waits for the command "Fire," and pulls the lanyard on the primer causing a spark which causes the cannon to fire, usually, or in this case causes the crowd of tourists to hollar "BOOM."

If the cannon doesn't fire, #4 tries several times again to spark it and cause the shot to go. If this doesn't work, they have to pour water down the barrel and then try to extract the shot and gun powder. It was not unusual to have misfires and occasionally to have a cannon explode killing or injuring the crew.

According to Kevin Turner, Ft Point National Historic Site Ranger, who demonstrated the method of firing a cannon for the benefit of the visitors to Ft Point, the above drill was carried out for several hours at a time while a gun crew learned to work together and become proficient. Each member was cross trained on every position so if someone was lost, others could fill the gap and a crew member might wind up doing more than one job at a time.

Turner said "a practiced gun crew could harness their horses to the limber, get into position, open the ammunition wagon, and fire in approximately one minute. After they were in position, they could fire a shot every 30 seconds if things went well."

Although San Francisco Bay was discovered in 1769 by the Spanish while searching for Monterey Bay, it was to be another seven years, approximately August, 1776, before Colonel Juan Bautista de



Historic Fort Point nestled under south end of Golden Gate Bridge.

Anza decided that the steep white cliff and high beach overlooking the narrowest part of the entrance to the south side of the Bay would be the site of the new presidio that would guard the Bay and the future mission.

Anza returned to Mexico before building started and the actual choice for the Presidio of San Francisco was about a mile to the southeast. The pueblo and mission were built to convert the natives to Christianity as well as increasing the land for Spain, and were established by the end of 1776.

For a variety of reasons, no coastal fortification was built until 1793 when the Castillo de San Joaquin was built using Christian and pagan Indians for labor to grade the area and make the bricks, tile, and adobe used in building the small fort. It was formally christened and blessed on December 8, 1794 by the priests of the mission, in the presence of the garrison of the Presidio, and the Indians.

During the life of the Castillo, until it was torn down in 1853, there was a constant struggle with the elements: wind, rain, sea, and earthquakes, to keep the walls standing and make it usable. The structure was built on sand and decaying rock. The brick-faced adobe walls were made so poorly that they crumbled from the shock of a battery salute. Although extensive repairs were often made, it was a losing battle. In 1835, the fort was abandoned when Lieutenant Mariano G. Vallejo was ordered to move most of the Presidio garrison to Sonoma.

According to information compiled by the late Charles S. Hawkins, who was a Supervisory Park Ranger, Fort Point National Historic Site, after the "Bear Flag" rebellion in June 1846, Captain John C. Fremont crossed a small party from Sausalito to the undefended Castillo on July 1 and spiked about 10 cannons found there and returned to the north side of the Bay.

In 1846, the American flag was raised over the small town of Yerba Buena, and the conquest of California was completed in 1847. "Two companies of the 7th Regiment, later called the 1st New York Volunteers, were stationed at the Presidio the same year, then relieved by regular troops," said Hawkins.

In 1848 came the discovery of gold in the Sacramento area which caused a number of desertions as soldiers left to make their fortune. The sleepy little town of Yerba Buena, population approximately 750 became 25,000, and changed its

name to San Francisco. In 1850, California became a state.

"First Lieutenant E.O.C. Ord, visiting the Castillo in 1848, said, 'The fort shows the remains of a low walled demilune, on what might be rendered an almost inaccessible little promontory. Not a gun is there now, and nothing done yet in the way of fortifying the bay.'"

In 1851 a board of engineer officers was formed and directed by General E. A. Hitchcock to design and submit plans for the defense of San Francisco Bay. Recommended were the construction of forts at the bay entrance, and on Alcatraz Island with batteries at Angel Island and at Point San Jose (now Fort Mason). After approval and appropriation of one-half million dollars by Congress in 1853, work was started the same year.

The first task to be accomplished was to cut down the cliff on which the old fort stood to about 10 feet above high water. Modern armament required the new fort to be closer to sea level.

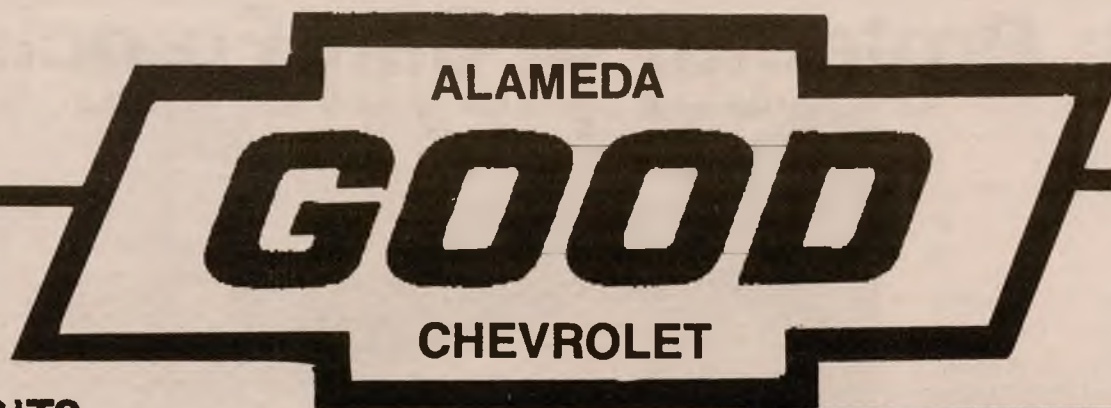
The Fort was to be a Third System fortification, part of 30 forts built along the coasts of the United States from 1817 to 1861, going from Maine to Florida, Texas to California. Ft Point or the "fort at Fort Point" as it was called until 1861 when the designation "Fort Point" is used in orders, resembles in some respects Ft Sumpter, South Carolina. Ft Point is in the shape of an irregular rectangle while Ft Sumpter is a five-sided building.

Some of the granite used in the construction of Ft Point was brought to San Francisco from China before it was decided that local granite would do as well.

Part Two continued next week.

"No major war has been fought that has not been, at some stage, critically dependent on the sea."

—Paul Nitze,
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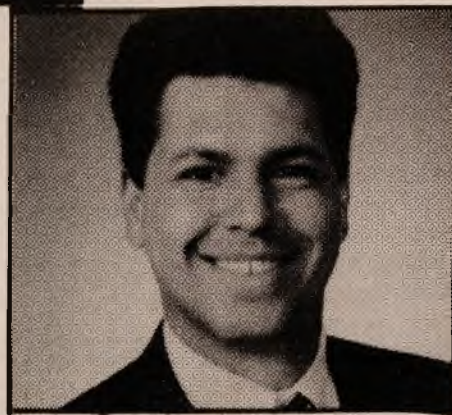


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Sports

PSF under-8 soccer players are winners

by Gabriel O. Ighile

The Presidio Fire is burning up the Viking Junior Soccer League under 8 division with a 3-0-2 record. Fire has played a total of five games this season, winning three and tying two.

The Fire beat the Hilltoppers, 5-1; stomped Los Swartz, 4-1; shutdown the JCC Androids, 5-1; and battled the Warriors to a draw twice, scoring 2-2 in their first meeting and 1-1 in their second. No game has been lost so far.

Like other junior soccer teams in San Francisco, Fire plays under the auspices of the Viking Junior Soccer League. This season is split into two parts. The first started Sept. 21 and ended Oct. 26. The second half started Saturday and ends Dec. 7. Dec. 14 has been set aside as a playoff or rain date.

The under-8 team is comprised of 11 players—three girls and eight boys. They are children of military residents at the Presidio and are between the ages of five and eight years old. The team thrives on constant support from parents and fans.

Only seven players are allowed on the field at a time during a game. The remaining four players are rotated in as the game progresses. There are no designated substitute players on the team. Each player gets a chance to play to some degree of satisfaction.

Soccer is a game of fun and the whole idea is for the children to find pleasure in playing the game. Games usually last for 45 minutes—20 minutes each for the first and second halves, with a five minute half time in between.

The Fire has four more games to play this season,

all at Aptos II Field, on Ocean Avenue. Games are scheduled for Saturday at 2:15 p.m.; Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m.; Nov. 23 at 2:15 p.m.; and Dec. 23 at 1 p.m.

Practice sessions are usually held once or twice a week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the Fort Scott Athletic Field on the Presidio.



Pictured here are members of the 1991 PSF Fire. From left, kneeling: John Webster, Kelly Smith, Javier Lopez-Mayol, and Dylan McNamara. Second row: Coach Gabriel Ighile, Rachael Wilberger, Clarisa Gaminno, Robert Wilberger, goalie Tristan Handeland, Alexander Beitashour and Tatyanna Cuevas. Not pictured is Teddy Apontes.

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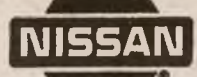
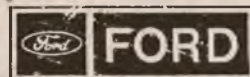
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Community Calendar

compiled by Greg Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Songs and sounds of the Civil War

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Greenery for your home

There will be a general plant sale on Saturday at the Strybing Arboretum, which is located in Golden Gate Park at 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way. The sale will be held between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Everyone loves a parade

On Sunday, there will be a Veteran's Day Parade beginning at 1 p.m. in The City. It will start at Civic Center Plaza. For more information, call 467-8218.

Fashion show and cuisine

A unique, exciting evening featuring international fashions and food from over 25 countries will be sponsored by the Women's Cancer Network of San Francisco at Fort Mason Center tomorrow night. It will begin at 6:30. A donation of \$40 is requested. All proceeds will be used to purchase mammograms for low income, uninsured women in The City. For more information, call 554-2617.

Leave donation request

Several Presidio of San Francisco and tenant activity employees are experiencing medical emergencies. These employees, Mary Powers, U.S. Army Sixth Recruiting Brigade (West), and Jan Sparks and James Kimsey, U.S. Army Garrison Presidio, are approved participants in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted all sick and annual leave. Any one wishing to donate annual leave, please contact the Civilian Personnel Directorate, Management-Employee Relations Division at 561-3780. Thank you for your support.

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Movies At The Presidio Theatre

Nov. 8: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey [PG-13]
Nov. 9: The Doctor [PG]
Nov. 10: The Pope Must Die [R]
Nov. 11: Pure Luck [PG]
Nov. 15: The Rocketeer [PG]
Nov. 16: Boyz N The Hood [R]
Nov. 17: True Identity [R]
Nov. 18: Shout [PG-13]

Movies At The Hamilton Field Theater

Nov. 8: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey [PG-13]
Doc Hollywood [PG-13]
Nov. 9: Doc Hollywood [PG-13]
Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey [PG-13]
Nov. 14: Double Impact [R]
Nov. 15: Child's Play 3 [R]
Double Impact [R]
Nov. 16: Double Impact [R]
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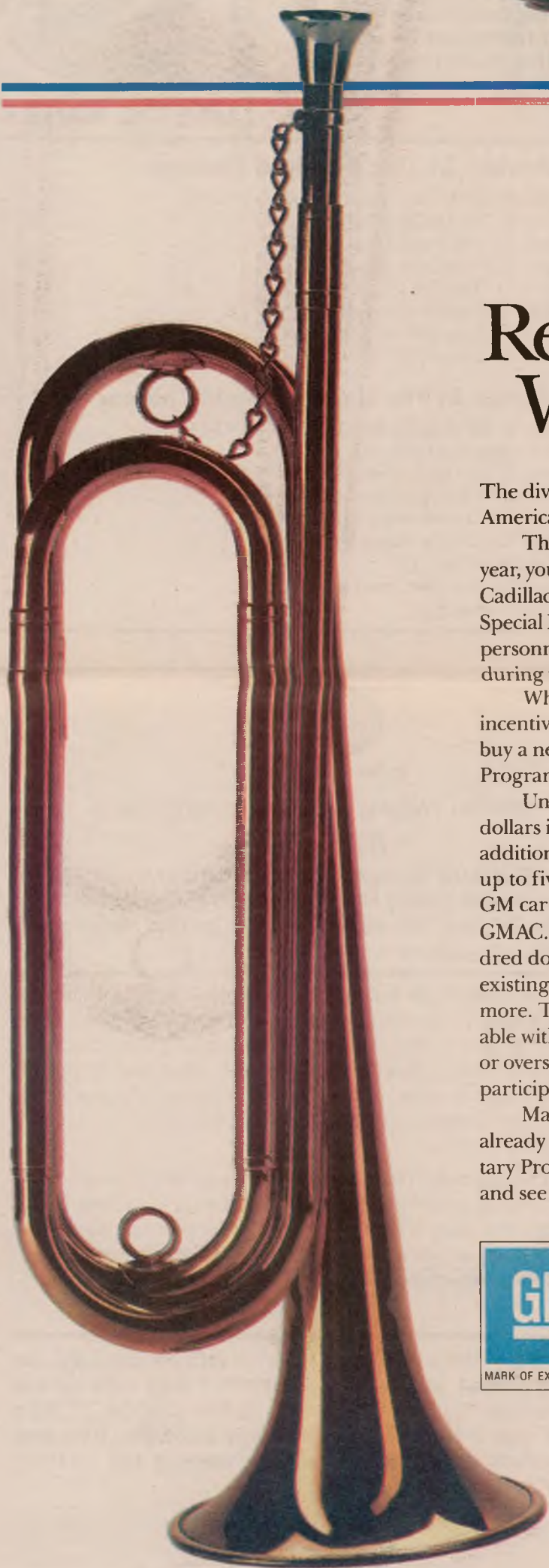
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Briefs

Rank vs. pay grade issue resolved

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

It was recently restated by the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Sergeant Major of the Army that there is only one specific instance where a soldier's pay grade is to be used: on documents where pay grade is required. Otherwise, when addressing enlisted and officers alike, rank will be used.

According to Paragraph 1-6, Article 600-20, of the Army Command Policy, "military pay grades will not be used as a form of address or title in place of the proper title of address or grade of rank."

Additionally, terms such as 'E5' will no longer be acceptable in military correspondence, regulations, briefing charts, etc.

In supporting this policy, all soldiers are continuing a proud heritage practiced in their everyday lives when it comes to military courtesies. Besides, a soldier's rank identifies the position of responsibility and the level of authority attained. Use of a soldier's rank is an act of respect due every soldier in the United States Army.

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Unit rotations alternative to full-time stationing

The Army is looking at changing the way it stations soldiers in Europe.

Army Secretary Michael P.W. Stone said he is considering short-term rotations of brigades and battalions, along with periodic deployments of reserve units, as alternatives to the current method of full-time stationing.

The short-term rotations would be similar to the method in place in Kuwait since the end of the Persian Gulf War. The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment moved into Kuwait and was replaced in late September by elements of the 3rd and 8th Infantry Divisions from Germany for a follow-on short-term tour.

"Clearly, the new world situation gives us a dimension of flexibility that the earlier European threat did not allow," said Stone during an October meeting of military and corporate leaders in Washington.

The Army will reduce its strength in Europe to 92,000 soldiers, from about 210,000 soldiers. The reductions would be made by 1996 or sooner.

Stone said at least 52,000 soldiers and 69,000 family members would leave Germany in 1992, or about 500 a day.

(courtesy of ARNEWS)

Blood Research Division has worldwide impact

by Dr. (Col.) John Hess
Chief, Blood Research Division
Letterman Army Institute of Research

Bullets, beans and blood: the blood component of the logistic chain that supports soldiers on the battlefield starts in the laboratory.

The Blood Research Division at Letterman Army Institute of Research (LAIR) develops new blood products for battlefield injury care. Current projects include better systems to store human blood longer, blood substitutes and biologic glues to put wounds back together.

The division is one of the world's best blood storage labs. The solution used to store most of the 14-million pints of blood donated in the United States each year was invented at Letterman.

Before 1980, when banked blood lasted only 21 days, one pint in seven was thrown away because a recipient of the right type could not be found before the blood was too old. Now, with the LAIR-developed solutions, 19 out of every 20 units finds a recipient who needs it. This saves about 1.4 million pints of blood each year and approximately \$140 million.

But the scientists have their eyes on a bigger prize: saving not just dollars, but more lives. Their ideas for new blood products each hold the promise of saving people that the present blood system cannot help.

About a decade ago, the concern was whether there would be enough blood to care for soldiers if there was a major air/land battle in Europe. The goal was to freeze away significant quantities of blood for use in an emergency. Blood can be kept frozen for at least 20 years, but once it is thawed, it must be used within 24 hours.

The Army's new Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS) hospitals have blood deep-freezers, and special labs to thaw the blood and prepare it for administration.

LAIR's Dr. Gerald Moore realized that the system would work better if the blood lasted longer. He designed, tested, reformulated and retested a new storage solution until he came up with a combination that keeps the cells healthy for 21 days after thawing. Human trials involving Institute volunteers are scheduled to start soon.

An added advantage of the new system is that by knowing the health of the donors several years later, the blood is safer because the chance of disease transmission is less. Dr. Moore points out that frozen blood for soldiers also helps civilians with rare blood types, who otherwise might not get the blood they need.

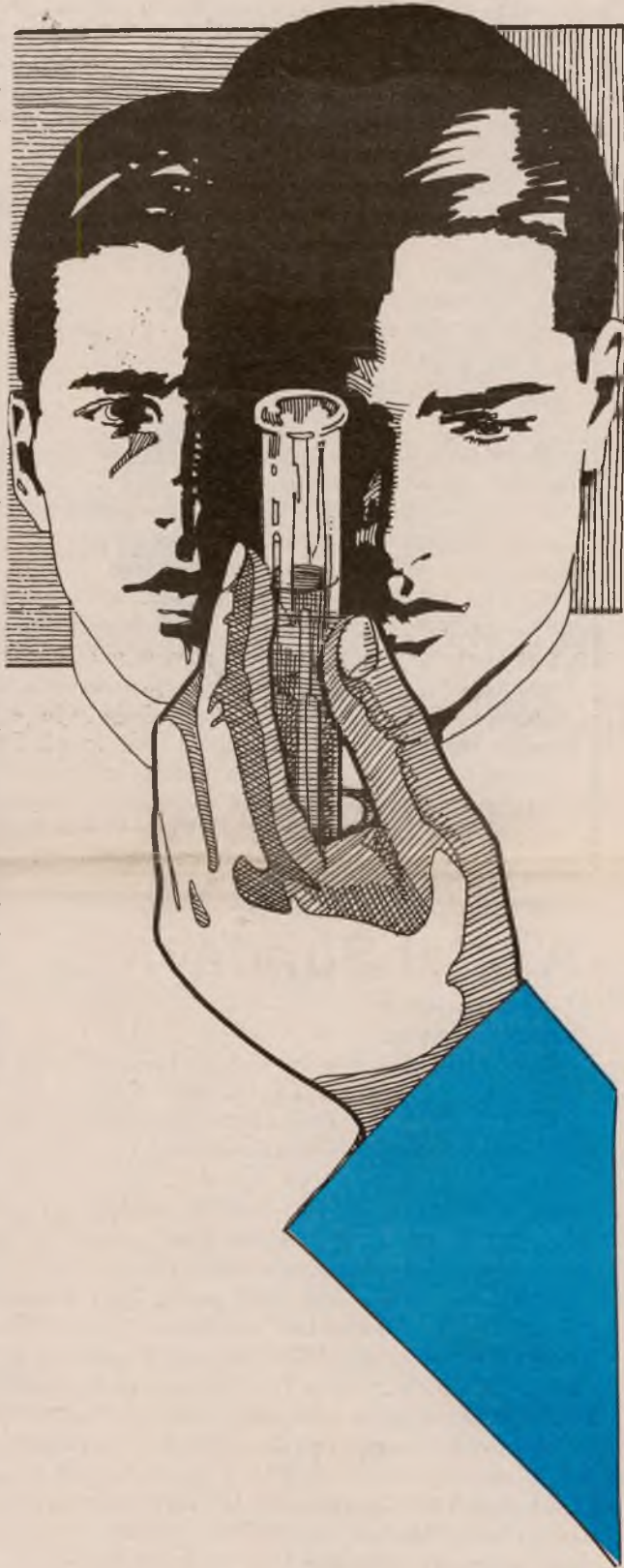
Another idea under development at the Letterman laboratory is a blood substitute, an oxygen-carrying resuscitation fluid. Hemoglobin — the red, oxygen-carrying protein inside red blood cells — would be recovered and its molecules chemically tied together to make them stay in the vessels longer. The final product would be a sterile solution with a long shelf-life. It could be given in emergencies without typing because, although our red blood cells can be of many different types, we almost all have the same kind of hemoglobin.

"About 80 percent of the division's effort is devoted to hemoglobin preparation and study," said Sgt. 1st Class Keith Chapman, head of LAIR's hemoglobin production team.

Chapman designed and runs the Institute's Hemoglobin Production Facility, the only public facility of its kind for the sterile production of hemoglobin solutions from outdated blood. The solutions are used for blood substitute research in government labs, prestigious universities and by corporations.

"Our major concern is safety," says Chapman.

Hemoglobin solutions can be pasteurized which should all but eliminate the transmission of infection with such fluids.



Chapman's work made him a finalist for the Bay Area Federal Executive Board's prestigious Federal Employee of the Year Award.

Dr. (Maj.) John Bowersox is a cell biologist and vascular surgeon who devotes his time to the study of blood-clot-based tissue glues when he is not performing surgery at Letterman U.S. Army Hospital.

Fibrin, the body's natural glue, can be used to repair organs, hold down skin grafts and seal artificial heart valves. Bowersox thinks that if fibrin glue was packaged appropriately, it could be used by medics on the battlefield to stop bleeding before soldiers went into shock; it could be used in place of tourniquets to save injured arms and legs; and it could be used to close some minor to moderate wounds to allow lightfighters to continue their mission.

Dr. Kim Vandegriff has turned down several jobs to stay at LAIR and work on the hemoglobin project. She grew up in a military family and knows the mission is important.

"If we don't do this research, nobody will, and the soldiers will suffer," she says.

News

Letter to the editor

Dear Star Presidian,

Looking through a recent issue of the *Star Presidian*, I came across an advertisement that rather disturbed me. Enclosed is the actual advertisement.

Being that nearly one out of two marriages already end in divorce, wouldn't it be more helpful to the military community, not to mention the readiness of its troops, to advertise "marriage counseling" instead of the get quick and cheap divorce?

We, the military, are one big family; and the family needs to stay together, not only for emotional support, but for stabilization. We need to promote attitudes towards working out our differences and our problems in a more constructive way than divorce.

Divorce is not the answer. It doesn't help. It only separates and leaves long-lasting effects on everyone's lives.

Please take into consideration my concern. There is already too much negativity in this world. Let us try to replace it with some good!

Thank you,
Joel Morales
SGT, USA
LAMC, Department of Surgery

Managing Editor's Note: We appreciate your concern about divorces; aside from the fact that divorces are a fact of life, as are marriages and counseling, the *Star Presidian*, per se does not screen (other than for propriety) advertising. The *Star Presidian* is a civilian enterprise publication; that is, we provide the articles and do the layout/design only. The paper is printed by a contracted commercial publishing company at no cost to the Army; the publisher sells advertising to pay the costs and earn profits. The *Star Presidian* does not, and cannot, discriminate against those who wish to advertise. If any marriage counselors wish to advertise, they can do so, too, by calling (510) 838-7933.

A fatal Sunday

by John Fowler,
Provost Marshal

A beautiful blue sky and a slight westerly breeze enhances the allure of the Presidio. A great place for a drive, a jog, a walk or a bike ride. However, the scenic day of Oct. 27 ended in tragedy for one of our visitors.

Entering the Presidio on Lincoln Boulevard from the 25th Avenue area, a bicyclist was gaining speed to attack the hills ahead enroute to the Golden Gate Bridge. As his speed increased, for reasons unknown, the front wheel and handle bars shifted violently to the right. Witnesses say he didn't have a chance. He was thrown from his mount and struck the pavement with incredible velocity. Forty-one feet later his body stopped; massive head injuries were the most serious of his numerous problems. This once healthy, strong bicycle rider was evacuated to San Francisco General Hospital for emergency surgery. He died less than 12 hours later.

This incident, the worst case scenario, could have been prevented. Causative factors of speed increased the lethal potential of the accident. Most importantly, the operator was not wearing any safety equipment: a \$50 helmet may have saved his life.

This tragic event represents why the Presidio continues to enforce vehicle code violations by bicyclists within the garrison. This accident was the fifth bike accident requiring an emergency ambulance response in the past two months; the other four victims can still talk of their experiences.

One common thread can be found in all of the accidents: they were all preventable.

Use of seat belts always important

by Cpl. Dahlheim,
PMO Traffic Section

On the Presidio so far this year, there has been a total of 194 traffic accidents. Although most of them have been minor fender benders, it is easy to say that with 100 Americans dying each day [in car accidents], we are indeed fortunate.

The laws that govern the use of seat belts are getting tougher and tougher every year. In the military, we must obey the laws of the local government and that dictated by regulation. In the state of California, the Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Safety Act was established in 1987. It says, in general, that all persons who use the California roadways will use a seat belt. In the Army, AR 385-55 also mandates seat belt use.

Other California laws that pertain to the use of seat belts are for the protection of children. Any child under four years old or weighing less than 40 pounds is required to be in an approved child restraint.

Separating soldiers fill business needs

by Patrick Swan, ARNEWS

Joseph Neubauer is worried.

Speaking to a recent "Business: The Military and the New Work Force" forum at Fort Myer, VA., the chairman and president of ARA Services asked how today's businesses can stay competitive in a world of increasing diversity, unprecedented technological change and extraordinarily complex joint venture relationships.

Fortunately for Neubauer and other business leaders, Department of Defense officials are offering a little assistance. They're simply saying "Hire separating soldiers; they've been successfully confronting those problems for years."

According to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, the people DoD is losing "are the same individuals who amazed the world with their competence in moving more than three million tons of cargo and 500,000 troops to Saudi Arabia in six months. And they are the same individuals who then impressed the world with their compassion by providing humanitarian relief to the refugees in northern Iraq and Bangladesh. They represent Americans at their finest: committed, skilled and hard working."

Under Secretary of the Army John Shannon put it like this: "The people you're getting are the best educated and the best disciplined you're going to find in the United States. They come to work on time. If you tell them to take an 18-wheeler from Tampa, Fla. to Des Moines, Iowa, it will be there when it's suppose to be."

Those soldiers have learned to solve tough problems because they are "bright and trainable," according to Lt. Gen. William H. Reno, Deputy Chief of Staff for personnel. "They understand the mission and the importance of high standards. They're exposed to sophisticated technology. They have a work ethic and an unbending perseverance to make things happen in the face of hardships."

Labor Secretary Lynn Martin said the challenge for the private sector is "to recapture the benefits of the excellent training received by people who are leaving military service."

The Army is the largest training establishment in the world, spending \$1.3 billion on more than 5,100 different courses annually. The result is a well-educated work force.

As for civilian education, 52 percent of the Army's senior NCO's have at least one year of college. Thirty-five percent of the NCO's have an associate's degree and 17 percent hold bachelor's degrees.

But the Army's training program goes beyond formal education. G. Kim Wincup, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, ex-

plained the Army's success this way: "We look at every aspect of a soldier's life: physical conditioning, values and beliefs, leadership and even personal appearance. As industry, you can count on us as a source of great quality over time," he said.

Wincup went on to say that the Army is giving separating soldiers job assistance, helping them with resume writing and teaching them interviewing and job negotiating skills.

The Army Employer Network and the Army Career Alumni Program are two examples of the Army's aggressive separation assistance programs. A third is the Defense Outplacement Referral Service (DOORS).

DOORS is a cooperative effort between DoD and the Office of Personnel Management designed to provide federal agencies and other employers rapid access to referral lists of current DoD military and civilian personnel, and their spouses affected by the drawdown, base closings and budget cuts. An electronic network matches the applicant's skills with employer's needs. Applicants can register through the Family Support Centers or by calling 1-900-990-9200. Federal agencies can seek applicants by calling FTS 8-259-3730. Private companies can call 703-614-5322.

With these efforts and the quality personnel entering the civilian work force, Joseph Neubauer can stop worrying. And so can the quality soldiers leaving the Army.



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Ask Presidians

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

"What personal sacrifices are you making to help protect the environment."



Quinton Thomas, gardener, Main Post Exchange, Four Seasons. "I only use my car when I need it, and carpool whenever possible. I also keep my car tuned up so that it doesn't pollute."



MSgt. Clyde F. Harder, 6th Army Deputy Chief of Staff (Logistics) Office. "We keep the thermostat turned down and recycle aluminum cans, plastic and paper whenever possible. It's important because we only have one Earth."



Dianne Williams, sales associate, Main Post Exchange, Four Seasons. "I take the bus to help out. I recycle cans, plastics and paper. I don't use the heat as much anymore and try to buy biodegradable products. I conserve water, especially when doing dishes and brushing my teeth, by not letting the water run."



SSgt. Lee W. Elgin III, Provost Marshals Office, Law Enforcement Company. "I use sprays that won't kill the ozone layer. I also run or bicycle when I can, instead of driving every place."



Shelly M. Parent, family member. "I recycle glass and aluminum products, and ask for paper bags instead of plastic when shopping. We try to conserve water when possible."



Barbara Griffith, family member. "I try to conserve in everything that I do. I take public transportation. It is a terrible shame what we are doing to the environment. We are destroying the ecology in the world. Diapers are the worst. When I was young, I washed my baby's diapers. Today's diapers take years to break down in a landfill, not to mention the trees that are killed to make them. It only takes twenty minutes to soak and wash a diaper. We are sacrificing the planet for twenty minutes of convenience. I feel really strongly about this. I refuse to eat in fast food restaurants that use styrofoam boxes."

Presidians recognized for outstanding performance

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Two Presidians were named Federal Employees of the Year.

They are Sgt. 1st Class Warren L. Brockenberry, Provost Marshal sergeant and John P. Hannon, research physiologist at Letterman Army Institute.

There were also three Presidians honored as finalists in their perspective categories at the 1991 Federal Employees of the Year Luncheon Nov. 6.

There were 13 categories in this year's awards program and three finalists were chosen in each category.

Hannon won in the scientific category. Recognizing the limitations of previously used laboratory models, Hannon developed an innovative model that offers insight into the basic mechanisms of hemorrhage and shock, a major cause of death in land warfare, as well as, civilian trauma victims. Hannon's efforts have resulted in the submission of an Investigative Drug Application for new shock resuscitation treatment to the Food and Drug Administration which will improve treatment of severe blood loss and shock.

Brockenberry was named the Federal Employee of the Year in the Uniformed Military category. He was the key player in the development of deployment and redeployment procedures for the soldiers mobilized within the Sixth U.S. Army's area of operations during Operation Desert Storm. Brockenberry was assigned the task of collecting, evaluating and disseminating intelligence information, working closely with the Bay Area law enforcement agencies in the prevention and detention of anti-war demonstrations against the Presidio. His nomination reads: "SFC Brockenberry is a noncommissioned officer who sets the example and insures his subordinates achieve the standard. A leader's leader. A man who doesn't have to be told to act; he takes charge and makes things happen."

The clerical finalist was Reynaldo M. Broas, a management assistant at the Letterman Army Institute of Research.

For the past seven years, Broas has provided administrative support to five of his staff members. His nomination reads: "The broad scope and varied nature of his office's function makes his duties demanding, yet his job performance is impeccable. He is a dedicated professional and an innovative civil servant. He is well respected and serves as a role model for others to emulate."

The technical finalist was Sgt. 1st Class Keith W. Chapman, the Chief Medical NCO Laboratory Technician, LAIR. He was selected to create a facility that would produce potential blood substitutes for scientific research. Chapman assumed responsibility for design, procurement, construction and operation of the facility. He supervised the plant's construction and successfully produced a sterile system on the first attempt which saved the government at least \$500,000. His accomplishments provide the raw materials to keep the Division of Blood Research at LAIR the world leader in laboratory research on blood substitutes.

Staff Sgt. Lee W. Elgin III, who was recently named the Sixth U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, was also chosen as a finalist in the Uniformed Military category. He is responsible for the training and development of new soldiers. Elgin is motivated by the challenge of taking new recruits and turning them into professional soldiers. Nominated for his leadership qualities, training ability and professional accomplishments, Elgin's achievements are reflected in the number of soldiers he has trained who have gone on to win various awards.

These finalist were chosen because of their outstanding performance in their job duties during the past two years.

(Information for this story was taken from the 1991 Federal Employee of the Year Awards pamphlet.)

VA Medical Center Honors Women

by Maj. Wanda Arceneaux,
Reserve Component Public Affairs Advisor

Veterans of Operation Desert Shield/Storm have vivid memories of the time they spent in the Mideast, but Capt. Maureen Eyssi, a nurse assigned to Letterman Hospital's Acute Care Clinic, tells of hers in a way that is not only feminine but funny.

Eyssi was one of three guest speakers at a reception honoring women veterans on November 7 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Clement Street.

"The Army slogan 'Be all you can be' was never more seriously taken than when I began my adventure to the Persian Gulf," Eyssi told the group of about 70 women veterans. "I'm not one to travel lightly, but the Army believes in just stuffing everything into one duffel bag and a carry-on," she said.

"I viewed my role as three-fold, and they were all interchangeable," she continued, explaining, "I was first a woman, then a soldier. A survivor and a caretaker came last, because if you couldn't survive, you certainly couldn't take care of anybody."

Eyssi then showed slides of where she lived during her Persian Gulf adventure, and they were almost as interesting as her colorful descriptions of life in the 28th Combat Support Hospital while it followed the 82nd Airborne Division and the 24th Infantry Division into combat with Iraq.

Enduring the hardships of the land and a male-dominated country were two of the things Eyssi faced, but moving the entire hospital, even under the cover of darkness, created perhaps her most vivid memories. The hospital was a Deployable Medical System (DEPMEDS), which consists of canvas modules and equipment designed for quick assembly and disassembly.

"When you move a hospital, you're the worker bee," she said, adding, "You carry your own gear. I looked around, and there was no porter. A lot of manual labor went into this."

"We could set up 120 beds in less than three hours,

so we got pretty proficient," Eyssi stated, adding, "and we could do it at night using red lights. We became electrical engineers, maintenance engineers. . . I hate to tell you the experience I got. I didn't even know what a rucksack looked like when I started, let alone [being able to] put up a hospital in record-breaking time—in the night, no less," she exclaimed.

A slide depicting a cube of sandbags topped with a few feet of clear plastic turned out to be the women's latrine, which, according to Eyssi, boasted mother-of-pearl pink toilet seats. In contrast, she said, the men's latrine had sea green toilet seats.

In describing the severe weather conditions, Eyssi said that occasionally she would awaken during the night to find that her tent had collapsed on top of her as a result of strong winds that accompanied the rainstorms.

And sandbags played a very big role in her life, because they went everywhere with the soldiers for protection. "If we weren't filling them, we were moving them. If we weren't moving them, we were stacking them. Once we stacked them, they didn't like the way they (the sandbags) were formed, so we moved them again. It was a wonderful life," Eyssi said in her humorous way.

In talking about her nursing activities, Eyssi said that at the start of the war the unit was only set up to run at half capacity. Although they were capable of handling up to 1,000 patients a day, they only treated about 100 patients a day, most of which were Iraqis. Most of the injuries were gut wounds and traumatic amputations.

In summary, Eyssi said, "This is truly a wonderful time to be a woman, to be in the military and to be part of the changes and recognition that are ongoing. I was proud and very honored to have served in the Persian Gulf, and thanks to people like Representative (Barbara) Schoeder and the Defense Advisory Council on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), we are evolving and coming into our own rights."

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Feature

Presidio continues to be prime location for Hollywood productions

Post provides scenic, historical backdrop for commercials, television programs and motion pictures

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The next time you see large white trucks with an abundance of cable running from them to a group of people with cameras, smile—you could be in pictures!

Actually, it's more complicated than that, but not by much.

Video, photography and film production companies spend vast amounts of money and time looking for isolated, scenic, wooded sites to use as backdrops for their productions.

One such place that ranks high on the preferred list in the Bay Area is the Presidio of San Francisco. The post has an abundance of trees, historic buildings, a quiet atmosphere and very little traffic. The traffic and the trees are probably the post's biggest pluses.

Film and video studios like to record car commercials here because of the backdrop formed by the trees. Some production companies use fog machines or the area's natural fog to record intricate light patterns as their cars drive along the Presidio's winding streets.

The post's streets don't have much traffic at certain hours of the day, which makes them accessible for repeated shots of certain scenes. Also, the post's streets provide plenty of twists and turns that give the director a certain special effect for free.

On film (and video) the scenes take place in only two dimensions—vertically and horizontally—but, there is no third dimension of depth. Therefore, a camera set up at a certain location near a curve can actually alter the reality of perceived speed. A car exiting a far curve and entering a curve near the camera will appear to be traveling much faster than it is really going.



photo by Steve Morey
Sean Connery with Director Peter Hyams during filming of the movie, "Presidio," at the San Francisco National Cemetery on post.

This trick solves two problems. First, it keeps the cars operating at a safe speed. Second, the Presidio doesn't allow any stunt driving on the premises, so the drivers must obey the speed limit.

But car commercials are only some of the productions you'll see here.

Photography studios have used Presidio locations to photograph models for fashion magazines. Once again, the trees proved a favored backdrop, but there have been other locations that presented a certain draw to the photographer's eye.

One company from New York filmed an M&M Candy commercial at the Presidio Yacht Club. Oldsmobile used the runways and hangars at Hamilton Army Air Field to photograph its cars for a brochure.

One photographer chose to use the stone wall that borders the western boundary of the San Francisco National Cemetery for Gump's catalogue. Fashion models struck various poses in front and on top of the wall. The photographer did show restraint and decorum, however. He made sure none of the graves or headstones were visible in his photos.

David Powers Photography used the emergency room area of the Public Health Service Hospital, building 1801, to photograph scenes for a brochure of Sun Microsystems. The session included actors and models portraying patients, doctors and ambulance technicians. The brochure illustrated the various ways that Sun's computers could be used, and it was easier for the company to secure an emergency room that was not being used than it was to build one from scratch.

Sometimes, what is good for photography can also be good for film or video.

The PHS hospital, which once housed a branch of the Defense Language Institute, was used more recently (from May through June) to film scenes for Warner Brothers' "Final Analysis," starring Richard Gere. For this movie, the directors needed to film scenes that depicted a hospital in the '50s, plus they needed to film scenes on different floors and in different areas. Warner Brothers determined that it wasn't possible to meet this goal in an operational hospital and it would be too difficult to build all of the different sets. That made the PHS hospital the perfect site.

"Return to the Streets of San Francisco," starring Karl Mauden, filmed an emergency room scene in the PHS hospital on Oct. 30. They also designed a psychiatrist's office setting in the NCO Club Conference Room and filmed there Oct. 29.

Another favored site is the Pet Cemetery, which has been used for scenes in the TV programs "Crazy Like a Fox" with Jack Warden and "Over My Dead Body" starring Edward Woodward and Jessica Lundy (remember that one?).

In CBS's "Midnight Caller," the main character's late wife was buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery onpost. The main character, Jack Killian, would visit her gravesite to reflect on events taking place in the show. The cemetery was used also in one of the Dirty Harry movies, "The Dead Pool," where Clint Eastwood's character visits a gravesite in the cemetery while investigating a crime.

And for "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" director and star Leonard Nimoy and costar William Shatner filmed a scene on the breakwater at Fort Baker.

Movies don't just happen on the Presidio. Just like anything else, film and video productions require a lot of paperwork.

Requests and filming permits are processed by the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Public Affairs Office. Additionally, the Provost Marshal's Office is responsible for coordinating the times that productions are to be made on the post's property, determining the number of people allowed on site and the number of vehicles that can safely be parked in a given area, and coordinating with building managers and with other directorates on post to ensure that the productions don't interfere with the Army's daily business.

The PAO insures that film requests don't violate post or Army regulations and policies.

By regulation, monies paid for using the government's property is sent to the Treasurer of the United States. The Presidio makes no profit from video or film productions.



photo by Joel Smith
Clint Eastwood strides through the cemetery here after filming a funeral scene in "The Dead Pool."

Film requests are not limited to movies or television shows set in San Francisco.

A number of movie production companies have used Hamilton Army Air Field as a location for special effects work. The most prolific requestor for this type of work is Industrial Light and Magic, a division of Lucasfilm Productions based in San Rafael, Calif. Owned and run by filmmaker George Lucas, ILM is located about five to 10 minutes south of HAAF.

From this location ILM can move its equipment and people to the isolated buildings located on HAAF and film scenes such as the action sequence of a blimp exploding with actor Bill Campbell trapped inside that was used in the closing scenes of "The Rocketeer"; and a scene of a burning room used in Kurt Russell's movie "Backdraft".

The hangars at HAAF were repainted and disguised as part of a 1930s airport for "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," starring Harrison Ford and Kate Capshaw. And the runways were used for the film, "Howard the Duck."

Probably the most memorable instance of Presidio involvement in a production was the making of the movie "Presidio" in 1988 with Sean Connery and Mark Harmon, when more than 200 soldiers were used as extras and a large number of scenes were filmed on post, not in a studio.

Feature

Army aviator beats cancer; wins back flight status

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Five years ago, after being diagnosed with cancer, Lt. Col. Jim Cherry was temporarily retired and medically grounded from Army flying.

After a long hard fight, Cherry has whipped the cancer and returned to active duty and flight status.

Cherry has been the perfect picture of good health his whole life. He is a physical fitness fanatic a marathoner, weight lifter and skier. He has never smoked and is very diet conscious. He has maxed the Army Physical Fitness Test for more than 20 years.

However, in 1984 he started to have early signs of cancer: Non-Hodgins Lymphoma.

In the fall of 1983, Cherry had been training very hard for the 26-mile Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. He completed the marathon in just over three hours. Soon after, he began to develop a swollen lymph nodes for no apparent reason, but he felt completely healthy. He was treated with antibiotics by a flight surgeon to no avail. He was then admitted to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for further diagnosis. Cherry had a lymph node biopsy. The pathologists at Walter Reed were unable to determine or agree on a diagnosis. He was then referred to the National Institute of Health for a second opinion. After three weeks of exhaustive testing, NIH could not find any evidence of cancer. Lymphoma is very difficult to diagnose in its early stages. Cherry said he then went into the maximum denial mode. He convinced himself, the doctors and the Army that he didn't have cancer.

Cherry was reassigned to Germany to another flight assignment where he served as the Battalion Executive Officer and Mohawk pilot flying reconnaissance missions for the 2nd Military Intelligence Battalion. In April 1986, Cherry again noticed swollen lymph nodes near his jaw line and under his arms. "The lump under my jaw became as big as a golf ball," Cherry said. "I finally went to see the flight surgeon and he just asked, 'Where have you been?'"

Within days, Cherry was medevaced to Walter Reed. His condition was very critical. His diagnosis, this time, left no doubt: Non-Hodgins Lymphoma.

Because of Cherry's excellent physical fitness, he was treated very aggressively with a strong combination of chemotherapy and radiation. The treatment lasted from April 1986 to March 1987.

"The disease just kills you, but the treatment makes you miserable," Cherry said. "Chemotherapy wears the body down until your body just can't take it any more. When your body can't take the treatment any more then the cancer kills you."

Cherry was in good enough physical condition to take strong treatments over a long period of time.

"That's what kept me alive—a life long physical fitness program and a positive attitude," Cherry said.

"This disease can be beaten.

"I feel it's my duty to set the example and tell people who have been diagnosed as having cancer that they can beat it and not to give up," he added.

The doctors at Walter Reed recommended permanent medical retirement. The prognosis was that Cherry would relapse and die of cancer within two years. Cherry, soon after the last treatment, began to exercise and regained his strength. By the time the medical board met to consider his case, he was running six miles a day.

In June of 1987, Cherry was placed on temporary retirement, rather than being permanently retired.

While temporarily retired, Cherry earned his Airline Transport Pilot License, the highest FAA pilot rating. He was approved for an FAA First Class Medical Certificate, without waiver or restriction. He flew more than 2,000 hours as a Captain for a large regional airline from 1987 to 1991.

However, Cherry's ultimate goal was to return to active duty and regain flight status as a lieutenant colonel in the Army.

Cherry feels the primary effect cancer had on his life was that he was, for a time, stopped short of his goals.

"Many people that survive cancer say that they value life more and they take better care of themselves," he said. "I always valued life and had taken good care of myself. This just points out that anybody can get cancer. Surviving cancer may have rein-



Cherry stands by the airplane he flies out of Hamilton Army Airfield.

forced my values, but I haven't changed.

"The Army is a great way of life," he continued. "It has always been my ultimate goal to have the Army as my career."

Cherry is a strong man who beat the odds. He wants others who are diagnosed as having cancer to know that they can talk to him.

"The most important thing is to be physically fit and keep a positive attitude and put all your energy in to beating the disease."

Cherry stills runs more than 100 miles a month.

"People need to know the early signs of cancer. People with cancer have to face the facts," he concluded. "They need to do something about it right away. Not like me, at first, waiting and denying that I had cancer. I almost died because of that. Early detection and treatment can save your life."

He was medically reevaluated at Walter Reed in November 1990. The medical board determined that he was to be "returned to duty as fit." In March of this year, Cherry was ordered back to active duty and assigned to the Aviation Division of the Sixth U.S. Army staff.

He takes no medication and has been in remission for almost five years. "Each year I'm in remission, the better chance I have not to relapse," Cherry said.

"Every year medical science learns more about cancer and is developing better ways to treat the disease," Cherry said. "Right now there is no cure; the disease can come back, but every year in remission

gives me, and others, a better chance to continue our lives."

After being returned to active duty, Cherry's next goal was to regain flight status.

Since cancer is medically grounding in the Army, a waiver was submitted to the Aviation Aeromedical Center at Fort Rucker, Ala. that requested Cherry be returned to flight status. Lt. Gen. (Retired) William H. Harrison, former Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, strongly recommended to the Army that the waiver be approved. His recommendation was based on the fact that Cherry is one of the Army's most highly experienced Commissioned Aviators. He is a Master Army Aviator, rated in helicopters and airplanes with more than 7,000 flight hours. He has had numerous aviation command and operation assignments in Vietnam, Europe, Saudi Arabia and the United States. The waiver was granted in September. Cherry returned to flight status and is now flying airplanes for Sixth U.S. Army Flight Detachment as a member of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training's Aviation Division.

A Vietnam veteran, Cherry served with the first Cavalry Division flying 1,100 combat hours in helicopters.

Cherry had the honor in 1983 to participate a one of the the pilots in a 10 ship helicopter flyby to dedicate the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C.

"I'm a survivor," Cherry says. "A very lucky survivor, but I never lost a positive attitude."

Feature

Red Cross names office after 44-year volunteer

by Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian staff

A Purple Heart recipient and World War I veteran who has volunteered for 44 years on post now has an office named in his honor here.

The American Red Cross station here at the Presidio has renamed one of its offices after Joseph Lafferty, who entered the military just in time for World War I.

Lafferty recently suffered a stroke and is recuperating in a convalescent home.

Lafferty began volunteering at Letterman U.S. Army Hospital in 1947. During those 44 years, Lafferty found time to give service to others as well as the Red Cross. In the 1950s he helped build barracks for the Coast Guard in California. Later, he was designated as the chaplain for the Disabled American Veterans.

Lafferty also played Santa Claus for 44 years for children at Letterman and found time to teach for the Civilian Conservation Corps. Lafferty built his own home in San Francisco.

Lafferty, born in Dec. 1898, joined the Navy during World War I and was assigned to the battleship Pennsylvania. He was wounded during a gun duel with a German submarine.



photo courtesy American Red Cross
Joseph Lafferty (in wheelchair) observed the ceremony which dedicated the Red Cross' Volunteer Lounge to him for his years of selfless service.

Thanks for the memories, Presidio

by James L. Ballance

PART III

My father could have walked to work at the Presidio in ten minutes but he chose to drive his Baby Grand four-door touring car with its lavender-tinted headlamps out to Thornburg Road every day unless it had a flat tire. It was the first thing he sold when he lost his job in 1926, to be replaced when he was rehired by an ancient Ford with a shiny brass radiator cowl. But earlier all was bliss on Lombard Street. My mother was happily becoming Americanized and my father was apparently satisfied with his lot in life until the birth of my sister and my rapid arrival thereafter posed a dilemma. My father was a buck sergeant and the rapid demobilization of the Army following WW I, plus the stringent reductions of the Regular Army mandated by the National Defense Act of 1920, were not encouraging for those looking forward to promotion.

The Army had seven enlisted grades, from private to master sergeant, plus two grades for Army field clerks, a rank shortly changed to warrant officer in two grades. One had to be a first-three-grader in order to draw rations and quarters for dependants. This restriction was lifted during the war and remained in effect for the AEF Siberia until its return to the U.S. in late 1920. Now, however, everything reverted to the *status quo ante bellum*.

The new Act authorized a strength of 280,000 men and about 18,000 officers. But actual strength was to be determined by the funds appropriated annually for the War Department by Congress. Congress thereby immediately reduced the authorized strength to 175,000 men, plus officers, and in 1922 directed that the standing Army be permanently limited to 125,000 men, 12,000 officers, and a total strength of 7,000 for the Philippine Scouts. These figures remained static until the late Thirties when the inert economy showed sufficient animation to indicate that the great Depression, keynoted by the stock market crash of 1929, was easing.

The case of the late Colonel Maxwell James, who soldiered with my father before the war of 1917-1918, is typical. A sergeant in the 27th, James was commissioned via OTS or Officers Training School in Manila and served with the regiment as a first lieutenant in Siberia. Few officers commissioned in WW I were retained on active duty. Upon the recall of the expeditionary force in Asiatic Russia in 1920, James returned to the rank of staff sergeant, while retaining a reserve commission. We saw him occasionally in the ensuing years. He left the Army to take a job in the early Twenties, but returned after a few months and asked for assign-

ment to the 15th U.S. Infantry regiment, the "Can Do" at Tientsin Barracks, China.

My father "bought out" (purchased his discharge) at the same time, never to return. He and James had entered the 27th together at Fort Sheridan (Chicago) in 1915 and remained in touch throughout their lives. In 1940 James was recalled to active duty as a captain and served in the ETO, becoming commander, Southern District Base Section, Mediterranean Area, before returning to San Francisco in 1945 as a director, training, San Francisco Port of Embarkation. He retired in 1949 as executive officer, Fort Eustis, VA, as a colonel.

My Dad passed away at Fort Miley VA Hospital in 1970, while Max James, who was hospitalized at the same time at Letterman, survived long enough to send a message to my mother at the funeral services. The Colonel succumbed five weeks later. My mother called him "Sergeant James" until the end.

If it appears surprising that the Army managed to keep its manpower up to strength in the Twenties and Thirties, one must remember that a series of minor recessions occurred from 1920 until the miracle year of 1927, when the nation seemed rolling in wealth, only to suffer the Crash of 1929, followed by the great Depression.

There was no work for anyone but the fortunate. Men were only too happy to remain in the Army, given the alternative, and most were dedicated soldiers in the first place. Despite the niggardly appropriations and the equally niggardly pay, men often clamored to serve, but to no avail. Enlistments were periodically closed or often limited to those with prior service.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a national recovery based upon economic belt-tightening in the early Thirties, one of its earliest provisions immediately slashed Army pay by fifteen percent. Privates were thus reduced to a pay envelope containing \$17.85 per month, less \$1.50 for the QMC laundry (still a lot for the money), .25 for the old soldier's home at Fort Monroe, VA, plus whatever one invariably owed—i.e., PX checks, in credit advanced by the post exchange.

When the Army discontinued issuing cash and instead distributed checks on payday, I discovered that my father earned a salary of \$89.10 monthly and managed to raise and educate a family of six children in those early grinding years of the Depression. With this single account receivable, my mother managed to disburse to all accounts payable and, counting the nice checks often sent by aunts in New York, even set a bit aside. Then President Roosevelt authorized the second payment of the World War Veterans Bonus and it seemingly put us beyond the worry level.

There was little rank at the Presidio until the Army

began to expand with the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in September 1939. The IX Corps Area was always commanded by a major general, his chief of staff a colonel, sometimes a lieutenant colonel. A full colonel was a rare bird indeed and those at the Presidio could be listed on one hand, with a finger or two left over, a condition prevalent throughout the Army. But General Malin Craig went directly from the Presidio to Washington as Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, an exception to the dismal promotion prospects in force everywhere within the armed services.

Companies were often commanded by lieutenants, battalions by majors or even senior captains, regiments by light colonels and brigades by colonels. When one advanced in command it didn't include an automatic advance in grade until the requisite time in grade was served, while the latter more often than not was further ignored because promotions were then delayed regardless of TD or time in grade. It was equally deterring for enlisted men and it seems, looking back in time, that the men and NCOs I knew as a boy remained in grade throughout the period between the wars.

In the old days the Adjutant General's Office and the Quartermaster Corps seemingly ran the Army, with the AGO or Department dominating administration and the QMC running everything else. Yet at the Presidio the QMC Engineering Department was always commanded by a senior captain. At times a senior lieutenant served as his XO or adjutant, but most of the time the captain commanded alone.

In 1939, however, things began to change. I recently ran across an old group picture of the department, including Army and civilian personnel, taken in early 1941. Four officers sat in the front row, two senior captains and two senior lieutenants; thus we can assure ourselves that the CO had finally secured assistance in running his department.

Colonel Morrow promised my father a rocker (promotion to staff sergeant) if he would return to the Army but could not of course guarantee anything. My father was sorely tempted—the Army always had a way of sustaining NCOs who didn't rate rations and quarters until they achieved that plateau—but knew that it would probably take another five years for a promotion and reluctantly elected to remain a civilian.

Upon his return to the U.S. in late October 1920, my father was temporarily assigned to Fort McDowell, Angel Island. He and my mother stayed at the Palace Hotel for a month before finding suitable quarters on Greenwich Street. He then transferred to the Quartermaster at the Presidio, where

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he found a number of fellow Siberian vets now serving with the 1st Battalion, 6th U.S. Engineers; 30th U.S. Infantry, 65th U.S. Coast Artillery (if memory serves), the Medical Department and HQ, IX Corps Area.

One sergeant who had learned to fly in Manila as a volunteer helper with the small detachment from Aeronautical Division, U.S. Signal Corps, reenlisted with Aviation Ordnance and was stationed at Crissy Field. Others had left the Army to accept civil service jobs at the post.

When a recruiter for the construction of Hetch Hetchy Dam (it became Shaughnessy later) appeared one evening at the home of retired Warrant Officer Harry Blake—a veteran of the Indian Wars, Spanish-American War and World War I—our next-door neighbor on Greenwich who had finally left the service at the Presidio in 1919, my father and a few other soldiers, including my godfather, succumbed to his

blandishments. First, however, Dad applied for a job with QMC Engineering. Then he left the Army, packed his little family aboard the overnight riverboat to Stockton, and relocated at Big Oak Flat in Calaveras County adjacent to the dam construction site.

After three months, the Army called Hetch Hetchy and offered him a job at the Presidio. Back we went to San Francisco, settling on Lombard Street.

Our house was located high above the street and one had to climb a flight of cement stairs to reach our front yard. The streets in Cow Hollow were still illuminated by gaslight and at dusk I often stood on the verandah and watched the lamplighters as they progressed from lamp to lamp and using a hooked pole turn up the gas so that the mantles would ignite.

The Marina didn't exist at the time. It was simply the site of the 1915 Pan Pacific Exposition, and the Bay and the profusion of artesian springs in the area had again inundated the former fairgrounds. The only building still standing was the rapidly dis-

integrating Palace of Fine Arts. Its lagoon had been fashioned from a freshwater lake called Frog Pond.

The fair itself extended all the way to the headland at Fort Point on borrowed Presidio land. During the late war the Aviation Section, U.S. Signal Corps (it became the U.S. Army Aviation Service in 1918 and the Air Corps in 1927) reclaimed it, ceding the area of the Palace of Fine Arts to San Francisco as a gift, and created Crissy Field.

In 1919 Major Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, the future five-star General of the Army, assumed command and under his leadership the airfield was redesigned, graded and brought up to military air standards. But the area from Chestnut Street to the breakwater and Marina Boulevard, and from Lyon Street to Fillmore and Funston Park was all water, marsh and tall tule reeds.

PART IV will continue next week

Chapel News

By Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

The Presidio Post Chapel has many opportunities to study the Bible. Sunday School and CCD classes are held every Sunday morning at the Religious Activities Center, Bldg 682. Protestant classes begin at 9:30 with classes for everyone ages 3 years old up through adults.

Catholic CCD classes begin at 11 a.m. and we have classes for children 4 years old up through Junior High School aged. To register for either school, come by the Religious Activities Center any Sunday or drop by the Main Post Chapel during business hours.

Bible Study Fellowship for women is a five-year program that has classes all over the world (for you wondering souls). They have lecture and discussion formats that make this so effective. Classes are held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the RAC.

Presidio Bible Talk is an open discussion group that meets every Thursday at the RAC at 8 p.m.. Everybody is invited to this informative edifying group. Also on Thursday evenings is a Prayer and Praise Group. They also meet at 8 p.m. at the RAC.

The LAMC Chaplains hold a noon time Bible Study at the Chapel at LAMC. They are presently going through the book of Philippians. Chaplain Dolinger is holding a Bible study in his home. For information about this study, phone him up at the Battalion at 561-2742.

The Presidio Men of the Chapel just held their first Breakfast and are beginning to form an outstanding group. The Presidio Women of the Chapels are also formed and holding weekly meetings. For more information about these two groups, phone the Post Chapel or the RAC.

The Presidio Post Chapel Teen group is continuing to meet every Wednesday evening at the RAC for fellowship and Bible study. Their next project is an Aluminum Can Drive on Saturday, Nov. 23. Please start to save those cans for this worthwhile cause.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday at 5 p.m. and every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday afternoon at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-3764. The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday at the LAMC Chapel at 11 a.m.. We have other Bible Studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, please phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

If you want to sacrifice the admiration of many men for the criticism of one, go ahead, get married.

—Katherine Hepburn

Small as sugar cubes**Tiny radios revolutionize communication**

Radios as small as sugar cubes have been successfully developed by using micro-module circuits, which are expected to play an increasingly important role in the field of defense electronics, the Department of the Army announced this week.

The micro-module program, which also has civilian applications, was sponsored by the U.S. Army Signal Corps, with the Radio Corporation of America as the prime contractor.

The micro-module program, under way since April, 1958, marks the beginning of the "cubist" era in electronics. In this new scientific and engineering revolution, the vast range of jobs done by transistors and other electronic parts is being compressed into tiny micro-modules: circuit building blocks measuring only a third of an inch on each side. Their small size can save critical space and weight in future satellite systems and rockets.

By using the "disciplined geometry" of micro-modules, electronic researchers already have achieved a better than 10 to one size reduction over today's most refined equipment, using printed wiring, transistor and other small parts. In some cases, the reduction is 20 to one and further compression is considered feasible.

The military logistics complex for supporting highly mobile, widely-dispersed forces of the modern Army is expected to be simplified by micro-modules. Easy replacement of defective parts in electronic equipment would require fewer skilled repairmen. Material tonnage, transport and storage would be greatly reduced.

Although the developments have been primarily for national defense requirements, micro-modules will eventually find their way into homes, commerce and industry. The wall-type television set, its surface determined by the expanse of the viewing tube and the rest of its components in the rim of its picture frame, is nearer to reality as the result of this new concept.

The electronics for record players and dictation machines could fit in a pocket or small purse under the micro-module concept. Button-size batteries, already developed, would provide power for these and other equipment when electrical sockets are out of reach.

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Ed Centers help family members

(courtesy of DPCA, Education Division)

If you are 18 or over and have an identification card, you are eligible for valuable opportunities available at the Presidio Education Centers.

The first step is to talk with a guidance counselor. No appointment is necessary, just come in during operating hours. Tell the counselor what your goals and interests are and he or she will describe the local programs which can meet your needs.

You may be able to accomplish your goal on post. Free courses in word processing, typing/keyboarding and accounting are offered weekday mornings. If you need to work on basic skills, individualized math and reading programs are available from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. You can pick a college correspondence course from our extensive catalog or arrange testing for college credit at a cost of \$25-\$40 per exam.

Another terrific program which family members will not find at every installation is our Computer Based Learning Center (CBLC). If you are not already computer literate, the CBLC is a user-friendly place to start. Workshops cost \$50-\$200, but you can learn the same content in free individual tutorials.

Other advantages of tutorials are that you work at your own pace and set your own schedule; an instructor is available at all times in case you need help.

If you have some computer experience already, you can refresh your skills or learn new programs through the CBLC. Also available is CYBIS (formerly known as PLATO). This is a system that delivers courses through a computer, without requiring the student to know anything about computers. Hundreds of subjects are offered on CYBIS, such as business, math and test preparations (some carry college credit).



The Letterman Education Center in building 1014 and the Fort Scott Education Center in building 1216 are open for counseling Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

News

Corps assisting East Bay fire recovery efforts

story and photo by Michael Keuss,
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The East Bay hills fire happened exactly two years and three days after the Loma Prieta earthquake. With many memories of the October 1989 tragedy still fresh, the Bay Area did not need another major catastrophe to further tax the human resource agencies.

"The fire's aftermath is much sadder because of the greater personal losses," said Helga Grahl, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' San Francisco District's National Security Emergency Preparedness Program manager. "After Loma Prieta, people could at least salvage most of their personal belongings and valuables from their homes. After this fire, so many residents had absolutely nothing left from their homes."

By the time the 69-hour firestorm was finally put under control, 1,776 acres were burned, 3,354 homes were destroyed, 25 people died and between \$1.5 to \$2 billion worth of public and private property was damaged or destroyed. It is considered one of the major fire disasters in the nation's history.

"The Corps has been involved in two very important recovery activities: technical assistance and public assistance," Grahl said.

Four employees, Leon Holden, geotechnical engineer, and Al Mathiesen, hydraulic engineer, San Francisco District; and Debra Castens, civil engineer, and Greg Reynolds, hydrologist from the Los Angeles District, have completed technical assistance work for the City of Berkeley. This involved soil erosion control techniques such as hydro-seeding steep, barren hillsides; installing plastic debris and silt fences; providing design details for erosion control check dams in gullies; and identifying several channel bank



Leon Holden, a San Francisco District geotechnical engineer, checks burnt soil conditions in a completely destroyed residential neighborhood in the Berkeley Hills.

erosion sites that need immediate attention before possible winter rains begin.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) tasked the District to conduct both preliminary damage assessments and damage survey reports for public facilities, which could include schools, churches, city buildings, and road and bridge facilities. This work could also include massive labor effort reimbursement, such as search and rescue, building inspections and debris removal.

FEMA has compiled initial estimates of \$42 million worth of damages to public facilities. More than 18 applicants have applied for this public assistance, including the cities of Oakland and Berkeley, East

Bay Municipal Utility District, Bay Area Rapid Transit system and the state of California. These numbers are expected to rise as inspectors start gathering actual costs.

Steve deKruif, the District's acting Emergency Management Branch chief, is the team leader for accomplishing the damage survey reports mission. He is being assisted by Phil Pang, Design Branch; Robert Stewart, Navigation Section; Hank Macner, Base Yard; and Duke Roberts, Plan Formulation Branch.

FEMA has opened a disaster field office in Oakland, and the damage survey reports mission is expected to continue for 30 to 60 days.

Association increases educational loans

The Retired Officers Association (TROA) increased its Educational Assistance Program to provide \$1,750 annual, no-interest loans for the 1991-92 school year. The loans are awarded for up to five years of undergraduate study to unmarried undergraduate students, under the age of 24, who are dependent children of active, reserve and retired service personnel and their widows(ers).

This current school year, 700 students were awarded loans, totaling over one million dollars. From this group, based upon their academic records, participation in extracurricular and community

activities, 120 students received special \$800 grants in addition to the loans. All those who were awarded loans were automatically considered for the grants.

The TROA Educational Assistance Program was established in 1948 for the sons and daughters of retired officers and their widows. It has expanded to include the children of active duty, reserve National Guard and retired officers, warrant officer and non-commissioned officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Since this program was initiated, more than

3,400 students have received interest-free loans, totaling more than eight million dollars.

Scholarship applications for the 1992-93 school year have been available since Nov. 1, 1991. Applications should be requested by March 15, 1992, and the completed application must be postmarked on or before April 1, 1992. For applications and more information, write to TROA Scholarship Administrator, 201 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314-2529.

(courtesy of the Retired Officers Association)

Veterans

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Eyssi said a lot about being a successful woman in the military when she explained, "You have to have a wonderful sense of humor and do the best you can with what you have—that's part of surviving." And all these ladies were obviously survivors.

The two other guest speakers were retired Air Force Col. Renee Rubin, who serves on the National Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee for Women Veterans, and retired Army Reserve Col. Helen Ripple, a former member of several Sixth Army medical units, including the 347th General Hospital in Sunnyvale, and the 2nd Hospital Center at Hamilton Army Airfield.

Rubin spoke of her role on the VA advisory committee and some of the problems they have sought to correct through legislation. Of special interest to the audience was a story she relayed from a woman veteran she visited during her travels to different VA hospitals around the country. The woman, who served with the Marines in North Africa during World War II, contracted pneumonia while there and

required recuperation after her treatment. However, because the VA hospital did not have facilities to house women, she was sent to a harem in the local community to recover from her illness. This was just one of many stories Rubin told about the special problems women veterans have encountered in their fight for equal veterans benefits.

Ripple spoke of some of her experiences as an Air Force nurse serving in Vietnam and then later while serving in the Army Reserve.

All three speakers were well received by the enthusiastic audience, many of whom addressed the group with their own stories at the conclusion of the formal program. One veteran, 76-year-old Fereuza Gifford, talked of her recent experience as a seaman with the Merchant Marines on several sea-going vessels during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Having served with the Navy during World War II, she decided to become a Merchant Marine in 1948. She had retired but missed the work and rejoined just a few years ago. She was all smiles when she spoke of her recent Persian Gulf experience and proudly dis-

played a certificate she earned from the Navy.

The VA Medical Center holds the reception each year to recognize and celebrate the role women have played in the armed forces.

The women veterans who attended, as indicated by their enthusiastic participation and applause, seemed to appreciate the opportunity to share old memories, whether they be of hardships or situations that tickle the funnybone.



Feature



Cottage offers creative crafts for Christmas

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

A casual visitor would think that they had accidentally wandered into Santa's workshop if it wasn't for the palm trees out front and the proximity of the beach.

Don't worry though. Santa hasn't moved South for the winter, nor has he decided to open a franchise. Though, if he did, there is a shop on post that would surely get his personal stamp of approval.

The shop is the Creative Cottage, located in building 204, behind the Main Exchange. The shop is bursting at the seams with quality, handmade items for holidays, birthdays, or just about any occasion. The staff of Santa's helpers are ready to scamper to your aid in choosing that perfect gift.

As you walk through the door, you enter a realm not too often seen in today's mass-production world. Each turn brings a new handmade surprise or treat. Some of the items that are available at the shop include quilts, floral arrangements, dolls and tiques. Seasonal items also abound, such as Christmas wreaths, ornaments, decorations and stockings. The shop also offers clothing for everyone on a shopping list from infants to adults. The shop is a festival for the senses. There are inviting scents and soft items to spoil yourself or somebody else with. Not only is everything in good taste, some things even taste good. The shop also carries homemade jams, jellies and preserves—all made by hand, of course.

"There is a lot of care and workmanship that goes into these objects," explained Jean Zurek, the

manager and creative force behind the shop. "You can find some unique and unusual items here that you probably couldn't find any place else. Chances are, also, if you did see these items off-post, they would be substantially higher priced."

The store is stocked by some of the most creative military and civilian artisans in the local area.

"You must be active duty, retired, or a civilian working on post to consign an item to the shop," said Zurek. Other guidelines for consignors include: only original arts and crafts works are acceptable. Because of limited space, only 12 items will be accepted from each consignor, with no more than six like-items accepted at a time.

Check with the staff at the cottage for a complete listing of rules and limitations.

People interested in consigning items need to adhere to the following limitations. The Creative Cottage receives 20-percent of the selling price for consignments. A consignor can choose to pull out an item at the end of the 90-day time frame, or lower the asking price.

The money made by the Creative Cottage is returned to the Presidio of San Francisco Army Community in several different ways and charities.

The Creative Cottage is open on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month. If the Saturday is a holiday, the Cottage will be open on the following Saturday. To accommodate holiday shoppers, the Cottage will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 - 6, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 7.

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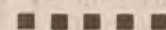
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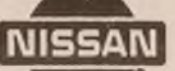
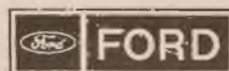
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Feature

Fort Point: Guardian of San Francisco Bay

Story and photo by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian staff

Part 2

In January, 1854, Major J. G. Barnard, the second engineer officer to be in charge of the project to fortify the entrance to the bay, reported to his superiors that \$250,000 would be spent or obligated by June 30, 1854. He requested an additional \$750,000 for the next fiscal year, stating that wages were high in California "in proportion to prices for everything else."

Between the perception that products from the "East" were better and the high prices, (i.e. \$21 a ton for local bricks versus \$14 a ton for bricks made in the East,) serious consideration was given to importing bricks to the bay area to build the "fort at Fort Point." A contractor from Pennsylvania who had not made his fortune hunting gold told them he could build bricks just as good as anything from the east. George D. Naglee was awarded the contract and built a brick yard right outside the Fort. He went on to become a respected and wealthy contractor in San Francisco.

According to material compiled by the late Charles S. Hawkins, a former Supervisory Park Ranger at the Fort Point National Historic Site, a visitor to the area in March, 1855 told about the progress. "A trench 18 or 20 feet deep and 9 feet wide had been dug, in which granite blocks were being laid in cement to form the foundation of the fort. Granite, both 'Chinese and California', was piled up and being worked. Within the foundation, excavation of a cistern was being dug. A ten-gun battery was being erected on the height to the south and brick was used in the gun emplacements."

A year later another correspondent saw the first story of the fort nearing completion. To provide protection during construction, eight 68-pounders and two 128-pounders were mounted at the edge of the cliff. Four 32-pounders had also been placed on lower ground aimed across the straits and houses had been built on the hill for officers and construction personnel.

By October, 1857, there were 250 men at work. "A second tier of gun arches was being completed and a storehouse, cement mill and smithery were in operation." Pressed bricks were made by Mr. Naglee who now had several brickyards on the hill to the south; each brick bore his name. It is estimated approximately five million bricks were used in building the fort. In June, 1858, arches were built to support the fourth floor, or barbette tier, of the fort which ran entirely around the four sides of the building and covered the approaches from both land and sea.

According to Hawkins, the fort was substantially completed in 1861 at a total cost of about \$2,800,000. This did not include an extra \$400,000 to build a seawall about 2,000 feet in length.

The fort is an irregular quadrangle, 150 feet wide, with the longest side 250 feet, and the three stories are 45 feet high. The thickness of the walls averages about seven feet, being thicker at the bottom and thinner at the top. According to Hawkins, "the walls are constructed of brick in Flemish bond and trimmed and finished with granite quoins, cornices and sills. These walls enclose a paved courtyard, which is surrounded on the three sides facing the water with galleries of tiered brick arches. Here, located one above the other, are three tiers of embrasures or gun ports. Above these is a fourth tier of guns, the barbette. . . These four tiers once mounted 126 cannon positions."

On the land side of the fort is the Sally Port, or entrance, which consists of outer and inner sets of doors. A passageway leading to the second set of strong doors has loopholes along the side walls to allow firing of pistols in the unlikely event someone made it through the first door.

The wall on the land side also contained living quarters, shops and the necessities to survive. The forges, wheelwrights, laundry area, tools, and a powder storage area were on the first floor along with three prison cells and latrine facilities. Officers' quarters were on the second floor and were two bedrooms with a sitting room or parlor with a small coal-burning fireplace.

The enlisted men's quarters were on the third floor and there were as many as 24 enlisted men to a room. This required having six bunk beds in each room

with two people sleeping head to foot in each bed. There was obviously not much room to store private possessions.

There were kitchen and eating areas on the second and third floors, and the diet was pretty monotonous. It consisted mostly of meat and beans or rice and bread. Rain water was funneled from the sloping roof through iron pipes to five large 40,000 gallon storage cisterns built below the fort. This was meant for long term storage of water. For daily use, there was a 500 gallon tank on the roof of the third floor. Soldiers had to pump water into this, and it was gravity-fed to the rooms.

There were three granite staircases which are unique in that each step weighs 1,000 pounds; they are hand-made and the weight of one stone on the other keeps the steps in place.



Local men re-enact history at the Fort Point Museum.

Although they were ready and willing to defend the bay against Southern sympathizers, the opportunity never came up and the American Civil War ended without the firing of a single shot by Fort Point. Fort Point was the only casemated brick and granite fort of its type on the West Coast during the Civil War.

With increasing technology and the advent of breech loading, disappearing guns and other developments in the armament field, the Fort Point guns soon became obsolete and in 1893 work on new reinforced concrete installations began and continued for about fifteen years. Most of the old batteries on the hill were destroyed and new 12, 10, 8, and 6-inch guns on disappearing carriages were installed along with three 15-inch dynamite guns, and 16 and 12-inch mortars.

According to Hawkins, in 1897 the old guns and shot were made available to permanent posts for ornamental use. There are several at the Presidio: at the flagpole, the Officer's Club and the Museum, as well as at Fort Point. The troops were moved around the Bay to Alcatraz, the Presidio, and other locations over the years. Several times the fort was left without a garrison and responsibility for its security rested with the Presidio.

In 1906, the 66th Company Coast Artillery was quartered in the fort according to Hawkins. The aftermath of the earthquake turned the Presidio into a tent city for 16,000 refugees during the first 10 days after the catastrophe and troops from Fort Point and the Presidio were used to preserve order and distribute food and water to the devastated city.

Hawkins said "an inspection of the old fort after the earthquake revealed that the south wall had moved outward from the building about eight inches in some places." The troops were transferred to new quarters and the fort was not used for awhile. In 1913 plans were being considered to transfer the Army Detention Barracks from Alcatraz Island to Fort Point. Renovation and remodeling of the fort took place from January -November 1914, but nothing ever came of the proposal, and the idea was dropped

in 1915.

During World War I, the fort was used as quarters to accommodate the large numbers of officers and enlisted men passing through the Presidio and Fort Winfield Scott. The fort was still being used as Bachelor Officer's Quarters in 1920.

Immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, fears abounded that the Japanese were about to attack the Pacific Coast and anti-aircraft guns, searchlights, and barrage balloons were rapidly put in place to protect key harbors and ports on the west coast of the United States.

Hawkins said for the first time since World War I, troops again were posted at the fort. These men belonged to Battery N, 6th U.S. Coast Artillery. Two 3-inch guns were removed from Battery Yates at Fort Baker and mounted on the barbette tier, along with

a fixed searchlight and its generator. An anti-submarine net was placed across the bay beginning near Sausalito and ending near the present San Francisco yacht harbor.

Some renovation was done to convert some of the casemate rooms (gun rooms) into a mess hall, day room, barber shop and post exchange as well as rehabilitation of the quarters and barracks. The troops were there for over a year. Only after the threat of Japanese attacks had evaporated by 1943 with the American victories in the Pacific were they withdrawn.

That was the last time troops were billeted there. It was used at various times as storage areas, an Army auto mechanics school, a photo studio, and a band practice area.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the fort is its remarkable architecture. The stonework and building were done by master masons and the hand-cut brick arches and the three spiral staircases of granite are architectural marvels. During the building of the Golden Gate bridge around 1930, the fort was slated to be destroyed, but Joseph B. Strauss, the chief engineer for the bridge project refused to allow it. He redesigned the bridge to include the arch over Fort Point. If he had not been so impressed with the work of those long dead craftsmen, this monument to early American perseverance and history would not be here today.

In 1959 the Fort Point Museum Association was incorporated, and began an active campaign to preserve Fort Point and restore it to its original glory. After a long struggle, it was declared the Fort Point National Historic Site on October 16, 1970. The National Park Service is still restoring the Fort to the 1861-1913 appearance. They hold tours daily and are open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are pictures, books and other memorabilia available at the gift shop. For further information call Fort Point, 556-1693 or the Presidio Resource Center, which is located in the vicinity of Fort Point at 556-0865. They can give information on tours of the Presidio as well as some information on Fort Point.

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Community Calendar

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Make a unique model airplane

Join members of the San Francisco Vultures, the Randall Museum's Model Airplane Club, to build your own simple wooden model airplane that will actually fly. All ages are invited. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult. Fee is \$3 for the workshop which will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. The museum is located at 199 Museum Way. If you have questions, call 554-9600.

Christmas Ball by the bay

by Angie Fleming

The soldiers and civilians of the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco are invited to the 1991 Annual Christmas Ball to be held on Dec. 20 at the Presidio Officers' Club. Festivities will begin with a social hour and reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. The dinner menu features a selection of roast prime rib with baked potato or boned cornish hen stuffed with mixed rice, tossed green salad, vegetable, french rolls with butter, wine, coffee or tea. Look for future posters and flyers with specific reservation details.

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Round the World Flyers



The "Round the World Flyers" landed for refueling at Crissy Field here on the Presidio on Sept. 25, 1924. Four planes began the flight at Santa Monica, Calif. and, eventually, three planes returned after an arduous 176 day flight around the world: a tremendous feat in 1924. The large biplanes were designed by Donald Douglas. The air field was named for Major Dana Howard Crissy who died in a cross country air race in 1919. Building 920, the old motor repair shop, can be seen in the foreground. Beginning in September of 1920, The U.S. Postal Service began its air mail service at Crissy Field. Crissy remained open until 1974, handling small Army operational aircraft.

(caption by J. Edward Green, museum technician; photo courtesy of the Presidio Army Museum)

Cartoon art of World War II

The Cartoon Art Museum is presenting this exhibit until Dec. 28. This major exhibition commemorates the 50th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War II. The events of this war were reported not only in newspapers and newsreels, but in the comics and animated shorts as well. The museum is located at 665 Third Street in San Francisco. Admission is \$3. For additional information, telephone 546-9481.

Conservation Corner

(courtesy of EcoSource)

The ocean provides food for billions of people and helps to keep our planet's climate in balance. Unfortunately, about 40 trillion pounds of waste around the globe makes its way into the sea each year. An estimated 90 percent of this remains for years in coastal waters, interfering with the most productive breeding grounds of fish as well as polluting beaches. About 80 percent of ocean water pollution comes from sewage, industrial waste and agricultural runoff. The other 20 percent comes from coastal mining, energy production and ocean-going vessels that leaked or spilled oil.

Showtime!

Movies At The Presidio Theatre

Nov. 15: The Rocketeer [PG]
Nov. 16: Boyz N The Hood [R]
Nov. 17: True Identity [R]
Nov. 18: Shout [PG-13]
Nov. 22: Late For Dinner [PG]
Nov. 23: Freddy's Dead [R]
Nov. 24: Living Large [R]
Nov. 25: The Commitments [R]

Movies At The Hamilton Field Theater

Nov. 15: Child's Play 3 [R]
Double Impact [R]
Nov. 16: Double Impact [R]
Child's Play 3 [R]
Nov. 21: Dutch [PG-13]
Nov. 22: 101 Dalmatians [G]
Dutch [PG-13]
Nov. 23: 101 Dalmatians [G]
Freddy's Dead [R]

Christmas gift ideas at fundraiser

by Linda J.M. Adkins

We are starting to gear up for the holidays and what better way to get great gift ideas than at the Officers' Spouses' Annual James Jewelers' Fundraiser. Think of it: how simple can it be!

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Post Clean-Up



Cpl. Mark Bass, driver, cleans windows during Sixth U.S. Army's clean-up around building 38, Nov. 7. Soldiers and civilians pulled together during Fall Clean-Up to help keep the Presidio looking good.

photo by John McGarrah

News Briefs

Compiled by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Holiday closures

The Fort Scott and Letterman Education Centers will close at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday and reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 2; the Provost Marshal's Office will be closed on Nov. 29 for a Training Holiday: only the desk/patrols will remain operational; and all Exchange activities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, except for the Shopette. Hours of operation for the Shopette are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Computer problems?

The ISC Information Center is available for all Presidio activities' computer-related problems. This includes troubleshooting and installation of both hardware and software. For this support, 6th Army personnel should contact 6th Army DCSIM, whereas LAMC personnel should contact their Information Management Division. Training, troubleshooting and installation for Professional Office Systems (PROFS) is also available for all personnel.

Leave donation request

Several Presidio of San Francisco and tenant activity employees are experiencing medical emergencies. These employees, Mary Powers, 6th U.S. Army Recruiting Bde (West) and Jan Sparks and James Kimsey, U.S. Army Garrison, are approved participants in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. These employees have exhausted all sick and annual leave. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave, please contact the Civilian Personnel Directorate at 561-3780.

Drivers take notice!

There will be a sobriety check point set up at the corner of Lincoln and Graham today, and again on Dec. 5, between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. As always, don't drink and drive.

Army Nurse Development course

The 3rd Annual Army Nurse Development Course is a tri-service continuing education class which will include participants from the Air Force, Army, Navy and National Guard. The course has been tentatively approved as a Sixth Army School thereby facilitating attendance under CHE funding. If you have questions about the course, please call Lt. Col. Jane Furaus at 561-0660.

Presidio Retiree Council

Retired military officers/enlisted personnel are needed for membership on the Presidio Retiree Council. If interested, phone 561-2721/3183, or stop by the Retirement Services office in building 86.

For soldiers using Tuition Assistance

As of Oct. 30, there is no restriction on the number of semester or quarter hours a soldier may take using Tuition Assistance (TA). The Army will pay 75 percent of costs for both undergraduate and graduate courses. Caps on TA have also been raised from \$80 per semester hour for undergraduate study and \$165 per semester hour for graduate study to \$85 and \$170 respectively. For more information, visit a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center in building 1216 or phone 561-4445; LUSAH Education Center in building 1014 or phone 561-3692.

News



ARMY FAMILY WEEK, 1991

Next week is Army Family Week, "a time when special recognition is given to our family members. Even in these times of computers and electronics, the Army's real strength lies in its people - every member of the Total Army Family.

Since last year's observance, we have achieved a just and swift victory over tyranny which gives us valid hope for lasting world peace. Victory was due to, more than any other factor, our troops' "will to win." Knowing that they had our nation's and their families' support, and knowing that the Army is more committed than ever to "taking care of its own," gave our soldiers the will to meet and overcome every obstacle.

During Army Family Week we reaffirm our profound appreciation to all family members for their dedication and for the sacrifices they make. They have willingly endured so many hardships for the good of our Army and for the good of our nation. Their perseverance and patriotism have helped to make our freedoms possible and secure.

As our Army builds down, new challenges will be faced and with the support of our military families we will continue to meet the challenges of the future. We must never forget that they are the unbreakable thread that holds together the strong fabric of our service's uniform.

The family is the strength of our institution and our Nation. God bless you all.

Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.
GLYNN C. MALLORY, JR.
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Pearl Harbor medal available

(Courtesy of Veterans Administration)
Military veterans and certain contract civilians who served in Hawaii during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor are eligible to receive a congressional medal commemorating the 50th anniversary of the event, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced.

Members of the armed forces who were in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, and civilian employees of the War Department or Navy Department who were wounded in the attack, or survivors of those who were killed are eligible to receive the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal. Eligible veterans or their survivors should call the toll-free number established by the Defense Department for additional information and forms: 1-800-545-4052.

Copies of the application forms are also available from VA Regional Offices.

Those not eligible for the medal include Navy personnel who were on ships stationed at Pearl Harbor, but who were at sea during the attack. Personnel on board ships that were patrolling just outside the harbor entrance are authorized to receive the medal.

Tour offered by Officers' Spouses

by Linda J.M. Adkins
publicity officer
Did you miss the Nov. 8 deadline for getting in your money and reservation for the fabulous December Officers' Spouses' Club tour?

They will be attending the KQED Christmas Showcase at the Galleria.

This annual event is looked forward to by so many in the Bay Area. It's stunning display after stunning display of Christmas rooms alive with decorations and trees to fit everyone's mood for the holiday season. There are even gorgeous Hanukkah decorations appropriate to the season.

If you did miss the deadline to reserve your place on this trip, the good news is that there is a waiting list. Since the admission fee for the Dec. 12 trip was due so early and it is absolutely non-refundable, there are usually last minute cancellations. So call "tour-meister" Ellen Litney at 346-9436 to get your name on the KQED Christmas Showcase waiting list.

Those going on the tour will meet at 10 a.m. in the Presidio Officers' Club parking lot to carpool to the site.

Child care available to Presidians

by Mary Anne Gianquento,
Family Child Care Director
Currently, there are child care spaces available in Presidio Family Child Care homes. Family Child Care providers are certified by the Army after rigorous training [that teaches them] to care for children in their homes.

Family Child Care offers the opportunity for children to be in a group of mixed ages in a home-like family setting. Because of the small group, children can get more individual attention.

Family Child Care homes provide the same type of developmental activities and nutritious meals as other programs and are ideal for infants; it also offers flexible hours and convenience of location.

Army regulation requires that child care in military housing be conducted by certified Child Care providers. If you need child care, please call the Family Child Care office at 561-6372 for more information.



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Ask Presidians

by John W. McGarrah
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“What effect do you think the Magic Johnson announcement will have?”

Maj. Burt Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Sixth U.S. Army: “I think the effect will be very positive. It took a lot of courage on his part to come forward like he did. It will have a tremendous impact, especially on youth in today’s society.”



Pfc. M.J. “Air” Brick, Letterman United States Army Hospital: “I think this will help with the whole situation. It will be a real benefit for those who are HIV positive, in the sense that people realize now that it can happen to anyone.”



Spec. Angie B. Adams, Letterman United States Army Hospital: “More emphasis will probably be placed on it now that it effects a public figure. It’s very sad that it has to be that way.”



Staff Sgt. Sharon Gass, DCS (IM), Sixth U.S. Army: “It’s an eye-opener for a lot of people because he is so well known. If someone famous can get it, it really makes you stop and think.”



Spec. Patricio Loera, C Company, 864th Engineer Battalion: “It will have a big effect, especially on young kids. It’s sad. I know that my wife and I were talking about it the other night. It’s made people more aware.”



Spec. Kamerron Knudtson, Operating Room Technician, Letterman United States Army Hospital: “It will be a positive effect for a while until people get bored with hearing about it. Then it will get swept under the rug, forgotten about, and people will go back to doing the same thing.”



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Special Reaction Team members Sgt. Jonathan Stone and Staff Sgt. Mark Steven Burke, both of Law Enforcement Company, receive the oath of enlistment from their company commander, Capt. Joel M. Johnson, during their unique reenlistment ceremony on the rappelling wall located in the Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion Motor Pool on Nov. 15. Stone and Burke rappelled halfway down the wall, reenlisted, then completed their descent to end the ceremony.

photo by John W. McGarrah
Linda Groves, the president of the Presidio Enlisted Spouses’ Club (center), with assistance from Linda Mallory, friends and members, cuts the ribbon officially opening a new nine-room hacienda-style clubhouse for use by the club, Nov. 16. The shiny new meeting place is located in building 1539.



photo by Maj. Rich Kury

Lt. Col. Manny Gonzales presents an “on the spot” \$250 cash award to his secretary, Pamela Taylor, and to his general engineer, Bob Ebert, at a recent MCAR Engineer Conference in Las Vegas. Lt. Col. Gonzales presented the awards for the hard work that Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Ebert had done in preparation for and during the conference. The conference was a success thanks to their hard work.

News/Views

Smoke gets in your eyes

by Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian staff

Presidio smokers will be encouraged to take one day to kick the habit and avoid suffering from the respiratory problems associated with the practice.

Nov. 21 marks the Great American Smokeout, an activity sponsored by the American Cancer Society to encourage smokers to give up tobacco for 24 hours. Nonsmokers can help by "adopting" someone who smokes and encouraging that person to quit.

The Smokeout has focused on smokers to quit since its beginning as a small town activity in Randolph, Mass., in 1971. In 1977, the practice was picked up in California, and was observed nationwide the following year. The third Thursday of November is the day set aside each year to observe the Smokeout. Lately, the Smokeout has fixed the public's attention on smokeless tobacco users as well.

According to the American Cancer Society, a nationwide Gallup poll showed that 37.8 percent—nearly 19 million—of the country's smokers participated in the Great American Smokeout in 1990. About 7.4 million smokers stayed off cigarettes for 24 hours.

The poll showed that approximately 5 million were still not smoking one to three days later.

The goal of the 1991 Great American Smokeout is to help 20 percent of smokers give up tobacco for 24 hours.

And with good reason. Jim Crawford, chairman, Great American Smokeout, San Francisco unit, said that nearly 400,000 Americans die each year of smoking-related illnesses.

Effects of tobacco use

The effects of nicotine, as well as the other natural chemicals in tobacco, travel from the cigarette to the lungs to the brain in about 8 seconds. These chemicals trigger a sharp rise in blood pressure and heart rate, constricted blood vessels, reduced appetite and reduced sensitivity to pain and stress. Tobacco's chemicals also speed up the body's metabolism, causing smokers to burn up more energy than nonsmokers.

Cigarette smoke contains between 0.06 to 2.5 milligrams of nicotine and 0.5 to 35 milligrams of tar; cigars contain as much as 120 milligrams of nicotine and smokeless tobacco contains from 6.9 to 14.4 milligrams of nicotine. These facts were obtained by the Do It Now Foundation, a group that

publishes statistics related to substance abuse.

Cigarette smoke has long been shown to promote lung cancer in smokers. Cancer takes over the lung with a legion of rapidly-multiplying cells after prolonged smoking has destroyed the hairlike cilia which filters the air we breathe.

Lung cancer is often fatal. If a smoker quits before cancerous lesions are present, the bronchial lining of the lung will return to normal. If not, the abnormal cell growth spreads, blocking the bronchi and then invading the lung tissue itself. As the condition worsens, abnormal cells break away from the lung and are carried by the lymphatic system to other vital organs to begin new cancers.

Cancers related to smoking affect the heart, lungs, liver, stomach and sex organs. Women who smoke have a 200 percent higher risk of cervical cancer. Also, smoking damages the muscles in the heart, increasing the risk of heart attacks.

According to the American Cancer Society, if no one smoked cigarettes, 83 percent of lung cancers would eventually disappear.

That's probably because smokers aren't the only ones at risk.

Studies by the National Academy of Sciences and the Surgeon General concluded that exposure to other people's smoke increases the risk of developing lung cancer in nonsmokers.

"It is now clear that disease risk due to inhalation of tobacco smoke is not limited to the individual who is smoking," said former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. Nonsmokers married to heavy smokers have 2 to 3 times the risk of lung cancer compared to those married to nonsmokers.

The children of smokers have a greater chance of developing bronchitis, pneumonia, chronic coughs, ear infections and reduced lung function. The problems and risks are compounded if both parents and the child care providers smoke.

Pregnant women who smoke risk not only themselves, but their fetuses as well. According to Christina Dye of the Do It Now Foundation, about 10,000 miscarriages each year and 10 percent of all premature births are linked with smoking in pregnancy.

Users of smokeless tobacco also put their health at risk. That pinch of "chew" puts the user at increased risk of developing oral cancer, according to Dr. (Maj.) James Dunn, nonsmoker.



Letterman U.S. Army Hospital Dental Clinic. Dunn said the risk of oral cancer should be thought of in the same way that we associate lung cancer with smoking.

Also, smokeless tobacco users put themselves at increased risk of developing periodontal diseases such as gingivitis. Gingivitis is an inflammation of the gums that leads to tooth decay.

The American Cancer Society has a few tips to help smokers kick the habit.

- Break all cigarettes in half, wet them down then throw them away.
- Cleanse your body of nicotine by drinking plenty of fluids. But avoid alcohol and caffeine which may increase the urge to smoke.
- Keep your hands and mind busy.
- Substitute candy, popcorn, gum, etc., for cigarettes.
- Exercise to relieve tension. Exercise doesn't require a gym—you can take a brisk walk, use the stairs instead of the elevator or do calisthenics in your office.
- Use positive visualization. Imagine yourself as a nonsmoker.

The Christmas present that changed my life

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

Each of us has one Christmas that stands out in our memory, such as the time that sought-after bike or puppy was found under the tree. One special Christmas stands out in my mind—it's the year I got a family. I'm adopted.

The holiday season is a time for giving, so it's appropriate that National Adoption Week be held next week, Nov. 24 - 30. Having gone through the adoption process, I can think of no better symbol of love than wanting to share your home with a child in need of one.

My family now is such an integral part of my life that it's difficult to remember my life without them, more than 20-years ago.

It takes a special person to be an adoptive parent. Now that I look back on my adoption, I see just how understanding, supportive and loving my new parents had to be during our first years together. I have never made things easy for them.

I was adopted at 8-years-old, much later in life than most children. Therefore it made the adoption process difficult for both my new family and myself. Though I tried hard during the day to be a part of my new surroundings, I would cry myself to sleep at night. I guess a part of me blamed my new parents for separating me from the only family that I had ever known to that point—my foster family. I'm sure there were times that I convinced my new parents that I hated them, and that they had made a terrible mistake.

My new family never gave up though, and as time passed we became closer and closer. It's a further mark of credit to my parents that they let me re-establish connections with my foster family later in life, and to treat them as an extended part of our family. I realize today just how difficult a step this must have been for my new parents. My new family was also there for me upon the death of my foster father several years ago.

Not all adoptions are traumatic however. Mine was an exception to the rule. I wouldn't want this to discourage anyone thinking of adoption. The truth is though, the later in life a child is adopted the harder it will be for them to make the adjustment. Children adopted at birth can go their entire lives without knowing they are adopted.

The paperwork and selection process is another complex part of an already complicated process. The waiting period for prospective parents can vary between one-day in independent adoptions, to several years through private and public agencies.

Each year, more than 50,000 children are adopted in the United States. Estimates place between 273,000 and 470,000 children in substitutionary homes at any given time. Of this number, only approximately 10-percent will eventually be adopted. This is also just a fraction of the millions of children worldwide waiting for home and parents.

Therefore, I count myself among the lucky few, not only for being adopted, but also for whom I was



adopted by. The saying 'Time eases all pain' is true. Today, it's sometimes very difficult to remember that I am adopted. The love that our family shares is so strong that it's easy to forget that I haven't been with them all of my life.

Some people are ashamed to admit that they are adopted, I'm not. I'm proud to admit it, because I feel it says a lot for the two very special people who made me a part of their lives.

Some adopted children spend huge

amounts of time, money, and effort to locate their biological parents. I have no reason to go searching. I have already found my family, or I should say, they found me.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The most current statistics available for this story are for 1986 from Washington, D.C. For prospective parents wishing to adopt, or those just wishing more information, call the San Francisco County Adoption Office at 557-5376.

News/Views

Commentary: Magic Johnson and HIV

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Magic Johnson announced he is HIV positive and the world stopped.

The news in both papers and on TV rotated around him, how he contracted the virus and if his family was also positive.

Has everyone forgotten about babies born with AIDS, starving children, the homeless, all who lost their homes in the Oakland fire. . . I could go on and on.

Suddenly, a man who is famous becomes HIV posi-

tive and the people become sympathetic. They just now realize that AIDS can effect anyone, even heterosexuals. People should have realized this 10 years ago. Anyone can become HIV positive, get AIDS or die.

Now these basketball fans want a cure. Now that people realize that anyone can contract the virus, they demand something be done to stop AIDS.

Everyone today should take precautions and learn the facts about AIDS. Not because Magic is HIV positive, but because you can become HIV positive.

No one is immune to the HIV virus, not even a famous basketball player.

People can not be ignorant about AIDS. Ignorance could cause death.

Now that a famous basketball player stands up and says he contracted the HIV virus from a heterosexual relationship, people believe that not only homosexuals can get the virus, but everyone can.

If Magic was an actor or a musician would people think he was a drug addict or a homosexual? Because Magic is a sports figure, tall and tough, everyone becomes aware that it is possible for anyone to become HIV positive.

AIDS does not show prejudice: it hates everyone.

Thanks for the memories, Presidio

by James L. Ballance

PART IV

Funston Park was a popular spot on Sundays. People promenaded, while others sedately picnicked. One Sunday I watched an ancient biplane taking off and landing at Funston Field as it took people up for joyrides at two dollars per head. Much later I watched a future brother-in-law hit a home run in a semipro game on a Sunday in early December.

I was home on furlough and my father and another brother accompanied us out to the game. A newsboy passed through the stands hawking papers. I bought one and we all looked at it and one another. When my brother-in-law finished circling the bases and trotted over to the backstop, grinning, I held up the paper so that he could read the headline, JAPAN BOMBS PEARL HARBOR.

His eyes widened. He had already signed a minor-league contract with the St. Louis Cardinals and would play pro baseball for a short time until drafted, but in 1945 was blown off a tank when it hit a land mine, suffering the injuries which ended his baseball career.

Leon Gazowski was the regimental tailor of the 30th U.S. Infantry and reigned over a shop located in the ground floor of the Company E barracks. A Silesian Pole, he had been drafted into the ranks of the Austrian Army, captured by the Russian Imperial Army on the Eastern Front, and sent to Siberia as a POW. The Russian Army abided strictly by the Geneva Convention and at Verkhneudinsk in the Trans-Baikal induced the German and Austrian POWs to set up craft and artisan manufactories and shops. There were saddlers, leather shops, tinsmiths, goldsmiths, tailors, woodcarvers, etc.

Here the men of the 27th encountered Gazowski and he became indispensable as a tailor and fitter. When the regiment readied itself to move out, Colonel Morrow arranged for a number of third-country nationals to travel under the protection of the American Flag. My mother and father acted as sponsors. At Vladivostok Gazowski met and fell in love with Vera, a Russian refugee of Lettish and German extraction from Riga, Latvia.

When the transports bearing the 27th and 31st U.S. Infantry regiments, which comprised the line of the AEF Siberia, finally docked at Manila, after stopovers at Hakodate and Nagasaki, in mid-1920, they carried a full complement of assorted pets, orphans, and friends and associates, all refugees of varied nationalities, all aspiring to become Americans.

The 27th's contingent included a Russian wolfhound called Kolchak, its new mascot. He soon died and friends in Verkhneudinsk sent another to Schofield Barracks where the regiment was assigned to the Hawaiian Department thereafter and where its HQ remains today.

I believe I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Kolchak V when I visited Schofield after reading James Jones' *From Here to Eternity*. It came perilously close to reality in depicting the old campaign-hat Army in which I served before 7

December 1941 changed it forever.

Manila in 1920 also changed the prevailing mood of happy days for the Siberian contingent. Here the State Department and Immigration and Naturalization intervened and halted the progress of many refugees toward their goal of becoming U.S. citizens. The 31st was assigned to the Philippine Department, and the transports, bearing the 27th and the personnel of the 31st leaving their unit for a return to civil life or reassignment, left most stranded in Manila when they sailed for Honolulu and, eventually, San Francisco.

Vera was among those intercepted, but Leon Gazowski arrived in San Francisco with my parents. He was bereft and Vera was destined to remain behind for almost two years before she joined him. A former NCO of the 31st named Stone shortly became first sergeant of a company of the 30th at the Presidio. He was rather instrumental in landing Gazowski the tailor's post with the regiment. My mother converted some of her rubles to dollars so that Gazowski could send Vera passage when she was finally approved for admission. She arrived thankful to Mom and Dad but infuriated with Leon.

Vera was quite beautiful. As a child, I loved the sound of her voice. She and Gazowski squabbled in Vladivostok and again in Manila. She never forgave him for leaving her in Manila and, although they resided together for a number of years, never married him. They lived on Lyon Street and then rented a house on the same hill in the Outer Mission where so many AEF veterans settled.

In 1929 a crisis developed when Gazowski was offered the post tailor shop at Fort Benning, GA. It was opportunity knocking for Leon, so recently removed from displaced-person status and now hobnobbing with General officers. He had to accept the stewardship of the United States uniform at Benning. Vera refused to leave San Francisco; it reminded her of Riga and it had the world personified in miniature in the international commercial and shopping center of the Fillmore Valley, where one literally heard a score of tongues in a single city block.

She was adamant, Gazowski persistent. He finally left for Georgia, much to the sorrow of all the kids on the hill in that Leon seemed to personify the Grimms or Hans Christian Andersen. Shortly, Vera married a former sergeant from the 31st U.S. Infantry whom she first met in Vladivostok. She was godmother to my brother Leonard, Leon godfather to a sister.

But in 1925 it was Leon who first got my father to look at the house on Knox Street in the boondocks of the southern limits of the city. Dad was enthused. He fancied himself a farmer, although he was in fact an urbanite who never saw a cow in the flesh until he left New York City.

The place was at the very top of the hill amid the dairy and vegetable farms, and the hothouses of the cutflower industry. Cows and horses grazed the nearby pastures. There was no phone service, no public transportation, no electricity. But my father appreciated the superb view of the city afforded from the slopes, the isolation and paucity of neigh-

bors. Just the thing for the agronomist from the Lower East Side.

My mother was both charmed and appalled when first she viewed our prospective home, but the tyranny of our landlady and the spacious yards sold her, whatever the personal reservations left unsaid. Yet she continued to shop on Union and in the Fillmore for decades thereafter.

PART V will continue next week

AER offers help



by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Scholarship assistance is available for children of active duty, retired or deceased soldiers for the 1992-93 academic year through Army Emergency Relief.

Scholarships are based primarily on relative financial need based on income, assistance, number of members in a family and special financial obligations or circumstances. The maximum amount is \$1,000 per year.

AER also sponsors Stafford Student Loans for active duty soldiers for undergraduate studies. Applications for SLY and PLUS loans are available throughout the academic year and can be obtained by writing the AER National Headquarters at Department of the Army, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria Va. 22332-0600. Spouses and dependent children must pay the required guarantee fee for these loans.

AER's objective is to ensure that all Army members are aware of the educational assistance program.

Information pamphlets are available at AER, building 103B. Applications for scholarships are available now through March 1, 1992. Loan applications are available throughout the year.

For more information, call James Ritchie, the Presidio AER Officer, at 561-6231.

Everything I did in my life that was worthwhile I caught hell for.
—Earl Warren

News

A thank you note from the Commanding General

I would like to thank all Presidians for their good work and dedication during our recent post clean-up. Every tenant command, unit, worker—both military and civilian—and family member demonstrated a real pride in where we live and work.

In the short time that I have been here at the Presidio of San Francisco, I have been impressed with the unique and historic beauty of our wonderful installation. The cooperative spirit and willingness by all Presidians to do their share shows that each of you also appreciate what a truly special place we have in the Presidio.

Again, thank you for your successful efforts during our fall clean-up campaign. You have shown the thousands of visitors who come through our gates that we care and take seriously the tradition of being good stewards for this American treasure. Thank you for your effort. We need to keep it clean and turn it green.

Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.

GLYNN C. MALLORY, JR.
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding



Soldiers work together during post clean-up.

Various post phone lines provide help, information

by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

The now ubiquitous telephone was invented in 1876. During the past 115 years, this once novel device has become an indispensable fixture of contemporary society. Besides its general use in everyday life, there are moments when one has unique problems or questions where the phone can play a major role in resolving these specific issues.

Here on post there are four special telephone numbers that all military and civilian workers can utilize for just these reasons.

Since 1983, the Presidio has sponsored a phone line called "Dial-A-Boss". By dialing 561-BOSS, an individual, who is experiencing any number of problems that have not been adequately dealt with by their chain of command, can leave a message stating the nature of their problem. In effect, they are making their complaint known to the post commander who, along with other individuals, works on a resolution to that particular issue. Over the years, most requests dealt with engineering, housing and civilian pay problems. However, the majority of calls today address a broader range of problems.

According to Bob Cowan, manager of the "Dial-A-Boss" line, most problems phoned in are personal in nature. "We've gotten hundreds of call over the

years," he said. "It can be anything from personnel problems here on post to individuals who were once stationed here who call for assistance about their new command."

He said that initial action is taken within 24 hours. "The problem won't be solved within the first 24 hours, but we will let the individual know we have begun work on it," stated Cowan. "And if we can't resolve it, then we contact the appropriate agency for action on its resolution."

Another special phone line on post is the "Eyes Line" at 561-3937. This service provides an avenue for individuals to report any problems they may notice while driving or walking about post, such as a malfunctioning traffic light; or a problem with the general appearance of the post, such as obscene graffiti or a trash problem.

On a more intimate level, the "Presidio Help Line" can be utilized at 929-8255. This 24-hour service provides immediate contact with a volunteer whenever personal problems overwhelm you, such as marital conflicts. Other special stress areas they can help you with is in regards to base closure and the down-sizing of the military. The trained women and men who operate this line will lend an eager ear and give advice for your concerns. And if they can't, they are aware of an enormous back-up of resources to direct

you towards. [If you have an innate interest in helping those in need, the "Presidio Help Line" could use volunteers. If interested, you can phone 561-5155 and ask for Karen Kaho, manager of the Family Advocacy Program.]

Interestingly, the city of San Francisco will not respond to "911" calls made from the Presidio. So, if you find yourself in need of the police or fire departments or need an ambulance, you should dial 561-5656. That will ensure the swiftest response to your emergency situation.

Lastly, the Presidio is in the process of establishing a new phone line which should be up and running in the near future. The "Base Closure Line" will separate fact from rumor and act as a clearinghouse for information concerning the near- and distant-future of the Presidio of San Francisco as we approach total post closure. The phone line is being established by the Garrison Commander, Col. William Swift. Along with giving answers directly to the individual who asked, these same questions and responses will be published in the *Star Presidian* to increase everyone's awareness.

Whether it's a death in the family or an eyesore on post, the various special phone lines here can enhance your ability to communicate to those who can help.

Nutritionists conduct weight control studies

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Western Human Nutrition Research Center is conducting a study on women's weight control at Letterman Army Institute of Research.

The first study began in August.

Eight women lived at LAIR around the clock for 52 days. They were on a controlled diet. After a baseline period of two weeks, the women began an exercise program, according to Nancy Kiem, research nutrition scientist.

The exercise program consisted of tread mill walking and for weight training strength. These exercises were done every weekday morning, Kiem said. "The purpose of the study is to discover if there is an advantage to maintaining weight through exercising."

Nutritionists are trying to discover if exercise actu-

ally changes the metabolic rate or biochemical make-up of a person.

"We know exercise modifies the behavior of over-eating," Kiem said. "We are now conducting a different test to see if there are changes in the metabolism."

Nutritionists conducting the study are measuring the metabolism, the metabolic weight and the body fat percentage, according to Kiem. Nutritionists also take blood and fat samples from the women at various times.

To measure the metabolic weight, a biopsy is performed on the fat cells.

The metabolic energy is measured by a mask instrument that collects a person's expired air.

A new study began this month with seven women participating. The program has not been filled in either session of the study, according to Kiem. "We have room for 12 women each session, but it's hard

to find enough women that qualify."

To qualify the women must be healthy; have no ongoing medical problems, and they must be free to participate in the program—meaning they can't be employed.

Each woman that participates in the program receives \$25 a-day.

The program is funded by the Department of Agriculture.

I grew up to have my father's looks, my father's speech patterns, my father's posture, my father's opinions, and my mother's contempt for my father.

—Jules Feiffer

Automotive Skills Center helps soldiers avoid high vehicle maintenance costs

story and photo by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Hearing strange sounds coming from your car? Stop! Before you take your car to the local mechanic, stop by the Presidio Auto Skills Center, Building 662, any Wednesday through Sunday.

If you're willing to get a little dirty and use some elbow grease, you can beat the cost of labor charges at the local mechanic's shop. How? By doing it yourself.

What better way is there to make sure that you are getting only the repair work you need?

The Auto Skills Center is open five days a week, 2 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Stalls are available on a first come first served basis. There are four mechanics on staff, and the Skills Center has most any tool you'll need to take care of your vehicle.

"It's a self help shop," said Arthur "Tac" Tacderan, skills center mechanic, "but we don't mind giving the customer a helping hand."

Tacderan helped one customer replace his Volkswagen van's fuel injection system with a carburetor, saving that soldier approximately \$1,500. He also put a Chevy motor in a Jaguar. The mechanics here are well known around post for their work. It is common to here someone say "go ask Jim" when referring someone to a mechanic. Jim Porter is the Skills Center foreman.

The shop has 23 stalls available. The projects one can perform run the gamut from minor repairs and maintenance to major engine and transmission overhauls.

Romeo Sirate, one of the staff mechanics, said that the staff doesn't hesitate to "... get down on our knees to help." Sirate is a retired soldier who used to operate the automotive skills center at Fort Riley, Kan., yet he said the staff here provides more service to the customer.

"We get more involved here with the customers. Instead of just telling them what to do, we don't mind showing them how it's done and helping them with the work," he said.

Sirate said the Automotive Skills Center doesn't perform smog checks because the shop isn't licensed by the state. However, the staff can help customers make any necessary adjustments to their emissions systems.

Soldiers can have their tires changed and balanced with the use of modern machines; U-joints changed on their axles; body panels changed or restored; engines and transmissions repaired, overhauled or exchanged; and lubrication fluids (oil, transmission fluid, universal lubricant, etc.) changed.

The shop maintains an assortment of jacks to support vehicles, as well as two hydraulic lifts that raise the vehicle off the floor to provide easier access underneath the car.

Along the walls of the issue cage is an assortment of wrenches, drivers, pullers, sockets and other tools that are sized in U.S. standard and metric sizes. Therefore, the customer is assured of finding the right size tool for the job, whether the vehicle is a foreign or domestic make.

Customers can perform just about any type of maintenance under the supervision of the in-house



Spec Mike Barlow, computer programmer, Letterman Army Institute of Research, hoists an engine on a winch to get easier access to a part. The engine was removed from a Ford Mustang he is preparing to sell, and will be replaced with an engine that has fewer miles on it. He already has a customer for the car.

staff.

Best of all, every tool necessary for these and other jobs are maintained by the Auto Skills Center; all a customer needs to provide are parts and elbow grease.

"A couple of years ago an officer bought a kit car. He used a Pinto frame and rebuilt the car, piece by piece," Sirate said.

Major body work can be performed here, but extensive painting would have to be performed elsewhere. The Auto Skills Center doesn't have a paint booth, so painting is limited to spot touch-ups on the vehicle.

Nor does the shop have the equipment to perform front end alignments. But, it does include equipment for extensive brake repairs, including a lathe that is

used to turn brake discs and drums.

Although the shop is housed in former stables, the building now includes a ventilation system that vents exhaust directly from the vehicles to the outside. The exhaust system includes a hose that fits over the vehicle's exhaust pipe at one end and is connected to a huge vacuum device at the other end. The system prevents automobile exhaust fumes from collecting inside the building.

So the next time you feel the need to take your vehicle to a mechanic, make your first stop at the Presidio Auto Skills Center. Shop Foreman Jim Porter, and mechanics Arthur "Tac" Tacderan, Romeo Sirate and Mike Hawkins may be able to show you a less expensive way of getting your repair work done—by teaching you how to do it *yourself*.

Sandfly bites halt Gulf War veteran's blood donations

by ARNEWS and Star Presidian staff

The discovery of a rare infection in 22 soldiers who served in Southwest Asia has prompted the Defense Department to ban all Gulf War veterans from donating blood at military blood donor centers.

The infection, transmitted by sand flies, has been discovered in the bone marrow of seven of the soldiers. The remaining soldiers have what officials consider a milder, more easily treated form of the infection.

Neither form of the disease—known as leishmaniasis—is life-threatening or chronic, said Col. Charles Oster, Chief of Infectious Disease at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The Air Force, Navy and Marines have no reported cases of the disease, officials said.

While there have been no known cases of the disease being spread through blood transfusions, "Five cases of a related species of parasite have been reported in medical literature" as being transmitted through the transfusion of contaminated blood, said DoD spokesman Bob Hall.

[What are the symptoms of leishmaniasis? According to Dr. (Col.) John Hess, Chief of the Blood Research Division at Letterman Army Institute of Research, the organism usually causes a skin lesion, but may also include unexplained fever, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Anyone who experiences these symptoms should report to the medical clinic for evaluation. The medical officer will determine if

specialized treatment is required.]

Hall said the temporary ban on blood donations by Gulf War Veterans would give medical researchers time to determine how widespread the disease is among returning servicemembers and allow them to develop a screening test for the infection.

"We don't want to spread panic, because this is not the kind of disorder that would warrant that," said Brig. Gen. Ronald Blanck of the Army Surgeon General Office. "The chances of a soldier in the Persian Gulf being infected are very low."

He said a precautionary test for all soldiers who served in Southwest Asia would be developed "relatively rapidly," but added that soldiers who served there should not be overly concerned—about the disease or the tests.

Feature/News

Heroes of the Civil War

story by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian staff

The tombstone is not gaudy, it's in a quiet, shady spot, not in the forefront, just as she would have preferred it. The tombstone was originally inscribed "Pauline C. Tyer, Union Spy." It was never determined where the mistake in spelling came from, her last name at the time of her death was actually Fryer, although she was known by her maiden name of Cushman just as well.

Although as an actress in the past, she had been well-known and the talk of the country at one time, it seems she liked her private life to be private. According to research and reports from early San Francisco newspapers, Pauline C. Cushman was married three times.

Her first husband was Chas. C. Dickinson, a musician whom she reportedly met in the Army. There are differing opinions as to when this occurred. According to one report, Mr. Dickinson died of dysentery in the Union Army before Pauline began her career as a Union spy. Another report has her marrying Mr. Dickinson after the close of the war with his death following in 1878. The one point they all seem to agree on is that they had seven children during the marriage and four were killed in one day from diphtheria, and some years later the remaining three died within two days of the same terrible disease.

She was born in New Orleans in 1833, the daughter of a Spanish emigre father and a French mother. She moved with her Father to Grand Rapids, Michigan where he ran a trading post. She grew up into a hoydan according to Victorian standards. Always high-spirited, the tall, dark beauty was not satisfied to stay where she was raised and left for New York at the age of 18 and embarked upon a stage career. Although not a raving beauty who inspired a tremendous following, she was very popular with theatre-goers of her generation and remained so for a number of years. In 1863 Cushman was at the height of her popularity.

According to a report from Dr. A. T. Leonard, Jr., director of the California Historical Society, the story picks up in the second year of the Civil War when she was appearing at the Wood Theatre in Louisville, KY, which had fallen to the Union Army, but contained hundreds of paroled Confederate captives. Her part called for the drinking of a toast to the union. A group of Confederate Officers called upon her after the play and offered her \$500 to propose a toast to the Confederacy. After a moment's consideration, she agreed to the proposal.

Unknown to the Confederate Officers, she went directly to the Union Provost Marshal's Office and spent most of the night deciding on strategy to fool the Confederacy while gaining strategic information for the Union forces. She swore to die if necessary for the Union cause she was trying to assist.

According to a San Francisco Chronicle article written by Robert O'Brien on June 27, 1949, during the next performance of the play, she raised her glass

and cried, "Here's to Jeff Davis and the Southern Confederacy—may the South always maintain her honor and her rights!" The union audience was horrified and sat in stunned silence while the southern sympathizers in the audience went wild. She was immediately dismissed for her "disloyalty."

She made her way to Nashville, Tennessee where she conferred with Colonel Truesdale, Chief of Army Police, in how to obtain and pass on military data needed by the advancing Union Army. She then made her way to the Southern lines and played the role of a victim of the Northern or Yankee tyranny. The information gained on the strength of the Confederate fortifications, the location of hospitals, enemy troop movements, condition of roads and terrain was invaluable to the union forces. With her experience as an actress, it was easy to memorize the information and pass it on at the appropriate time.

According to O'Brien, she had been warned never to carry written notes or documents with her at any time. She had been so successful in obtaining maps and other information that she yielded to the temptation to violate her orders. She obtained some important military documents which she hastened to get to Nashville. Her haste aroused suspicion and the documents were discovered when she was detained for questioning not far from General Bragg's headquarters at Tullahoma, Tenn.

A military court sentenced her to hang within a fortnight. This was the last straw, and Pauline collapsed. She was exhausted by the strain of her assignment and the harsh physical hardships she had endured. She was taken to the Confederate hospital at Shelbyville to recover. Realizing she was in grave danger, she feigned continued illness and they postponed the execution. She was saved by the fortunes of war when Bragg was forced to withdraw quickly upon the arrival of Rosecrans' armies.

She was called "The Spy of the Cumberland," by troops who heard of her heroic exploits, and she continued to serve the Union cause although her ability to be used as a spy was gone. She was commissioned a Brevet-Major of Cavalry by General Garfield and commended by President Lincoln for her services. In later years she wore military type clothes when speaking before groups on her adventures.

She was 39 years old when she married her second husband, August Fichtner. Not much is known about her private life during this time. She married Jerry Fryer, Sheriff of Pinole County, AZ after the death of Fichtner, but the marriage was not a happy one, and she moved to San Francisco.

Again, there is a privacy curtain drawn around most of her activities. It is known that the final three years of her life were spent in a small third floor room in a San Francisco boarding house. She had a small government pension, an uncertain amount coming in from the sale of her autobiography, and spoke to historical societies and groups when possible.

According to O'Brien's article, she died suddenly in December, 1893 at the age of 60. It is believed she died from an overdose of medication taken for rheu-



matism, although there were rumors of suicide which were discounted by her landlady.

Originally buried in a private cemetery, she was moved to the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco in 1907. The grave is in Plot 18, Grave No. 1, Officers Section. The Cemetery is open daily and has four special monuments. The G.A.R. Memorial erected in 1893 by the Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 2, in honor of the Civil War dead. The Pacific Garrison Memorial was dedicated to the Regular Army and Navy Union by the Pacific Coast Garrison on Memorial Day 1897. There is the Unknown Dead Monument which was dedicated in 1934, and the American War Mothers Monument, for Gold Star Mothers.

Educational Notes

Compiled by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

College prep writing

Soldiers have priority for enrollment in a free workshop scheduled to meet Jan. 6 through Feb. 10. The workshop will occur on Mondays and Wednesdays between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center in building 1216. The course is a review of standard English grammar and usage with extensive writing practice. By attending additional class hours, soldiers can earn two promotion points. Prior to the starting date, applicants must take a one-hour placement test. To enroll, contact a counselor in building 1216 or the LUSAH Education Center in building 1014.

CLEP English With Essay

The CLEP English With Essay general exam will be given on Jan. 14, 1992 at 1:15 p.m. This examination is for soldiers attending or who plan to attend colleges which accept this test rather than the multiple choice CLEP English general exam. The test will be given at the Fort Scott Education Center in building 1216. There is no fee, but you must order your examination in person by Dec. 10 at the Letterman Education Center in building 1014 or the Fort Scott Education Center in building 1216.

College classes on post

Eight courses will be offered on post during the spring 1992 term. City College of San Francisco will offer General Psychology; San Francisco State University will offer First Year Composition; and Columbia College will offer Introduction to Astronomy, Introduction to Computer Information, Critical Thinking, English Composition II, Third World Politics and Comparative Religion. For more information concerning dates and times of these courses, please contact a counselor at 561-4445/3692.

Resume writing

Soldiers have priority for enrollment in a free resume writing workshop scheduled to meet on Dec. 17 and 19 in building 1216 from 1 to 4 p.m. Applicants must submit, along with an education center enrollment form, a completed SF 171, a previous resume or a summary of educational experience and major duties of each job held. To enroll, see a counselor at building 1014.

Chapel News

by Steve Miller
Director of Religious Activities

The Presidio Post Chapel's Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held next Wednesday at noon at the Presidio Community Center/NCO Club. The dinner will cost \$4 and includes turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy with all the other trimmings for a great Thanksgiving dinner. If you are interested in going to this great meal, then come by the Post Chapel or go to your First Sergeant for a ticket. The Sixth Army Band will be the featured performers.

On Saturday, the Post Chapel Teen Group will be collecting aluminum cans from all the housing areas. Please place your bags on your front porch for easy pick-up. Thanks in advance from the Chapel Teen Group.

A HEADS UP: the Chapel will begin its Christmas Sharing Program immediately after the Thanksgiving weekend. Watch for bins for new toys for our children here at the Presidio. Additionally, the San Francisco Firefighters are unable to supply us with toys for the "Toys For Tots" program. We need to col-

lect them ourselves, and we need your help. We need about 400 new toys to make this a very happy Christmas for all our Presidio children.

The Chapel Christmas Music Program will be held on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. More information will come later.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday afternoon at 5 and every Sunday morning at 9 and 11 at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday afternoon at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-3764.

The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 every Sunday morning at the Main Post Chapel. The Gospel Service will be held in the basement of the Religious Activity Center, this Sunday morning only, at 11:30, with a potluck dinner immediately following in the RAC dining room. The special singing guests will be "The Echoes of Glory." We have other Bible studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, please phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

Sports

Letterman flag football champs

by John Funes, Presidio Sports Branch

When the league power houses faced each other in the season finale, the league championship and a first round bye in the playoffs hung in the balance. LUSAH and USAG were undefeated with 5-0 records going into the final game of the season. After the dust settled and the bodies stopped slamming, LUSAH proved to be the tougher team, defeating USAG 18-13.

In the first round of the Post Flag Football Championship, played Nov. 14, USAG stomped LEC, 24-6. USAG's offensive and defensive units were too much for LEC.

In the second game, 864th ENGRS and ISC matched touchdown for touchdown, right up to the final seconds of the game. Unfortunately for ISC, they failed to score on three straight downs from the 20 yard line, and 864th held on for a hard fought 34-27 victory.

The Post Flag Football Championship is currently underway with games being played at Fort Scott Field this evening starting at 5 p.m. Semi-finals are scheduled for this week and the championship game is booked for Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

"It was the toughest game I've played in the three years that I've been here," said USAG's Cornelius Humphrey.



Final league standings

Team	Won-Lost
1. LUSAH	6-0
2. USAG	5-1
3. 864TH ENG	4-2
4. ISC	3-3
5. LEC	2-4
6. LAIR	1-5
7. OARB	0-6

Sports Brief

Youth basketball sign-up

Presidio Youth Sports is currently registering boys and girls, ages nine and up, for league basketball play. Competition will begin in January 1992. Parents may register now through Dec. 20 at Youth Activities in building 1331 between 3 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There is a \$15 registration fee which covers equipment and awards. For further information, phone Allen Posey at 561-3673 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CFC scores big! Slow pitch results in fast funds

by Preston Cluff Public Affairs supervisor

The Presidio "Stars" eventually captured the 1991 CFC Slow Pitch Softball Tournament on Nov. 8, but the supporting cast had a lot to do with the event's success.

DCSPER and Readiness Group went up and down in two in the double-elimination affair, but not for lack of effort. The folks from Personnel lost a one-run thriller, while Readiness Group totalled 12 runs but couldn't cash in in the win column.

The Command Group and LEC sniffed the sweet smell of success once before bowing out. Both were on the short end of one-run gutwrenchers that brought their playing day to a close.

The HQ Co., USAG ten, made a good showing, playing .500 ball over four games that took them all the way to the loser's bracket final.

Then there was Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion. This squad warmed up in the early morning hours by taking the Army Physical Fitness Test. They had no idea at that time how long a day it was going to be!

After two early victories, Co. C met the Stars in the winner's bracket final. That game—by far the best of the tourney—started at 3:30 p.m. The engineers

lost a heartbreaker, 3-2, in 10 innings. It wasn't until more than four hours and four games later, at 7:50 p.m. to be precise, that they came off the field. They had survived through the loser's bracket, and outslugged the Stars, 21-14, in the championship game.

The "if necessary" contest found the pre-tourney favorites doing what many had expected a game earlier. The Stars "rocked" Charlie Company, 12-2, to cop the crown.

Earlier in the day, the sergeants major felt the sting of defeat for the third time at the hands of the colonels, 12-10. The victors had to sweat out a bases-loaded jam in the last frame before they could lay claim to the win.

Although not participating between the lines, the post sports staff had a major supporting role. They prepped the field, provided new balls for each game and donated two team trophies.

A total of \$175 was collected from the seven teams in the double-eliminations tournament, while officers and sergeants major were seen digging deep after their close-fought affair.

Once again, Presidio soldiers and civilians helped ensure another winning season for the CFC!

Bowling highlights

by Bobbie Gascon, Presidio Sports Branch

Reno Fun Bowling League, week 7

It was another Barbara Bagley night. Bagley, who bowls for the first place team, Take A Chance, rolled two 203 games and had a 595 high series to lead all bowlers for the evening. With her help, Take A Chance has a 21-7 record. The Nuggets' Fremont Wood bowled a 204 game, and Regina Hollins rolled 201 for Pay Masters. Newly wed Milly Simmons of The Slots bowled a 516 series, and roving sub Brian Kitching tossed a 195 game and a 549 series.

League standings

Team	Won	Lost	Total/pins	Average
1. Take A Chance	21	7	15095	718
2. Seven/Eleven	16	12	14377	684
3. The Slots	14	14	14530	691
4. Nuggets	13.5	14.5	14554	693
5. Paymasters	13.5	14.5	12430 (18 games)	690
6. Lucky Ladies	6	22	14263	679



Hui O Hawaii Winter League

Week 8 Simply put, Brian Kitching is a prolific bowler. He subs in two leagues, including this one. Kitching led all Hui O kegglers with games of 247 and 217, as well as a 645 series, his highest to date and second highest in the league. That's just 10 points shy of Gaspars Darby's Mel Washington, who holds a 655 series.

Vic Dunnington of D&G rolled 219 and 213 games and scored a 626 series, Harry Hom of Tisho bowled 225, 200 and 608, and Washington heaved 215, 201 and a 601 series. Washington's teammate Linda Laws led women bowlers with a 184 game and a 527 series.

Other 200-game bowlers included Jerry DeSaulniers, 221; Sid Donnell, 208 and 200; Sylvester Smith, 203; and Rod Hangkan, 201.

League standings

Team	Won	Lost	Total/pins	Average
1. Gaspars Darby	24	08	17244	718
2. JD&Company	23	09	17164	715
3. High Rollers	22.5	09.5	16917	704
4. D&G	20	12	17209	717
5. Up Your Alley	18	14	17200	716
6. Tisho	16	16	15224	724
7. Sneakers	12	20	14676	698
8. BITOA	10	22	16597	691
9. Caretakers	08.5	23.5	17039	709
10. Bunk Bowlers	05	27	10397	693

Scratch Singles League

week 9

High games:

George Frame, 258; Barry Sawyer, 257; Brian Kitching, 254.

High series:

Gary Schabert, 924; Ray Palomarez, 891; Brian Kitching, 856.

Star of the week—Jeff Satterfield, 231 game, 789 series.

	Won	Lost	Total/pins	Average
1. Gary Schabert	30	15	7394	205
2. Brian Kitching	29	16	7075	196
3. Barbara Bagley	27	18	6741	187
4. Sid Donnell	26	19	6426	178
5. Ray Palomarez	25	20	6724	186
6. Jeff Satterfield	25	20	6351	176
7. George Frame	23	22	6385	177
8. Bobbie Gascon	23	22	6124	170
9. Sam Ramirez	22	23	6232	173
10. Calvin Derrick	21.5	23.5	5888	163
11. Barry Sawyer	19	26	5945	165
12. Vic Dunnington	16	29	6103	169
13. Robert Gascon	14.5	30.5	5634	156
14. Craig Maier	14	31	5130	183

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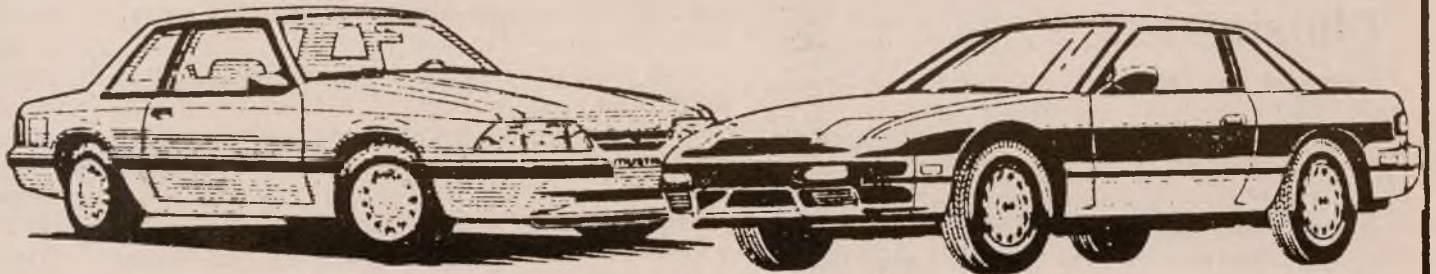
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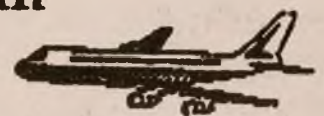
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Community Calendar

Compiled by Gregory Dejean
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Free turkey dinner offered

The Port O'Call Servicemen's Center in Castro Valley is offering a free turkey dinner to all military personnel on Nov. 28. The dinner is to be served at 1 p.m. Free transportation is being offered from the parking lot of Barracks 253 at Treasure Island between 9:15 and 9:45 a.m. Return transportation will be provided at 9 p.m. The center is located at 20600 John Drive. If you have any questions, you can phone 537-4690.

Update on Christmas Ball

Soldiers and civilians (all ranks/all grades) of the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco are invited to the Annual Christmas Ball on Dec. 20 at the Presidio Officers' Club. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and reception, followed by dinner at 7. The dinner menu features a selection of roast prime rib with baked potatoe (\$26); boned cornish hen stuffed with mixed rice (\$24); or grilled salmon with wild rice (\$26); and tossed green salad, vegetables, french rolls with butter, desert, wine, coffee or tea. Music (provided by the Sixth Army 10-piece Band), dancing and entertainment will follow dinner. Early reservations through your Directorate point of contact is suggested.

A basket case

Weave a simple striped wicker basket inspired by a collection of California Native American basketry at the Randall Museum on Saturday at 1 p.m. People ages seven and up are invited. The fee is \$3, which includes materials and instructions. The museum is located at 199 Museum Way. For more information, phone 554-9600.

Making cards and paper

The Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito will conduct a workshop which will use all kinds of low-tech printing techniques so children can make colorful, one-of-a-kind cards and wrapping paper. The class is on Saturday and begins at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10. You can telephone 332-9646 if you have questions.

Free adult tap classes

Join the on-going adult tap class at Junipero Serra Playground at 300 Stonecrest Drive. The class is conducted every Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tap shoes are not required. For more information, call 337-4713.

Art and the forbidden

A provocative debate about why images of violent women have become so prevalent in contemporary art and the mass media will be the focus of "Art and the Forbidden: Images of Female Aggression". This free symposium will take place at McKenna Theatre at 1600 Holloway Avenue on Dec. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. If you have questions, phone 338-2467.



(caption by J. Edward Green, museum technician; photo courtesy of Presidio Army Museum)

The Officers' Club

Today's Presidio Officers' Club has had a colorful past. However, it is not from the Spanish era as commonly thought. The original Spanish Commendancia was destroyed in an earthquake in 1808. The long, low adobe known today as the Officers' Club was built by the Mexicans in the 1820s. The structure may have changed many times through the years, because adobe has to be constantly repaired: torrential rains often melt the walls, droughts turn adobe to dust and earthquakes devastate them. When American forces arrived here in 1846-47, they converted the adobe into offices and quarters. It was then known as the "Old South Adobe". In the middle 1880s, the central gable was added to Americanize the looks of the building. This photograph was taken in about 1895. Note the carriage mounting block and the gas light lamps. A field grade officer's quarters can be seen at the right center. In 1933, the Officers' Club was heavily modified and modernized. Part of the front wall was preserved and can be seen through a window on the stage inside the Club's main dining room.

Presidio Officers' Club offers buffet

by Jane Fredericks
Assistant Manager
Presidio Officers' Club

The Presidio Officers' Club will feature a Thanksgiving Day Buffet on Nov. 28 with roasted turkey, honey-baked ham, roast beef, candied sweet potatoes, dressing, salads, pumpkin pie and many more dishes. Reservations are available between 1 and 5 p.m. You can make reservations by calling 921-1612.

Also, the club will prepare your Thanksgiving turkey. A 15-pound turkey for \$40 serves six to eight people; a 20-pound turkey for \$55 serves 10 to 12 people; and a 30-pound turkey for \$75 serves 15 to 18 people. All orders include dressing and gravy. Order your turkey by Saturday; orders may be picked up on Thanksgiving Day from 9 a.m. to noon.

Moreover, the Snack Bar will be open on Nov. 29 for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Bar will be open during its regular hours; however, no hors d'oeuvres will be served, as will no dinner that evening.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please feel free to contact Jane Fredericks at 921-1612.

Movies At The Presidio Theatre

Nov. 22: Late For Dinner [PG]
Nov. 23: Freddy's Dead [R]
Nov. 24: Living Large [R]
Nov. 25: The Commitments [R]
Nov. 29: Doc Hollywood [PG]

Movies At The Hamilton Field Theater

Nov. 22: 101 Dalmations [G]
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Nov. 23: 101 Dalmations [G]
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Nov. 28: Dead Again [R]
Nov. 29: Harley Davidson & The Marlboro Man
Nov. 30: Dead Again [R]

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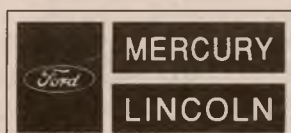
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News Briefs

Museum holiday schedule

The Presidio Army Museum will be closed on the following dates: tomorrow, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Additionally, the Museum will be closed on Dec. 20 for the DPTM Christmas Party from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Otherwise, the Museum will maintain its regular hours of operation. If you have any questions, contact Ted Shaner at 561-3334.

Discounts for Army families

In celebrating Army Family Week (Nov. 24-30), the Bowling Center is offering a 10-percent discount on bowling and food; the Officers' Club and the NCO Club will also provide a 10-percent discount on meals. The same discount is being offered on goods and services at Arts & Crafts, Auto Craft, Outdoor Recreation and ITT.

Holiday closures

The Fort Scott and Letterman Education Centers will close at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday and reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 2; the Provost Marshal's Office will be closed on Nov. 29 for a Training Holiday: only the desk/patrols will remain operational; and all Exchange activities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, except for the Shoppette. Hours of operation for the Shoppette are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Up-date on paper products

The past practice of collecting shredded paper products for recycling has been discontinued. Recycle contractors will not accept this product. Shredded paper products should be disposed of as refuse.

Seminar to help job seekers

A Job Assistance Seminar is scheduled for Monday. This seminar is open to separating soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians. The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break between noon and 1 p.m. for lunch. The Job Assistance Seminar will be held in building 603. To confirm your attendance, call autovon 929-7907.

Compiled by Greg Dejean, Editor



Happy Thanksgiving

As we set aside this time to give thanks for all that is good in our nation and with our people, we should give thanks for the added promise the events of the past year have provided us.

While we gather with our families and friends, we can celebrate the fact that the prospect for lasting peace has never been more hopeful and that America's role as the beacon for peace has never been brighter. The spirit that began with the Pilgrim settlers is stronger than ever, as is our people's unity and rekindled national confidence.

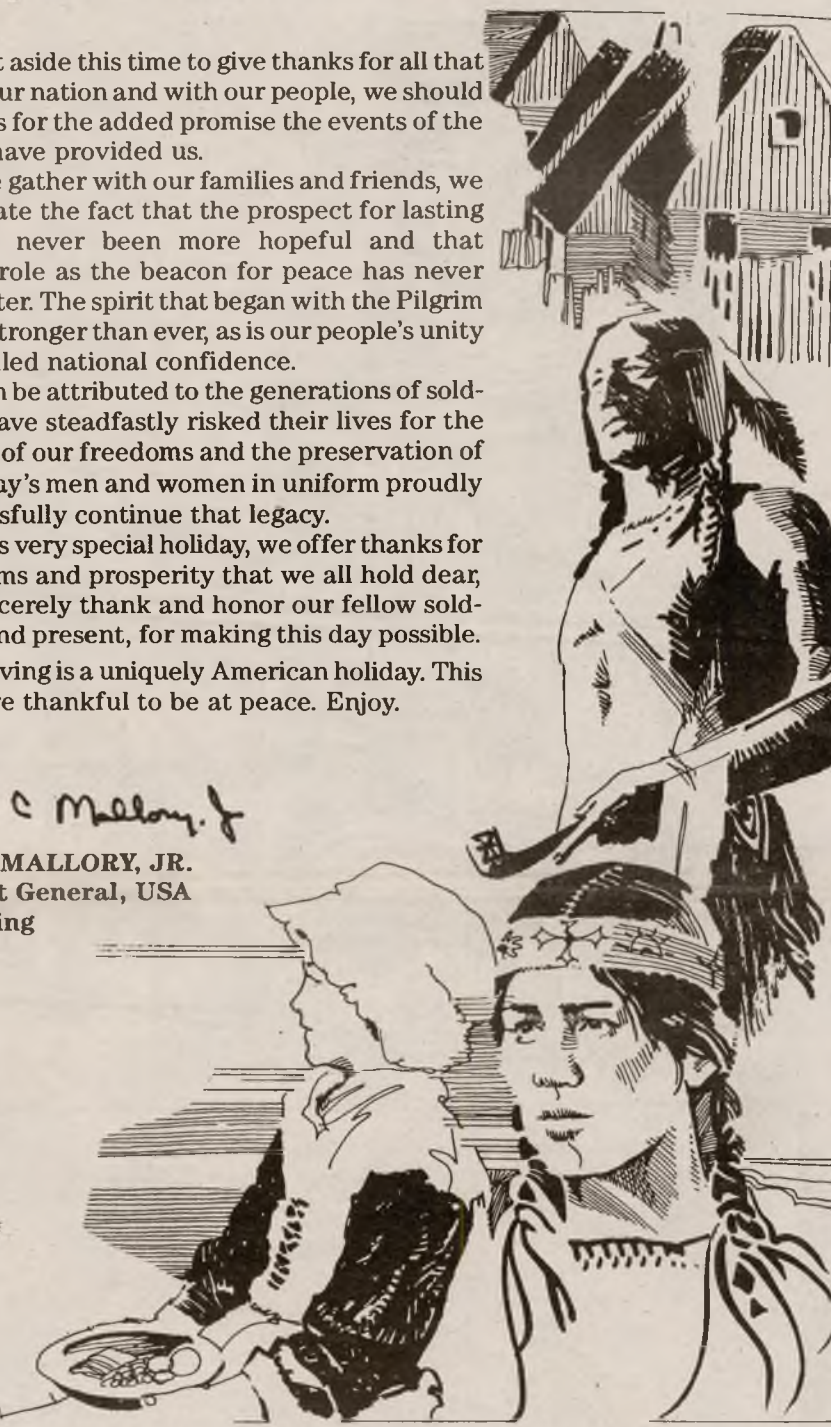
Much can be attributed to the generations of soldiers who have steadfastly risked their lives for the protection of our freedoms and the preservation of peace. Today's men and women in uniform proudly and successfully continue that legacy.

So, on this very special holiday, we offer thanks for the freedoms and prosperity that we all hold dear, and we sincerely thank and honor our fellow soldiers, past and present, for making this day possible.

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. This year, we are thankful to be at peace. Enjoy.

Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.

GLYNN C. MALLORY, JR.
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding



Effects of Reserve change-over will be widely felt

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

The senior Army Reserve Adviser for Forces Command visited Headquarters, Sixth United States Army and the Presidio of San Francisco, Nov. 18.

Col. John Topper, one of the chief planners of the new U.S. Army Reserve Command located at Fort McPherson, Ga., was here to assess the preparation by Sixth U.S. Army to transfer functions and responsibilities from the continental United States Army to the new United States Army Reserve Command.

The U.S. Army Reserve Command will assume all functions currently being performed by Sixth Army in support of the Reserve component with the exceptions of training, operations, mobilization and deployment. Other responsibilities such as personnel, logistics, engineering, reserve management, force structuring, and modernization will transfer to the new command by next summer.

The USARC design stemmed from the combined efforts of a group of 26 civilians and military planners whose hard work began in March 1990.

Topper expressed his regrets at the one aspect of the change-over: the loss of many jobs. "Once people get over the emotions that they are going through at this moment, I think they will realize we will have a good thing.

"It's hard to say at this point just what things will be better with the activation of the new system," he explained. "Improvements will come as a result of centralization when we replace the current five headquarters with just one. It's impossible for one centralized headquarters to duplicate the amount of efforts that all five are doing now with 2,000 personnel. However, ultimately, the Reserve soldier will be better served by a centralized command in one location."

There may be job opportunities for some of those people who are effected by the reorganization. Currently there are 400 people working at the USARC,

Topper explained. Once fully functional, the command will employ 732.

"It has been a real cooperative effort," said Topper, "with a lot of help coming from FORSCOM and the CONUSAs. Everyone has been really helpful."

In 1989, planning began to shift the control of the major Reserve Commands in the United States and Puerto Rico to the U.S. Army Reserve Command. The seeds of this change can be traced back to 1967 with the enactment of Public Law 90-168, the Reserve Revitalization Act.

Topper also commented on the recent utilization of Reserve Forces resulting from the 1973 decision by then Chief of the Army Gen. Creighton W. Abrams who took the position that it was a mistake that the Reserves were not used during the Vietnam conflict. Since that time, Reserves have been called for duty during Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm with huge success.

The Reserves handled themselves



Col. John Topper.

exceptionally well in their combat support and combat service roles during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield," Topper pointed out. "I think that Gen. Creighton Abrams' vision has proved itself to be a good one.

Topper has been the senior Army Reserve Adviser for four-and-a-half years.

News

Officers' Spouses' Club remembers veterans

by Linda J.M. Adkins,
Publicity Chairperson,
Officers' Spouses' Club

The parades are over. Many of the troops have come home from Saudi Arabia. Christmas will truly be a very special celebration for many military families this year! Yet there are some people who should not be forgotten this holiday season: veterans. And thanks to the Presidio Officers' Spouses' Club, those at the San Francisco Veteran's Hospital won't be forgotten.

For the past 12 years, the Officers' Spouses' Club has made much ado by hosting the VA Christmas

Party. Their annual trek of "comfort and joy" will begin in the Officers' Club parking lot on Dec. 16 where they will load everyone and all the goodies on Santa's bus and make their way to the Veterans Hospital.

This is a very special and rewarding way to give back some of the blessings and happiness which have been bestowed on us throughout the year. It's obvious that we need you to come along and add your voice to the carols, hold a hand, hand out a nicely-wrapped gift or lend a smile to someone who may have lost theirs!

We also need volunteers to help wrap the many donated items that are given so that each veteran will have something beautiful to open. No one goes without a gift!

Last year, more than 200 patients received a package; it's all managed by our VA Christmas Party coordinator, Betty Voris. She does a wonderful job each year. You may contact her with any donations or questions anytime after Sunday at 285-1551.

The things we need the most are home-made cookies and candies; of course, cash donations are very welcome. The following list mentions recommended donations: socks, men's undershorts and t-shirts, mittens, solid deodorants, shampoos, slippers, toothpastes and toothbrushes, robes, small lap games and puzzles, combs, flannel shirts, playing cards, and small, unbreakable Christmas ornaments.

Remember, for the patient's welfare, please do not donate items containing alcohol of any kind or things like razors, fingernail files, etc. Cash donations are always in greatest demand, because the cash is used to supply the rest of the items that are not brought in as donations.

You can mail your check or money order to the Presidio Officers' Spouses' Club; P.O. Box 29063; San Francisco CA; 94129 or to the Post Chapel. Be sure you mark your donation specifically for the VA Christmas Party.

Christmas is a time to give and a time to remember how lucky we are. Please give in whatever way you feel most comfortable.



Thanksgiving Day message to the Armed Forces from the President



On behalf of all Americans, I am delighted to send best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this occasion.

Today, we give thanks to almighty God for the many blessings that he has bestowed on us, as individuals and as a nation. We thank him for the gift of life itself and for the extraordinary degree of freedom and security that we enjoy here in the United States. Of course, we should not celebrate the blessings of liberty without also acknowledging the courage and the sacrifices of those who have helped to defend our freedom. Thus, we also give thanks for each of you.

Your efforts, along with those of the veterans who went before you, have enabled the light of freedom to burn brightly, not only in the United States, but also in countries around the world. Indeed, many of you serve in places far from home—some of them marked by tension and danger. To those of you who will be spending this holiday away from family and friends, I offer a special salute.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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by John W. McGarrah
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"In what cases would assisted suicide be an option?"



Spec. Rhonda L. Chandler, Food Inspector, Veterinary Services, Fort Carson, Colo.: "There would be no case where it would be an option because I don't believe in that sort of thing. If you die it should be of natural causes."



Spec. H. Don. Weston, X-ray technician, LAMC: "When a person gets to a point where they can no longer contribute anything to society, and the only thing left in their lives is pain and suffering is the only time that I could see active euthanasia as an option. In those cases, we are only speeding up the eventual, and freeing that person from their pain. For someone in the medical profession, though, it's a real fine line."



Sgt. Joel Morales, NCOIC, LAMC Department of Surgery: "I don't think that it should be an option for the following reasons: a cure could be found for the illness, the person might get better, and I believe that miracles do happen. That person might still have some fruitful years left with their family."



Capt. Rod K. Alston, Assistance Team, Readiness Group: "Though I can't inflict my opinion on others, I feel that if I had a terminal disease I should have the right to end my own life or leave instruction with a family member. I don't know if I would have the strength to assist if it was my wife or someone else, unless they had asked. But, I feel that it should be all right to personally decide."



Brendolyn Joyce Ridley, Sales Area Manager, Main Post Exchange: "None. However, if the person is clinically dead, then machines shouldn't be used to keep the body functioning."



Ingrid Simkins, family member: "I come from a background that says that suicide is wrong. So from that aspect I feel that it is wrong. It's a very personal matter. I don't condemn anyone for choosing the option of suicide, but on the other hand, I feel that it is wrong to be a party to it."

Raising the flag for freedom

story and photo by Susan Conrad

Raising the American flag is a real honor to children attending Binet Montessori school. That's what Maj. Paul Conrad, Sixth Army Staff Judge Advocate officer, learned when he was invited to watch his daughter, Tina, raise the flag.

Conrad said the children made him feel like a celebrity. "The kids wanted to know all about my medals, guns and even if I brought a tank to their school," Conrad said. "The kids were genuinely excited to talk with me since they rarely see soldiers."

Conrad was asked to attend the school in honor of the role military personnel have had in preserving freedom. According to Dan Binet, school principal and former member of the Armed Forces, flag raising has a unifying effect on his student population. He said that although the children come from a multitude of ethnic backgrounds, the children realize that regardless of language or skin color they all share the same country.

Binet Montessori, located on the edge of Japantown, has upheld this daily flag-and-Pledge-of-Allegiance ritual since 1985. Binet explained that the flag pole has special significance because it was given to the school as a gift from a Japanese family who was quarantined during World War II. The family donated the pole as a symbol of their patriotism.

Binet Montessori is a private school for children grades preschool through sixth grade.



Tina Conrad, age 4, raises the flag for freedom at Binet Montessori school.

Armored Forces Monument unveiled

The Armored Forces Monument, honoring soldiers and Marines who served in armored combat since World War I, was dedicated on Veterans Day. This marked the first dedication of a monument honoring the U.S. Army in the national capital region in this century.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan and the widow of Gen. Creighton W. Abrams unveiled the oval-shaped monument near the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Sullivan called

Abrams the "man most responsible for setting the Army on the 20-year course" that led to victory in Operation Desert Storm.

The monument is 40 feet wide and 30 feet deep, encompassed by a three-foot granite wall. Text and campaign maps on the wall chronicle the history of armored battles in the two World Wars, the Korean War, Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.

(courtesy of ARNEWS)



A soldier takes some time out to wash his car at the Presidio Car Wash, located in building 208 off Halleck Street. The car wash recently changed over from coin to token operation. Tokens can be purchased at the Shopette, the service station, the gas station and the AAFES Administration Office on Gardner. The change was made to curb the use of the facility by personnel not holding an official military identification card.

photo by John W. McGarrah

News/Views

Co.C tackles vegetation in the jungle

story and photos by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion soldiers might as well travel deep into the unknown territories of the jungle.

Before C Co. soldiers started their project at Hamilton Army Airfield, four miles of ditches were masked with trees, weeds, dirt, grass—all the elements of the jungle.

Charlie Rock mobilized to Hamilton Nov. 18, according to 2nd Lt. Tim J. Geisler.

Geisler is the officer in charge of the project at Hamilton. He joins the crew each day for a few hours to ensure operations are successful.

C Co.'s Earth Movers' job is to clean out four miles of ditches and repair several culverts around the inside perimeter of the flood control levee.

The ditches are filled with sediment and vegetation. The Earth Movers' maintenance efforts will improve drainage on the airfield and help prevent potential flooding of the area.

According to Staff Sgt. Mark A. Young, NCOIC of the project, Charlie Company is four to five days ahead of schedule and under budget.

"We are scheduled to finish Dec. 18," Young said. "If we run into problems that will just put us back on the determined schedule."

Geisler keeps a chart of what percent of the job is expected to be finished each day, how much has actually been finished and how many soldiers were involved. According to his chart, the soldiers are more than four percent ahead of schedule than what they expected at this time.

Eight to nine soldiers from Charlie Company work at Hamilton five days a week.

They operate various equipment including the pan, dozer, scraper and excavator.

The excavator with a claw like power shovel digs the vegetation from the ditch and dumps it into the pan.

After a pan is loaded, it carries the sediment to the dump site.



Sgt. Todd David operates an excavator while cleaning out ditches at Hamilton Army Airfield.

Spec. James K. Croxton is one of the soldiers who is now operating a pan.

"I enjoy what I'm doing out here and so does everyone else," Croxton said. "We are getting to do what we joined the military for."

Soldiers are split up into two crews. Both crews are cleaning ditches at different sites at the airfield.

At one site, Sgt. Todd David is operating an excavator, and Young is doing the same at the other site.

David is filling the pans operated by Spec. Roland McConehgy and Spec. Francis Deshazer.

Young is working close to a building. He cleans the ditch out and dumps the earth on the ground. Because of his position, he can not dump the vegetation directly into the pan.

Spec. Lee Blount then picks up the earth with a bucket loader and loads it into a pan which is operated by Spec. Mark Klinefelter.

Klinefelter has also been busy sawing the trees that are too large to be picked up by the excavator.

The ditches have a cement bottom, but with the vegetation it can not be seen until the Earth Movers move in with their equipment and experience.

Trees have grown out from the cement, weeds conceal much of the ditches, and water and mud fill the ditches.

There are power, gas and water lines in the culverts and some of the ditches. Plans of the airfield are being followed to avoid breaking through any lines.

Soldiers of Charlie Company are scheduled for block leave Dec. 15, so they are working on a tight agenda.

If any problems occur with the equipment, the maintenance platoon goes to Hamilton to make necessary repairs.

This project is part of Charlie Rocks mission to assist the Directorate of Engineering and Housing. As the post's history draws to a close, Charlie Rock will be responsible for more of DEH's functions.



Spec. Lee Blount operates a bucket loader to assist in the cleanup at Hamilton.



Sgt. Todd David lifts dirt from the ditch into a pan.

News/Views

ACS helps out soldiers

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

In building 103-B, there is a closet that's not dark and holds no clothes, however, it has everything close to the kitchen sink there.

It's the Lending Closet.

At the Lending Closet, soldiers can borrow items that range from plates to futons. Mainly kitchen items are lent out, according to Bart P. Porter, family service coordinator. The closet holds coffee pots, cups, plates, glasses, bowls, salt and pepper shakers,

futons and pots and pans.

The only eligible soldiers, are soldiers who have recently arrived to the Presidio or are leaving the Presidio.

With orders in hand, soldiers can borrow any item they might need from the closet. There is one catch, though. The goods have to be returned in two weeks and clean.

Soldiers have to sign a sheet that guarantees the safe return of the closet's articles.

According to Porter, no one has kept anything that

they borrowed since he has worked at ACS. But he also said the closet has been open "for years and years."

"I think it's a good program," Spec. Julie M. Davis, Sidpers analyst, said. "It helps people get the things they need."

Davis borrowed pots and pans and a futon from the closet.

According to Davis, the program offers extensions that surpass two weeks if the item is still needed.

Soldiers can stop by building 103-B or call 561-6090 for more information about the Lending Closet.

Thanks for the memories, Presidio

by Jim Ballance
special correspondent

PART V

In 1930 QMC Engineering welcomed its new CO, Captain Vernon L. Nash, former private, 13th U.S. Infantry, graduate of OTS in Manila, commander of the mounted section, 27th U.S. Infantry (my father was chief scout) in Siberia.

My father was enthused over the happenstance. He had taught Nash how to drill men at OTS and thought highly of his new boss. It was the Trans-Baikal again, and the mounted section was out in force, chasing horse thieves—now clashing with renegade Cossacks of the murderous Semyonov—once again shadowing movements of the 75,000-man Japanese presence in Siberia.

In 1935 Captain Nash and his wife were seriously injured in an accident at Black Point and hospitalized. This led to his almost immediate retirement on a disability, to be replaced by Captain Leslie Williams, a veteran of Pershing's expeditionary campaign in Mexico. Williams was an excellent QMC commander and well-liked by all, but he faced an uphill task in replacing the popular Nash.

But this was in the future when I started accompanying my father out to the Presidio on Saturdays and virtually haunting the shop area during boyhood summer vacations. There were two paint shops, a garden or seedling area and greenhouse, and shops for carpentry, steamfitting, plumbing and furniture repair in addition to an electrical shop and tinsmith shop.

In the old days the Presidio was a riot of flowers and flower beds which were continually updated and replanted so that the old post bloomed the entire year. Needless to say, the Army prisoners were also assigned to this task under the direction of civilians.

About a third of the force of artisans and tradesmen were soldiers. Sergeant Jay Y. Connell from Sharon, PA, was my confidant and chief advisor in those days. He was the chief electrician and directed a crew of soldiers in the electrical maintenance of the Presidio.

Jay saved all of the pulp magazines for me and my father regularly brought them home by the armful. He introduced me to Bannerman's and initiated me into the serried ranks of American Civil War addicts. One couldn't ask for a finer mentor. Sergeant Connell died on active duty at the end of WW II. His favorite assistant, a PFC named Starr, once spoke to

me on Van Ness Avenue in the late Forties. I had difficulty recognizing him in that he was a chief warrant officer.

My father was a steamfitter and subforeman of the shop. The foreman was his good friend Peter Nelson, a veteran of the AEF in France. The Nelsons, too, lived on the hill, about five blocks down a dirt road from Knox Street, and Pete often came to the rescue with a tow rope when my dad was mired in winter mud.

The Army stood inspection on Saturdays. So too did Army civilians until the Roosevelt Administration established the five-day work week, ending the half-day Saturdays of the old five-and-a-half-day week. Until that time, however, I was honored with the weekly task of sweeping out the steamfitting shop, both upstairs and downstairs, preparatory to the Saturday morning inspections by the commander of Letterman General Hospital.

The Engineering Department maintained the entire Presidio, but inasmuch as about eighty percent of its total effort was devoted to the technical and mechanical maintenance of the hospital in those days it fell to the medical chief to conduct the mandated official scrutiny.

In order to effect my appointed duties, I first obtained a bucket of sawdust from the carpenter shop, added water, then threw it over the concrete floors to keep the dust down, following which I swept up with a pushbroom.

At 11 AM sharp and seconds before the arrival of the CO, a Colonel Myers, and entourage, a whitegloved orderly corporal named Gorman would snap open the door and stand there at attention as per regulations, awaiting the arrival of the inspection party. During this pregnant interval the work force stood to, and the EM often making faces at Gorman or sending him digital messages with their hands. Then the Colonel would barge through the open door, followed by his deputy, his adjutant, his aide, and the QMC commander.

Colonel Myers reminded me of Colonel Morrow. He was a doctor but Old Army to the core, possessed of a florid complexion, white hair, white moustache, and frosty blue eyes. At first I thought him pompous. He'd stride swiftly through the shop, look everywhere, touch nothing, say nothing, and then he was gone. If he ever wondered whom the little kid was standing at attention in the corner, he never let on or asked anyone.

One Saturday we were late or the Colonel was early. I was still wielding my pushbroom and someone was still swabbing out the latrine when Gorman threw open the door and the Colonel burst through simultaneously. He gazed at the sawdust strewn floor and hesitated momentarily, while Captain Nash began to render a small dissertation on the efficacy of using wet sawdust; but Meyers scarcely broke stride, proceeding to the latrine. He looked in, then headed for the stairs. As he passed he gave me a broad wink. I grinned. He was smiling as he descended the stairs. My younger brother was my supernumerary and as I grew older replaced me, only to be replaced himself by yet another brother, John.

Every summer a squadron of the 11th U.S. Cavalry regiment at the Presidio of Monterey rode north to San Francisco, while the other squadron went south over the Santa Lucias until it reached the head of the Salinas Valley, whereupon it proceeded down the watershed of the Salinas until it reached the sea, bivouacking all the way.

The north-bound column did the same, generally following Captain Don Gaspar de Portola's route when he led Padre Serra's *Sagrada Entrada* into California Septentrional from Loreto in the Baja, riding over the Coast Range and proceeding along the route of Highway 1 to Lake Merced, then through the Outer Sunset—all dunes and scrub growth at the time—to Fort Miley and on into the Presidio to bivouac for a week on the grassy tarmac at the eastern end of Crissy field.

The younger generation dashed for Crissy to "help" tend the mounts, promptly getting underfoot but indulged by genial troopers who allowed them to water the animals from GI buckets of riveted leather.

The 11th Horse in time became the 11th U.S. Armored cavalry and for a long period of the cold war served as point regiment for the NATO forces in guarding the vulnerable Fulda Gap, a natural gateway for access to Western Europe and where, presumably, the marauding Slav of the Warsaw Pact would pour through in enormous force to commence military subjugation of the entire Continent.

The 30th U.S. Infantry, too, has been stationed in Germany with the Third Division most of the time since the Korean War.

PART VI will continue next week

Dignity of human being basis for many freedoms

(The following article first appeared in the March 27, 1964 issue of the Star Presidian.)

The Founding Fathers of this Nation had a passionate belief in the dignity and worth of the individual. It was upon this belief that they built. And it was to ensure against the undermining of this firm foundation that they embedded certain freedoms of the people in the Bill of Rights.

Hard by the first stake—the right to worship God in one's own way—they drove into the bedrock of America: the right of free speech and freedom of the press; the right of the people to assemble peaceably; the right to petition the government for adjustment of grievances.

These are heady freedoms, indeed. But the proper recognition and use of them is essential, if representative government is to be more than a lofty, but empty, ideal.

The genius of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights is that, in their fundamental statements and in subsequent interpretations, there are definite clauses that keep this whole structure of freedom in balance.

Freedom of speech isn't abridged by the prohibition of a blasphemous, libelous or indecent public address, injurious to public morals or privated reputations.

"Freedom of the press," the Supreme Court has held, "may protect criticism and agitation for

modification or repeal of laws, but it does not extend to protection of him who counsels and encourages the violation of the law as it exists."

The Founding Fathers sought to ensure freedom and dignity of newly-freed men and their property by the right to stand straight and speak . . . to read freely and fully, with confidence in an unhobbled press . . . to gather with others sharing a common concern . . . to petition without reprisals or the sneer of official contempt.

There is more to life than increasing its speed.

—Gandhi

News

DoD allows freer movement of personnel

by Frances J. Blake
Chief, NAF Personnel Division

A new agreement between the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Defense will allow movement of personnel between the Civil Service System and the Non-appropriated Fund System in the Department of Defense.

To be eligible for movement under this agreement, civil service employees must be currently serving under a competitive career or career-conditional appointment. NAF employees must be serving in continuing NAF positions under appointments without time limits for at least one year or have been separated from such appointment without personal cause within the preceding year. Additionally, they must be United States citizens.

Applicants for either service must meet qualifica-

tion requirements of positions for which they apply. NAF applicants for Civil Service positions will receive a career-conditional appointment if they have three or more years of NAF regular service. Civil Service employees who have completed the probationary period will not be required to serve one in the Non-appropriated Fund.

NAF employees may be considered for appointments in all federal agencies to positions in the competitive civil service in the same manner that employees of the competitive service may be considered for transfer to such positions.

If selected, they will be given the benefits of portability as voluntary appointments between NAF and the civil service provided there is a break in service of less than three days and the federal service posi-

tion is in a DoD agency.

DoD Civil Service employees who have a break in service of more than one day will be given the benefits of portability from Appropriated Funds to NAF by Department of Defense Non-appropriated Fund activities.

NAF applicants for Civil Service positions should submit copies of DA Form 3434 to document their one year of DoD NAFI service. They should clearly note on the application their eligibility for appointment to civil service is based on the "Agreement for the Movement of Personnel Between the Civil Service System and the NAFI System in the Department of Defense".

If you have any questions or need further information, phone 561-5095/2947.

Take charge of your future!

by LTC David McClure,
Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office

Military personnel, their spouses and Department of the Army Civilian employees need not be "victims" of the military scale down. With proper planning and taking the initiative to understand the job search process outside of the military environment and civilian personnel system, many positive and rewarding career opportunities are available.

The choice is yours; wait to see what happens or take responsibility for your own career. Prepare yourself by taking advantage of all the various Department of Defense transition services.

The DoD Job Opportunity Bank System and the DoD Transition Bulletin Board are new services being made available at most installations. Participants will be able to provide resumes to prospective employers and stay informed on the most current available job search information.

Also, the Army Career and Alumni Program is available Army-wide to provide a comprehensive system to serve soldiers, civilians and their family members. The ACAP coordinates current transition services and adds to selected installations ACAP Transition Assistance Offices and contracted Job Assistance Centers.

Tom Rogers from the TAO at Fort Ord is responsible for coordination of the services at the Presidio of San Francisco. Transition assistance counseling is available on the Presidio in Building 103B, Room 113; the hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the first and third Mondays and 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays. Information can be obtained or appointments made by calling DSN 929-5610.

Be sure to attend the Transition Assistance Program seminars or other career training sessions that will be scheduled periodically. Watch for the announcements or contact the local Transition Office.

The TAO personnel will evaluate clients' needs and prepare individualized transition plans. Other valuable information will be made available to assist in the job search process.

Job Assistance Centers will be established at 61 installations worldwide. Also, mobile services will be available for smaller installations and to assist at sites with significant involuntary separations or layoffs. The JAC at Fort Ord has been set up by the contrac-

tor and will be coordinating with the TAO to provide additional services at the Presidio. While ACAP and the JAC are not a job placement program, referrals to employers via the Army Employer Network will be one of the services available.

The career counseling, job search techniques, interview skills, and resume preparation assistance provided should prove to be valuable in making a successful transition. However, the most important step is the first step that needs to be taken right now by each individual contemplating a career change within the next year.

Although hiring activity appears to be limited, success in finding employment can be accomplished to those who can effectively sell their skills and experience and take advantage of all the services available.

The ACAP promotes the ability to both recruit and retain a quality force in the years ahead by proving that the "Army takes care of its own."

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Army prepares brightest officers for war in peacetime

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The crown of the Army's educational system is the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Penn., where officers of the U.S. military are prepared for the top strategic assignments during peace and war.

The War College states in an introductory pamphlet that part of its mission is to supply the Army with senior leadership who are skilled in the development and use of military force, know how to plan and fight joint forces, and who can advise the National Command Authorities on the use of military forces.

There is one other objective in the mission statement that jumps out at the reader, and probably says a lot about the freedoms that so many wear the uniform to protect.

The statement reads: "Implied tasks are to provide the Army and the nation with senior leadership who understand the role of a military officer in a democratic society . . ."

Most students at the War College have reached the rank of lieutenant colonel with about 20 years of military service. A major part of the faculty and staff is made up of Army officers, but includes officers from the other military branches as well as some civilians.

Besides Army officers, the student body includes Department of Defense civilians, and officers from the Marines, Navy and the Air Force.

The U.S. Army War College is structured to prepare commissioned officers for duty as commanders and staff officers at the highest level. The curriculum includes military problems, factors that determine foreign policies, and strategic studies of other countries.

The U.S. Army War College marks the pinnacle of military education for officers. The school's educational philosophy is based on understanding U.S. national military strategy, how it relates to global politics, and with the planning and conduct of theater-level warfare.

The War College's core curriculum teaches the theory of war, national security strategy and the international political system. Students learn about methods used to develop and sustain military forces, as well as theater-level warfare and campaign planning.

The mission and focus of the Army War College can be traced to its very beginning as an idea to prepare select officers for duty at the highest levels in the Army.

The U.S. Army War College was established by General Order 155 on Nov. 27, 1901, by Secretary of War, Elihu Root. The first facility opened on July 1, 1902, at 20 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C. It actually consisted of a board of officers, with Maj. Gen. S.B.M. Young named as the first President of the college. This was only a temporary location, however; Washington Barracks (now Fort McNair) was designated as the permanent site of the college. The board was responsible for determining the curriculum and direction of the War College.

In 1903 the War College functioned under the War Department General Staff. There were no students, per se. Rather, the permanent personnel worked as problem solvers for the territorial divisions, prepared mobilization plans for expeditionary forces and arranged joint exercises with the Naval War College.

The War College's first true session opened on Nov. 1, 1904. The staff included four Army General Staff officers and one Navy commander. Nine Army officers were tapped as students, among them one Capt. John J. Pershing.

Pershing went on to become the commander of the Presidio of San Francisco and one of the most heralded generals in U.S. Army history.

In 1906, strategic and tactical problems were included in the curriculum, as well as trips to Civil War battlefields to analyze past campaigns.

The outbreak of war in 1917 caused classes to be suspended. At the end of World War I, the Army War College was reopened with renewed emphasis on military planning. Using lessons learned from World War I, the War College stressed mobilization while paying particular attention to geopolitical developments around the world. After the graduation of the 1940 class, the school was suspended for a second time. It would be 10 years before the War College reopened.

In 1951, the Army War College reopened at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and later moved to its present site at Carlisle Barracks on July 1, 1951.

It was officially renamed the U.S. Army War College in 1957.

The U.S. Army War College operates directly under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Department of the Army.

There is no security on this earth, there is only opportunity.

—General Douglas MacArthur

Getting ahead in life

by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian staff

How many "Paces" does it take to get ahead in life? In this case, only two will get you a good start to advancing yourself in whatever you plan to do in life. PACES stands for Presidio Army Continuing Education Systems and there are two sections that compliment each other.

According to Pat Farrel, of the Presidio Education Center located in building 1216, Ft Scott, the first section is the PACES Support Services which cover the many different ways you can determine where you are on this road to advancement. The first step is counseling by trained education specialists who can tell you about the different degree programs available, the requirements to enter them, the variety of interest and achievement tests available and how the Army can help you achieve your goals.

They also do testing—SAT, Standard Appitude Test, or ACT, the American College Testing Assessment, both undergraduate college entrance exams; CBEST, California Basic Education Standard Test; GRE, Graduate Record Exam; and GMAT, Graduate Management Admission Test are just part of the tests available to help you know what you need to do to get ahead. Support services can help you prepare to take these or other tests with their supply of video tapes, study guides, books, computer instruction and a complete MOS library.

Farrel said they also have basic skill labs which allow you to review and refresh your knowledge of reading, mathematics, and writing skills. Additionally, they give financial information on veteran's benefits and Army tuition assistance.



The mission of the Education Center is to provide educational programs to help soldiers increase their entry level skills, become eligible for promotion, continue their education, acquire a degree, and assist in transition from the military to civilian life.

Originally designed primarily for soldiers with some classes available to their families, the center is now available for military personnel, active, reserve and retired, family members and DoD and DA civilian employees. Classes given by the local colleges through the education center cost varying sums. Classes given by the center are free to military personnel and there is a modest fee for civilians in most cases.

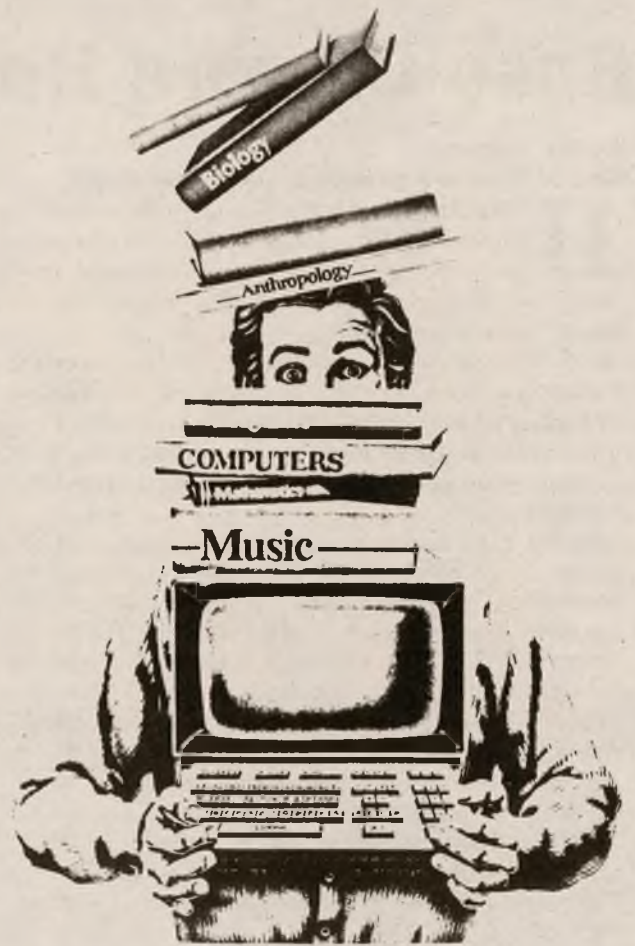
The civilian personnel office started using the classrooms at the Fort Scott center in the early 1980's. Overlapping of subject matter and vacancies in military classes led to an agreement which allowed DA civilian employees to attend the same classes as the military. The classes given by the center are normally longer and more thorough than those given downtown by the other federal agencies in the area. Usually it's a case of a class running several hours a day for a month or six weeks here, versus a one- or two-day class downtown.

The second section is the PACES Program which covers a variety of different courses available to the user. The basic skills education program is for enlisted soldiers who need to enhance job proficiency, improve academic skills to reenlist or qualify for military schools. The advanced skills education program is primarily targeted for NCO career development and includes on-duty courses in supervision, management, communications and math.

The computer based learning center is the hub of the education center. As a media-based adult instruction center it has computers, videos and tutorials for individuals to use to advance their skills. There are a variety of computer courses from introduction to microcomputers to advanced Lotus 1,2,3. Since the computer learning center came into being in 1985 there have been over 3500 people who have taken computer proficiency classes covering a wide variety of subjects.

These classes can be scheduled or self-paced. If a person is unable to attend a scheduled class due to the hours or inability to get away from the office, the learning center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You can take the same class as a self-paced tutorial consisting of video, disks, books and personal help from the instructors. There is no cost for any self-paced class.

Self-paced students are expected to attain the same proficiency as those attending regular classes. Each student takes a proficiency test and upon passing, receives a certificate of proficiency. Some classes earn college credit.



Students can relate their classes to their work or even bring in actual projects from the office to use as they learn.

CYBIS or the Cyber Based Instructional System (formerly called PLATO) was originally designed to be used at posts that were geographically out from large towns, with no access to institutions of learning. It consists of a multitude of self-paced classes in the fields of management, finance, business, data processing, medical career and military specific training and some academic and technical skills courses.

Many of these classes also receive college credit and you get points for promotion in some cases as well as Army certificates of training. There is no charge for CYBIS classes.

There are office skills classes given which meet Tuesday through Friday mornings in military correspondence, typing and word processing. These classes are open to soldiers, adult family members, and Army civilians.

For information on specific classes, dates or times call the Army Education Center at 561-2974. By devoting a relatively short time to PACES, we can cover long distances in our march to get ahead.

Ruling on exterior decorative lights made

by Rajeev Parasnis,
Energy Conservation Engineer

The holiday season is just around the corner. 'Tis the time to be merry and spread joy around the house and, maybe, a little bit outside the house?

I am talking about those colorful, blinking, tiny light bulbs that look so pretty when draped around Christmas trees and strung across window panes. If you could only remember which box you put them away in, you would be able to re-use them once again.

The Presidio Garrison Commander, Col. William Swift, has decided to allow decorative lighting displays on the outside of housing quarters during the up-coming festive season with the following restrictions: exterior decorative lights will be permitted between Dec. 13 and Dec. 26 only; hours of lighting are limited between 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This policy applies to the Presidio; Forts Mason, Baker, Barry and Cronkhite; and the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.



People accused of sexual harassment have rights, too

(courtesy of American Forces Information Service)

The Supreme Court confirmation hearings in the Senate highlighted that there is not much defense for those accused of sexual harassment.

Editorials around the country noted that even if the nominee were innocent of the allegation, there was no way he or she could prove it. Many accused of sexual harassment claim innocence. Do people accused of sexual harassment have the same rights as alleged victims?

"Yes," said Christopher Jehn, assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel. "The system has to protect both the victim and the accused. The responsibility for protecting the rights of the accused as well as the rights and sensitivities of the alleged victim falls to the commander and chain of command." Protections apply equally to military personnel and DoD civilian employees.

Agencies have 180 days to investigate and resolve complaints, a DoD equal opportunity manager said.

However, several stages and appeals processes are involved during the 180-day period.

Complainants who are not satisfied with their agency's final decision can press their cases with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or a U.S. District Court, he said. The manager insisted the best thing someone accused of sexual harassment can do is to cooperate with the investigation and present evidence for his or her own defense.

Feature/News

Base Closure Hotline established

by Jim Maguire,
Senior Special Assistant to the Commander

Headed any good base closure rumors lately? There are plenty out there. Do you have questions about where things stand with regard to the closing of the Presidio? Do you want to know what is going on?

Col. William Swift, Commander of the U.S. Army Garrison at Presidio, has established a **HOTLINE** that you can call and leave your question or rumor on. And you will get an answer! More than that, your rumor or question will also be answered in the Star Presidian.

Here's how it works. Beginning Monday, you can phone 561-NEWS (561-6397) and leave a recorded message. If you leave your name and number, the garrison Base Closure Assistance and Transition Team (BCATT) will: get back with you to confirm receipt of your question and answer it directly, whenever possible; confirm receipt of your call and tell you they need to research the answer and then call you later with it; publish your question and the answer anonymously in the Star Presidian, so that all of you that might have had the same (or a similar question) will get the answer, too.

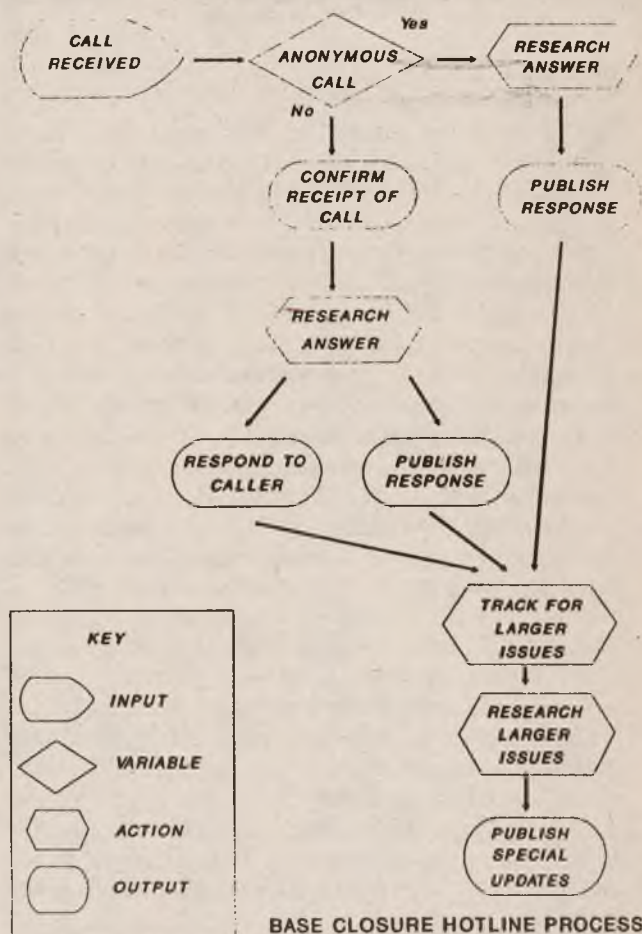
If you choose not to leave your name and number, BCATT will publish the question and answer in the next issue of the post's newspaper as soon as the answer is available. Otherwise, we will at least provide a status report.

Base closure being what it is, some questions may not be addressed with a final or complete answer. When that happens, and it happens often, BCATT will give you the current status, plans, etc. and publish an update in future issues as things develop.

BCATT will keep a record of the questions asked, looking for patterns that indicate that larger issues need to be addressed in detail. When that happens, a special article will be written to give the larger issue as complete an exposition as is possible at the time.

Although many people might think there are "secrets" surrounding base closure, that's not really the case. There are many things that are undecided and many things that change almost from minute-to-minute. With the amount and speed of change, it is very hard for someone not working daily on base closure to keep pace with the information. This kind of situation can give the appearance of "secrets" being kept when it is more accurate to say that few people, and that often includes your supervisor, have the latest and best word on a given issue.

BCATT may not have all the answers, but they are near the center of things and can give you the latest information about where things stand. Rumor, assumption and misinformation are worse than no information at all. Clip this article and hang onto it and give the **HOTLINE** a call anytime beginning Dec. 2.



Chapel News

by Steve Miller,
Director of Religious Activities

The Presidio Post Chapel needs your help. As many of you have probably heard, the San Francisco Firefighters are no longer able to give groups toys as part of their Toys For Tots Program. We, thus, need to generate about 400 new, unwrapped toys for the children here at the Presidio. We are asking everybody, who is able, to contribute toys for this worthy cause. Toys may be dropped off at any of our toy bins around post or drop them off at the Main Post Chapel or the Religious Activities Center. We don't have much time, so please help us and the children of the Presidio.

Also, as part of the Chapel Christmas Sharing Program, we are generating enough money to send families who will benefit from this money to the Commissary for their Christmas meal. This is not a part of the existing Hands Across the Presidio Program, but, rather, it will augment that program.

The Chapel will take up an offering at the Dec. 15 worship services and at the Christmas Music Program on the same date.

The Chapel Teen Group will be raising money by gift wrapping your Christmas gifts at the PX on Dec. 11, 19 and 23. You are more than welcome to bring your gifts from home to be professionally-wrapped for this great cause.

As we said earlier in this article, the Post Chapel will hold its annual Christmas Music Program on Dec. 15. This is going to be one of the best music programs of the year: don't miss it!

The Chapel Christmas Eve Service will be at the Main Post Chapel on Dec. 24. Catholic Christmas Eve Mass will be held at the Chapel of Our Lady. More information on exact times for all these Christmas programs will come later.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday at 5 p.m. and every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday afternoon at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-3764.

Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday at the LAMC Chapel at 11 a.m. We have other Bible Studies and Programs for all ages. If you are interested, please phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

BRACO Update

Deactivations signal start of BRAC execution

by Tom Galvin, Senior Management Analyst
and Caroline Buckles, Management Analyst

The Army Audit Agency has closed its Presidio Office; the Eisenhower National Bank has closed its Presidio Branch; the Graduate Medical Education Program of Letterman Army Medical Center has been reduced to two specialties.

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics and Environment recently signed the Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Study on the Presidio of San Francisco and the 24 other installations that will be receiving Presidio's realigning units and personnel. The signing of the ROD opened the legal gate for the Army to initiate the Execution Phase of the Presidio Base Closure Plan. The Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1988 required that the Army initiate action between Jan. 1, 1990 and Sept. 30, 1991. The ROD specifies that the Army will meet state/federal environmental standards and that an Environmental Assessment will be completed on transition subagreements negotiated between Department of the Army and the Department of the Interior.

The EA will be a concise assessment of the potential impacts of implementing the negotiated

subagreements. Public involvement will consist of press releases and a public workshop. The Army Departure Schedule, Public Safety, Base Operations and Expenses, and the Disposition of Property subagreements will be the first four subagreements to be assessed. The environmental assessment process is expected to begin within the next two months.

Concurrently, the Army has completed the field work and local assessment of the Military Reuse Study. This was a congressionally mandated study that looked for savings through the possible military re-use of certain functions on the Presidio (e.g. Army Reserve Centers, Military Housing, Child Care Center, Commissary, Post Exchange and third party operation of the hospital.) HQ, Forces Command and HQ DA are in the process of finalizing their recommendations and will begin negotiations with the DOI on those activities they wish to continue operating. HQ DA forwarded the Military Reuse Study minus the housing section to Congress on Oct. 25, 1991. The housing section will be provided after further validation of cost data. The HQ DA decision will significantly affect the planning of several non-Army tenants of the Presidio.

Colorful poster depicts Operations Desert Shield/Storm

(courtesy of Government Publications Outlook)

The Department of the Army has released a colorful poster depicting the deployment of American and Allied forces in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The striking 24- by 30-inch poster, *Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Aug. 7, 1990 - Feb. 28, 1991*, includes a large battle map, two smaller maps, photographs, a chronology of events and textual information about the forces that served in the Persian Gulf, all in beautiful full color.

The battle map shows the location of the combat support and combat service support organizations in Saudi Arabia and the movement of these forces into Kuwait. The two smaller maps illustrate the geogra-

phy of the Middle Eastern region, troop concentration and logistics bases. The photographs show the complete range of recent advances in technology and equipment that maximized the Army's effectiveness and ability to adapt to adverse desert conditions. The chronology of events presents a comprehensive account of the success of the operation.

The poster's stock number is 008-029-00223-0; it's available for \$5. To purchase one, send your prepayment to Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15250-7954; or to order with your VISA or Mastercard, phone (202) 783-3238.



Sports

Sports Briefs

Youth basketball sign-up

Presidio Youth Sports is currently registering boys and girls, ages nine and up, for league basketball play. Competition will begin in January 1992. Parents may register now through Dec. 20 at Youth Activities in building 1331 between 3 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There is a \$15 registration fee which covers equipment and awards. For further information, phone Allen Posey at 561-3673 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Taekwondo Trial Camp

If you are interested in participating, you must be able to exhibit current U.S. Taekwondo Union Registration and proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate or voter registration card) upon arrival at the trial camp, which is to be held on Jan. 14-30, 1992 at Fort Indian Town Gap, Pa. Additionally, the CISM Championships will be held there also on Jan. 31-Feb. 4, 1992. Then, on May 27-31, 1992, the National Taekwondo Championships will be held at Norfolk, Va. If you have any questions, telephone Mr. Brown or Mr. Garrett at the HQDA Sports Office at DSN 221-9715.

Racquetball challenge

Effective Monday, Post Gym 1 in building 63 will have both racquetball courts available for challenge play, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Authorized personnel may call 561-4131 for reservations at a time other than those hours listed for challenge courts.

Christmas tournaments

The Presidio Sports Branch will conduct a number of sports tournaments during the Christmas Holiday period, Dec. 23 through Jan. 3. All tournaments will be scheduled during afternoon hours. Entry fees will be charged to cover the cost of awards and other expenses.

All scheduled tournaments are open to all soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians, who are 19 years of age or older, assigned or attached to the Presidio.

Scheduled sporting events include racquetball, five dollars per event; Volleyball, \$25 per team; basketball, \$50 per team; and three-on-three basketball, \$25 per team. Rules meetings for these tournaments will be held in Gym No. 1, building 63, at 11:30 a.m. Contact Bobbie H. Gascon, sports branch director, at 561-5032.

Turkey Shoot results

Excellent weather greeted 67 participants in this annual event held at the Presidio Army Golf Course. Award winners earned turkeys for first place and hams for second place. The top effort of the day was by Alex Woods who shot a net score of 65 in the senior division.

Open division, low gross: 1. Michael Groves, 76; 2. Al Trevino, 83. Low net: 1. Mark Waldron, 73; 2. Charles Otis and John Clemons, 77.

Calloway division, low gross: 1. Sam Raminez, 91; Rick Grillot, 92. Low net: Jee Kim, 73; 2. Byram Cram and Ken Renfrow, 75.

Senior division, low gross: 1. Terry Ellingson, 75; 2. Al Tuialuuluu and Robert Brennan, 75. Low net: Alex Woods, 65; Lonnie Myers, 67.

Women's division, low gross: 1. Teena Larson, 108; Borghilo Gray, 109. Low net: Jana Cole, 110; Barbara Woods, 113.



Intramural football: USAG still alive

by Spec. Rich Rendon
Protocol driver

The USAG football team is alive and well, for now. USAG shows that they can whip up on the rest of the league but as it stands now, LUSAH is out of everybody's league. The hilltop gang of USAG think they can beat the tough LUSAH team, but for now they will have to settle for LEC, C Co. 864th, LAIR and ISC. USAG laid a whipping on LEC last Thursday night and they hope that the victory will lead to another showdown with LUSAH. The hilltop gang came out firing on all cylinders in the first quarter. The defense held LEC to three plays and forced a punt on the opening drive of the game. Then, after a couple of changes of possession, the Garrison offense started to roll. With the LEC defense keying on the USAG ground game, Quarterback James Williams opened up the floodgates and unleashed a bomb to Wide Receiver Cornelius Humphries that went for 55 yards and a touchdown. USAG then went for two points and converted it making it 8-0.

Then the USAG defense missed on an assignment

which resulted in a 40 yard bomb for a touchdown for LEC.

A failed two point conversion left the score 8-6. But, USAG's offense was just too much for the out-manned and tired LEC defense.

Williams led USAG on another drive by hitting his men with almost every pass and using his speed to dodge the defenders and run for about 25 yards on the drive. He hit Running Back Murphy Paschall with a five yard pass and they led 14-6.

Then the defense showed it was up to task and didn't allow LEC anything. LEC could not move the ball anywhere near the goal line and it was apparent the game was over.

USAG marched up and down the field at will. They ended up scoring 32 points on the night and the defense allowed only the six points in the first quarter. USAG knows that to beat LUSAH they will have to play even better and perhaps the best game of their lives.

They are defending champs, but whether they realize it or not the road to another championship will go through that tough LUSAH team.

Bowling

by Bobbie Gascon,
Presidio Sports Branch

Reno Fun Bowling League, week 8

There was only one 200 game rolled this past week and it belonged to Barbara Bagley who bowled a 207 scratch singles game. Art Burford's 574 scratch series.

League standings, 24 games bowled

Team	Won	Lost	T/pins	Ave
1. Take A Chance	24	08	17,294	720
2. Nuggets	17.5	14.5	16,666	694
3. Paymasters	17.5	14.5	14,473 (21 games)	689
4. Seven/Eleven	16	16	16,381	682
5. The Slots	14	18	16,473	686
6. Lucky Ladies	07	25	16,342	680

Hui O Hawaii Winter League, week 9

JD & Company swept four games from fifth place D&G to move into first place with a 27-9 record. But those weren't the only fireworks in the league.

The highlight of the week was a team effort of fourth place Up Your Alley's defeat of second place Gaspar Darby. Up Your Alley's team scores included a scratch score of 773, an 834 handicap score (these are combined single games by team members), a scratch series of 2203 and a handicap series of 2386.

Individual efforts by Up Your Alley's team members included Marie Refuerzo, 202/564; Bobbie Gascon, 236/561; Lucy Montalvo, 201/539 and Joe Montalvo, 191/539.

The Sneakers' Gary Schabert heaved a 32/643, and roving sub Brian Kitching tossed 233/201/201 for a 635 series.

League standings, 27 games bowled

Team	Won	Lost	T/pins	Ave
1. JD& Company	27	09	19,336	716
2. Gaspar Darby	25	11	19,465	720
3. high Rollers	23.5	12.5	18,949	701
4. Up Your Alley	21	15	19,586	725
5. D&G	20	16	19,261	713
6. Tisho	20	16	17,404	725
7. BITOA	13	23	18,637	690
8. Caretakers	12.5	23.5	19,281	714
9. Sneakers	12	24	16,690	695
10. Bunk Bowlers	05	31	12,471	692

Presidio Scratch Singles League, week 10

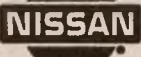
The star of the week was Gary Schabert who bowled 219/799.

League standings, 40 games bowled

Name	Won	Lost	T/pins	Ave
1. Gary Schabert	35	15	8,194	204
2. Barbara Bagley	31	19	7,448	186
3. Brian Kitching	29	21	7,798	194
4. Ray Palomarez	29	21	7,501	187
5. Sid Donnell	27	23	7,104	177
6. Bobbie Gascon	27	23	6,853	171
7. Jeff Satterfield	26	24	7,044	176
8. Sam Ramirez	26	24	6,945	173
9. George Frame	24	26	7,085	177
10. Calvin Derrick	22.5	27.5	6,534	163
11. Barry Sawyer	20.5	29.5	6,618	165
12. Vic Dunnington	19.5	30.5	6,846	171
13. Robert Gascon	19.5	30.5	6,204	155
14. Craig Maier	14	36	5,130 (28 games)	183





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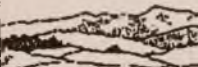


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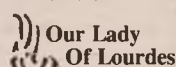
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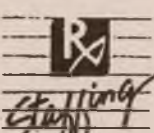
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Community Calendar

Compiled by Gregory Dejean,
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Christmas concert planned

Lt. Gen. Mallory, Commander Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco, will be co-hosting the 14th Annual Bay Area Army Commanders' Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening at 7 at the Palace of Fine Arts here in San Francisco. The concert is open to all military personnel, DoD civilians and their families. It is requested that you park your car in the Officers' Club parking lot where, beginning at 6 p.m., a bus will transport you to and from the concert. Civilian attire is informal. However, officers are to wear the Army blue uniform with a four-in-hand tie; enlisted are to wear Army blue or green with a four-in-hand tie. Military members are not to wear caps.

Exhibition from Moscow featured

Works of art documenting the theatrical experiments of Moscow artists between 1913 and 1935 will be on view at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor through Feb. 16, 1992. Drawings, costume and set designs, scale models, posters and documentary photographs will be the subject of Theatre in Revolution: Russian Avant-Garde Stage Design. For more information concerning costs and viewing times, telephone 863-3330.

Date set for tree lighting event

An old-fashioned community celebration to light The City's official 115-foot living Christmas tree has been scheduled for Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Crowned with more than 6000 colored lights, the more than century-old Monterey cypress will be the centerpiece of a traditional celebration featuring caroling, entertainment and the dramatic arrival of Santa Claus. For more information or to offer services, call 666-7106.

"Inspector" opens at local university

Every great play is dangerous to someone. As we approach the 1992 elections, Gogol's "Inspector" is a particularly dangerous, and hilarious, object to many in the body politic. This comedy chews through its characters, all of them agents of greed, civic corruption and political incompetence. For dates and costs, telephone 338-2467.

Mozart celebration in Knuth Hall

Faculty and student performers honor the memory of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in a series of mid-day recitals on Monday, Wednesday and Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. in Knuth Hall at San Francisco State University. Admission is free. For further information, please call 338-1431.



(caption by J. Edward Green; photo courtesy of the Presidio Army Museum)

The Defenders Of The Golden Gate

Men of the Coast Artillery Corps fire a Barbette mounted 12-inch seacoast rifle at Battery Godfrey on the Presidio of San Francisco in 1915. Battery Godfrey was one of the most powerful seacoast batteries on San Francisco Bay. Battery Godfrey housed three 12-inch seacoast rifles. The observers are from the nearby Panama Pacific International Exposition that was taking place on the Marina Green. Part of the Exposition, including a race track, was located on the Presidio. This seacoast rifle had a 10-mile range and was extremely accurate at maximum range. Thousand-pound projectiles were hoisted up to the breech by the arm that arcs up above the rear of the rifle. Basic geometry was used to aim the big rifles at attacking ships. Luckily, there was never a shot fired in anger. A strong seacoast defense system kept the enemy away from the Golden Gate.



Notice! Notice! Notice!

The *Star Presidian* will not publish any issues between Dec. 19, 1991 and Jan. 2, 1992. If you have any information you would like to see published prior to this period, please ensure copy is received no later than Dec. 13.

Injured soldier to be released soon

Pfc. Kevin Pollack, of Tucson, Ariz., is in intensive care at Davies Medical Center in San Francisco, after receiving surgery for injuries suffered on the last day of Operation Desert Storm. Pollack was injured when his M2 Bradley was hit by friendly fire. He suffered burns and fragment wounds over much of his body.

Pollack has been in surgery 10 times since his return from Southwest Asia. During the Gulf war, he was a member of the 2nd Armored Division (forward).

"He's very responsive to visitors," said Spec. James

Cole of the Presidio's Telecommunications Center (TCC). "Davies Medical Center will allow visitors into the intensive care unit with the patient's permission. Also, cards and flowers will be appreciated."

Pollack is expected to be released from Davies Tuesday. Visits from soldiers would probably help him get through the Thanksgiving holiday period. Cole learned about Pollack through his church. Though they are from different hometowns, they belong to the same denomination. For more information call Spec. James Cole at 561-5100, or at home at 387-3156.



Movies at the Presidio Theater

Nov. 29: Doc Hollywood (PG-13)
Nov. 30: Ricochet (R)
Dec. 1: Ricochet (R)
Dec. 2: Suburban Commando (PG)
Dec. 6: The Super (R)
Dec. 7: Dead Again (R)
Dec. 8: Shattered (R)
Dec. 9: Point Break (R)
Dec. 13: Ernest Scared Stupid (PG)
Dec. 14: Deceived (PG-13)
Dec. 15: The Taking of Beverly Hills (R)
Dec. 16: Year of the Gun (R)
Dec. 20: Necessary Roughness (PG-13)

Conservation Corner

Be sure you're getting the most for your energy dollars: 1) If you use a flame fuel, have your heating plant cleaned and serviced; if you have a ducted system, install clean air filters; 2) Install the proper insulation recommended for your area; 3) Add weatherstripping to doors and windows; 4) Reset your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower for daytime operation; remember to set it back five to 10 degrees at night. Heat pump owners should not set thermostats back at night, since the recovery time in the morning probably will increase heating costs; 5) Caulk drafty cracks around doors and windows; and, finally, 6) Install storm windows and doors: even temporary plastic covers will help.

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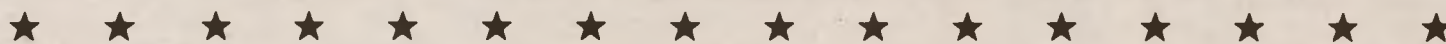
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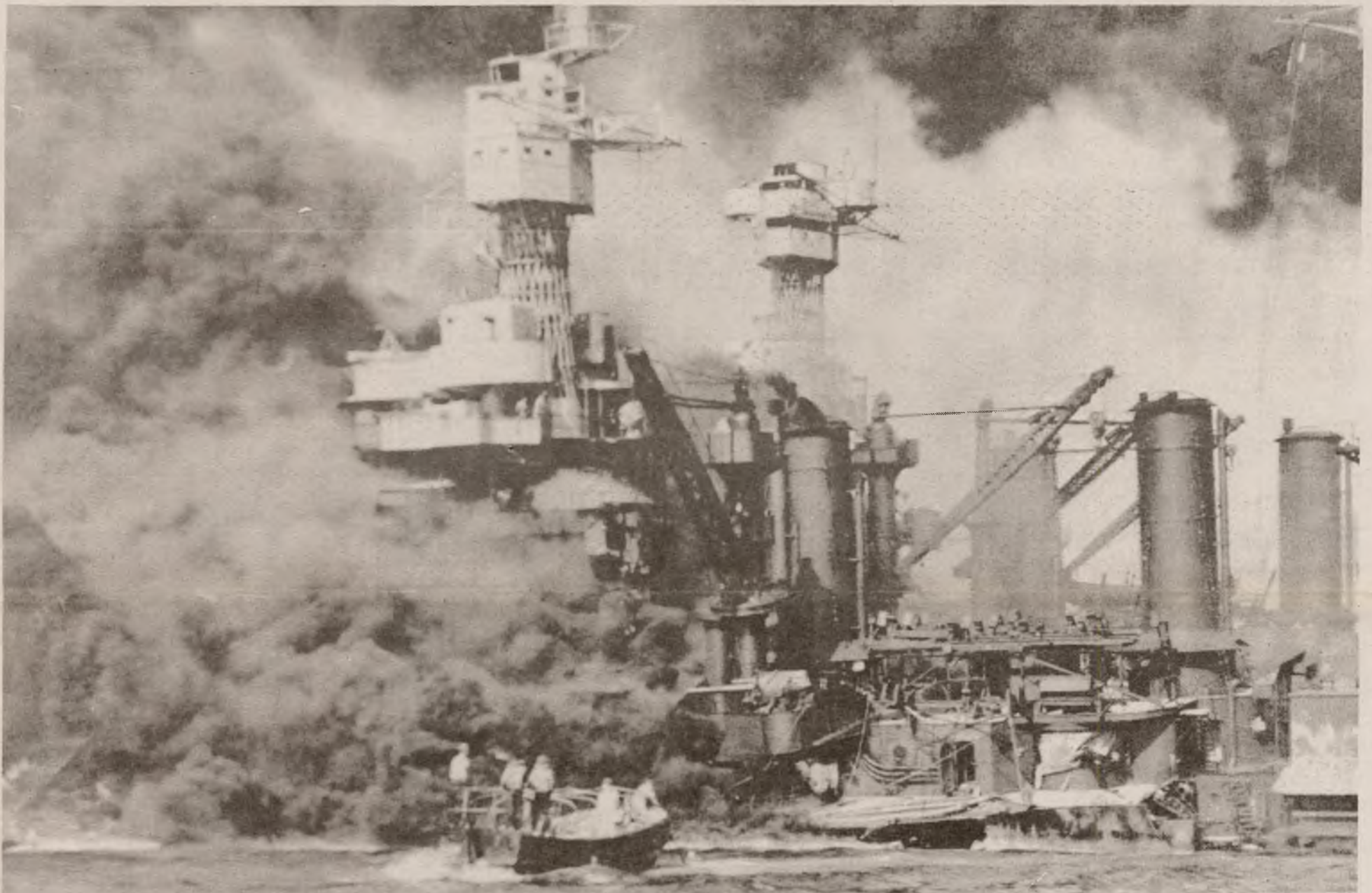
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Commentary:

Memorial marks more than the shell of a ship



A rescue party searches for survivors from the burning West Virginia. One seaman is being assisted out of the water; two more may be seen on the bridge.

photo courtesy Navy Department National Archives

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

When I was a child in school, it was easy for me to remember the date "Dec. 7" for tests, since it was the day after my birthday.

As I grew, the day took on a more substantial and deeper meaning, culminating recently upon my visit to the U.S.S. Arizona National Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. To many older Americans that date is indelibly imprinted upon their memories — a day, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt put it, "which will live in infamy."

The serenity and beauty of the Hawaiian Islands makes it hard to imagine the horror of that early Sunday morning in 1941 when slightly before 8 a.m. Japanese fighters and torpedo bombers came screaming out of the sky. The planes belonged to six carriers waiting hundreds of miles out in the Pacific. Within two hours, 2,330 American servicemen were killed and 1,347 others wounded. Eight battleships of the U.S. Pacific Fleet docked in the harbor were hit. Five of the battleships were sunk. Ten other ships were also sunk in the assault. The hangers

and airfields at Ford Island, Wheeler Air Force Base, and Kaneohe Naval Air Station also suffered heavy damage, with 188 aircraft destroyed before most could get off the runways. The planes, lined up in formations to assist in guarding them from feared saboteurs, made perfect targets. Civilians did not escape on that peaceful morning either as 68 also joined the dead.

Japanese losses were light. Only five midget subs, 29 planes, and 64 men were lost.

America had been rudely awakened out of her peaceful slumber. The flames that burned on the waters of Pearl Harbor for days following the attack were no match for the firestorm of anger, shock and disillusionment that swept the United States as people awoke to the news of the successful foreign attack on the island of Oahu. Though just a territory at the time, most Americans saw it as an attack upon their home soil. As Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto of the Japanese Navy would later say, "I fear we have only awakened a sleeping giant, and his reaction will be terrible."

Yamamoto's words are prophetic today looking back upon a conflict that

came to a close only with the use of the atomic bomb on the cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, Japan. Two names that will live forever in history. They join another famous name — the U.S.S. Arizona.

Proudly named for states and cities, the U.S. Pacific Fleet lay in ruins: the California, Maryland, Tennessee, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Raleigh, Detroit, Phoenix, New Orleans, San Francisco, St. Louis, Pennsylvania, Honolulu, and Helena. As people sat glued to their radios in every city, in every state, the news struck like a bomb of its own. Ships with less familiar names also fell victim: the Curtiss, Tangier, Neosho, Oglala, Shaw, Downes, Cassin, Vestal, and the hospital ship Solace.

Of the battleships that were sunk, all but three (the USS Arizona, Oklahoma, and Utah) were raised and assisted in the war effort. Though she wasn't raised from her watery grave, the Arizona still assisted in the war effort — as a rallying cry. The Arizona accounted for 1,102, almost half, of the casualties on that day sinking quickly following a bomb hit directly in her magazine. Just as the destruction of another famous

ship, the Maine, lead the way into the Spanish-American War, and the torpedoing of the luxury liner Lusitania by a German U-boat lead the way into World War I, history was repeating itself.

Today the gutted remains of the famous battleship, with the exception of one turret, lie just below the surface of the water. If not for the memorial, the site would be virtually invisible from shore. But the memorial stands bone-white in the lush tropical environment — refusing to be ignored, refusing to be forgotten. Almost swan-like in its grace, the memorial straddles the broken hull of the once-proud battleship. The design is simple, bowing in the center to symbolize the losses at Pearl Harbor with the ends flaring up to mark the United States ultimate victory in the war.

Oil still seeps from the wreckage, making a slight film on the water. The effect lends an almost dream-like quality to the image that lies just below the surface. An effect not much unlike memory and time. Oil was one of the primary reasons the Arizona was sent

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Don't endanger your family this holiday season

(courtesy of DEH)

Natural Christmas trees, owing to their susceptibility to fire, should be used for only 15 days. The suggested time frame is the period between Dec. 19 and Jan. 2. Natural trees which are to be installed in a place of assembly, such as a club, church, theatre, dining room, health care or day care facility, BOQ or BEQ, are to be treated with flame retardant by an approved vendor. A certificate of treatment will be provided to the Fire Prevention and Protection Division.

Placement of trees in public assembly and office areas will be subject to Fire Department inspection and approval. However, it is recommended that an artificial, UL-listed tree be used instead. Contact the post fire inspector for further information at 561-4108/4849.

Natural Christmas trees used in quarters should be kept from drying out by placing the trees in a stand which has a container of water. If the tree is kept this way, it will be more resistant to fire. Keep in mind

that the natural tree will still be volatile; care is essential during its use. All natural trees should be checked daily for excessive dryness, such as falling needles, turning brown or loss of color. These trees should be removed or replaced to reduce any hazard regardless of permitted time display periods.

Christmas decorations will be non-combustible. Lights and lighting sets for all trees, natural and man-made, will be UL-listed (or equivalent) and in good operating condition. Burning scented or decorative candles and similar open flame devices in barracks, BOQ and similar sleeping occupancies is prohibited. Trees, both natural and man-made, shall not block exits, aisles, or be close to any ignition source, such as heaters, stoves or room lighting. Christmas tree lighting will be turned off when unattended. Burning of candles on trees, which is a European custom, is strictly prohibited.

Unit/building fire marshals and family quarter occupants will ensure that these safety requirements are met and maintained.



Downsizing having minimal effect on Army's mission

by Pleasant Lindsey III,
Star Presidian staff

Presidio sergeants may get the chance to serve our changing Army right in their hometowns—as Army recruiters. The U.S. Army Recruiting Command has been campaigning since May to increase the number of its recruiters.

USAREC is looking for sergeants in every occupational specialty to volunteer for recruiting duty. A team from USAREC is scheduled to visit the Presidio in January to offer a slide presentation and an informative session about the benefits of being a recruiter.

"As we downsize, we'll try to get the soldiers who really want to be recruiters," said Diann Richardson, Public Affairs Office, USAREC, Fort Sheridan, Ill. She said that USAREC is being more proactive in its selection of recruiters to include sending out ads and

feature stories about recruiting.

Richardson said USAREC has always accepted volunteers. As many as 14 percent of the command's recruiters are volunteers. The rest have been detailed through Department of the Army selection to be recruiters.

While the Army is aggressively seeking new recruiters, it is also seeking new recruits who show a proclivity toward education. The Army isn't accepting just anybody. Non-high school graduates need not apply. Richardson said that the Army no longer accepts prospects who have not completed their high school education.

"For years recruiters have stressed that young people should stay in school," Richardson said. However, the Army did allow a small percentage of non-graduates to enlist.

Not any more. Richardson said that now 100 per-

cent of the Army's new recruits are high school graduates, as studies have shown that graduates perform to a higher standard, show more responsibility and are more disciplined.

The challenge for the Army's recruiters, whether experienced or new, will be to attract qualified applicants to fill the dwindling slots in today's downsizing Army.

According to Richardson, the availability of training slots and assignments changes daily. In the end, placements are filled according to the needs of the Army. It is the recruiter's job to fill those vacancies with qualified, potential soldiers.

USAREC has a job to offer to the sergeant who is willing to serve as a role model, earn up to \$275 extra pay each month and provide the strength of the Army. These are just some of the rewards of an Army recruiter.

Area museums commemorate World War II



Finishing touches are made on the exhibit, "From Manila Bay to Midway" under construction at the Treasure Island Museum. The exhibit will open on Dec. 7 in commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day.

(courtesy of Treasure Island Museum)

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of World War II, Bay Area museums are hosting exhibits and programs interpreting the war and its effects both at home and abroad. Special exhibit openings and memorial events are scheduled for Dec. 7 in remembrance of Pearl Harbor.

The highlight of the Dec. 7 events is the opening of an exhibit at the Treasure Island Museum entitled "From Manila Bay to Midway." Through the use of archival newspapers and photos, memorabilia and models, the exhibit tells the story of the changing fortunes of American naval forces in the Pacific. Spanning the time between the Battles of Manila Bay and Midway, the exhibit provides an historical background to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and America's entrance into the war. Changing public opinions leading up to and during the beginning of the war are illustrated through popular magazine covers, newspaper banners and lapel buttons of the era.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is a replication of the Battle of Midway. Museum visitors may step into a plane mock-up to view from above a re-enactment of the battle using scale models and audio from cockpit conversations of flyers witnessing the event. The confusion and emotions experienced by those at Midway are dramatically presented in this portion

of the exhibit.

This exhibit is the first of several planned in remembrance of World War II to be presented by the Treasure Island Museum over the next five years. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge.

Other museums participating in the commemoration of World War II are as follows: the Presidio Army Museum will feature an exhibit on the marshalling of troops out of the Presidio and Fort Mason during the war (for information, phone 561-4115); the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum will host a special slide program on Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. focusing on Vallejo and the Mare Island Shipyards during World War II; the Pacific Theater of Operations will be the theme of a free exhibit opening Dec. 7 at the Petaluma Museum beginning at 1 p.m.; here in San Francisco, SS Jeremiah O'Brien and USS Pampanito are both hosting memorial services on Dec. 7 (for information on these services, phone 441-3101 and 929-5819 respectively); and, the Jewish Museum is hosting through tomorrow the powerful exhibit "A Day In The Warsaw Ghetto: A Birthday Trip In Hell" which is comprised of 85 photographs taken by a German Army Sergeant while walking through the ghetto on his birthday.

For further information on any of the above events, please contact the museums directly.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by John W. McGarrah
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"What was the most anxious moment in your military career?"

USMC Staff Sgt. Marie K. Neyland, Battalion Awards Processing NCO, MEPCOM. "It was being flown first class to basic training at Paris Island, S.C., after hearing all the scare stories about it. Once I got there, I had to get over the shock."



Staff Sgt. Tyrone Mercer, PSNCO, LAIR. "When I completed basic training. The drill sergeants have to steer you from your old beginnings into a new beginning. I had achieved a goal I was proud of, but was nervous about being up to all the new responsibilities."



Sgt. Lucinda J. Riecke, NCOIC OB/GYN Clinic, LUSAH. "During Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield: Am I going or not?"



Spec. Dave Rohde, Surgical Clinic Technician, LUSAH. "When I was graduating AIT and didn't know where I was going to be sent to spend the next few years of my life."



Sgt. Ruben T. Greene, Administration Assistant, Department of Medicine, LUSAH. "While I was overseas. I was one of three soldiers selected to attend the Reagan/Gorbachev summit. I didn't know why they had selected me out of all those people. I met the President; it was a real honor."



Col. Angelo Scavarda, Chief, Physical Medicine Department, LUSAH. "During the Combat Casualty Care Course held at Camp Bullis in San Antonio, Texas. The course is similar to the Expert Field Medical Badge competition."



All I want for Christmas is . . .



photo by John W. McGarrah

Christina Bozzuto, 6, tells her mother Debbie, exactly what she wants for Christmas while shopping recently at the Main Post Exchange. The PX is offering several specials for holiday shoppers.

Menist promoted to Maj. Gen.

Robert L. Menist was promoted to Major General during a retreat ceremony at Pershing Square on the Presidio, Nov. 26, at 3:30 p.m.

He is the son of Maj. Gen. (Retired) Stuart D. Menist, also of the U.S. Army Reserve, from Kentfield, Calif. This is believed to be the first time that a father and son have attained the rank of major general in the history of the Army Reserve.

Gen. Menist is currently serving as the Assistant Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition, Washington, D.C. He has served in this position since May 1991.

Prior to this he served as the Deputy Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans at the Department of the Army in the Pentagon. His

responsibilities included the Army's counternarcotics task force and service as the Director of Military Support for the relief efforts for the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

While serving on active duty, his previous assignments included Fort Ord, Calif.; the Presidio of San Francisco; Hawaii and the Republic of Vietnam.

Previous USAR assignments include service with the 91st Division (Training) at Fort Baker, Calif., and with the 351st Civil Affairs Command, Mountain View, Calif.

In civilian life, Gen. Menist is an investment counselor and professional fiduciary specializing in the management of trusts, conservatorships, guardianships and probates. Also, he is chairman and chief executive officer of the Pauson Oil Company.

ACS holds family tea

The Presidio Army Community Service hosted an Army Family Week Tea for Presidio family members during the afternoon of Nov. 25, in building 103B. The tea featured catered edibles, a cake and coffee, and emphasized some of the free stress management courses offered by the ACS SMART—Stress Management Resource Team—Program. Such programs include Parent Effectiveness Training, tonight, Dec. 12 and 19, and Jan. 9, 16 and 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Managing Anger, today, 8 to 10 a.m.; Conflict Resolution, Dec. 12 and Home & Work Stress Management, Dec. 19, both from 8 to 10 a.m.

Advance enrollment for these classes is preferred, but not necessary and spouses and children are welcome.

Information about these and other programs is obtainable by calling Karen Kaho at 561-5155.



Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.

—Theodore Roosevelt

News

News Briefs

Compiled by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Be prepared for emergencies

The American Red Cross will sponsor an adult CPR class on Saturday in building 97. The class will be repeated every 20 minutes between 9 a.m. and noon. Certificates will be issued on site. There is no pre-registration and no fee.

Council announces meeting

The PSF Commissary Council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 6 in the Commissary Conference Room in building 653. Guests are welcome.

Possible gift ideas

The Presidio Thrift Shop will be conducting its Flea Market on Saturday. The shop will open at 6:30 a.m. If you want to be a seller, you must have a current military identification card. There will be a charge of \$5 per selling space and you must bring your own table. A reminder: the Presidio Thrift Shop will be open through Dec. 19; no consignments will be accepted after Dec. 11.

Of note educationally

The Graduate Record Examination will be given on Feb. 5, 1992 at the Ft. Scott Education Center in building 1216. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee for the first time, but you must order your exam in person by Jan. 2, 1992.

Also, the CLEP English With Essay general exam will be given on Jan. 14, 1992. This examination is for soldiers attending, or planning to attend, colleges which accept this test rather than the multiple choice CLEP English general exam. You must order your exam in person by Dec. 10. For both exams you can contact an educational counselor at 561-3692/2974/4445.

The Army Education Center plans to offer the following daytime classes beginning in January 1992: College Prep Writing, Accounting, Wordperfect 5.1, dBase III®, Enable, Introduction To Microcomputers and Typing/Keyboarding. For more information on dates, times and fees, phone 561-2974.

Shuttle service interrupted

The Hamilton Army Air Field Shuttle and the Presidio Shuttle will not run from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3, 1992 due to the Christmas holiday season. Shuttle service will resume on Jan. 6. The Presidio Shuttle serves Forts Baker, Barry and Cronkhite.

Resume Workshop at USO

A weekly Resume Workshop is held on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. To enroll, phone 561-2436 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit the Presidio USO in building 223.

Upcoming office closures

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing will close on Dec. 19 at 11:30 a.m. for the DEH Annual Christmas Party. All emergencies should be directed to the Work Order Desk at 561-4505.

PAO closure

The Public Affairs Office will hold its annual Christmas party on Dec. 17, from noon to 4:15 p.m.

Attend free workshop!

A three day Pre-separation Career Awareness Program workshop will begin on Tuesday at the Oakland Army Base in building 790. The workshop is designed to assist those individuals separating from military service make a smooth transition into a rewarding and successful second career. To enroll, call 263-9571.

Alcohol, drugs don't mix with driving

by Skip Przybyla,
Education Coordinator,
Presidio Alcohol and Drug Program

The week of Dec. 8 is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. The goal is to raise the awareness of all Americans of the serious consequences of driving while impaired by alcohol and other drugs.

You may not think that drunk driving is a problem that affects you. However, we all share the road with drunk drivers. In fact, two out of every five of us will be involved in an alcohol-related auto accident in our lifetime. Each year, more than 23,000 deaths and 500,000 injuries are caused by drunk drivers. Don't let yourself, a loved one or friend be a victim. There are some things you can do to make a difference.

Remember: alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and all other mind-altering drugs, including prescription drugs, impair driving ability. These drugs affect judgment, perception, coordination and vision. Help yourself, and others, by avoiding the deadly combi-

nation of drinking and driving.

Eating helps to slow absorption of alcohol. Sip, don't gulp: it's OK to "nurse your drink." Set a limit of how many drinks you'll have and stick with it. Don't mix alcohol with other drugs, even over-the-counter drugs which can react adversely with alcohol. Use the Designated Driver Program. If you drink too much, give your keys to a nondrinker, catch a ride, call a taxi or sleep over.

Help others avoid being a drunk driving statistic. When entertaining, remember to measure drinks and "cut off" those who are drinking too much. Serve food and offer plenty of non-alcoholic drinks. Close the bar well before the party ends. If guests drink too much, give them a ride, call a cab or offer a place to stay. If necessary, take their keys so they will not attempt to drive drunk.

If you want more information, free literature or audio/visual material about alcohol/drugs and driving, contact the Presidio Alcohol and Drug Program at 561-2528.

Chapel News

by Steve Miller,
Director of Religious Activities

The Christmas season is upon us. This year the Post Chapel is sponsoring "The Christmas Sharing Program." We hope to make this a great and happy Christmas for all the Presidio personnel and their families.

For the first year in many years, the San Francisco Firefighters are unable to give us any toys for our children. Last year they provided us 400 and that just covered our needs. This year the Post Chapel hopes to collect around 400 new, unwrapped toys from all of us who work here at the Presidio. We will have large bins for toy collection at the Post Exchange, the Post Chapel, the Chapel of Our Lady and in the lobby of building 220, and the lobby at LUSAH. We will set up smaller boxes at other Presidio locations. Please: we need your help to ensure that "Christmas Giving" is shared with everyone on post. Remember: we need 400 new, unwrapped toys in just two weeks!

And for you who are doing your other Christmas shopping at the PX, the Post Chapel Youth will gift wrap in the lobby on Dec. 11, 19 and 23. Other volunteer organizations will be wrapping all during the month of December. So, if you are planning on having your gifts wrapped, share your extra change and have them done at the PX, while helping an organization here at the Presidio.

On Dec. 15, the Post Chapel and Chapel of Our Lady will have their annual Christmas Music Program. This will begin at 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. This is always a joyous experience. Please join us.

On Dec. 22, the Protestant Sunday School Children will have a special part in the Post Chapel's 11 a.m. service.

Christmas Eve services will be held 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel and a special Christmas Eve Mass



will be at 8 p.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Catholic Mass is held every Saturday afternoon at 5 and every Sunday morning at 9 and 11 at the Chapel of Our Lady. Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday afternoon at the LAMC Chapel. For more information about the Jewish Program, phone Ruth Callmann at 561-3764. The Protestant Worship Services are at 9 and 11 every Sunday morning at the Main Post Chapel. A Gospel Service is held every Sunday morning at the LAMC Chapel at 11:30. We have other Bible studies and programs for all ages. If you are interested, then phone the Chapel at 561-4239 or the RAC at 561-3535.

DoD personnel can combat sexual harassment

by Rudi Williams
American Forces Information Service

DoD has not escaped the sexual harassment controversy highlighted by the recent Supreme Court confirmation hearings. Hundreds of service members and civilian employees file harassment claims each year.

During fiscal 1990, service members submitted 563 complaints alleging sexual harassment. A total of 295 cases were substantiated.

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The act was amended in 1970 to include sexual harassment, which is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature in exchange for employment, job benefits or which creates a hostile working environment.

A survey conducted by the military in 1988—the most recent statistics available—shows the extent of the problem. Twenty-two percent of active duty

military personnel said they had experienced some form of sexual harassment. This ranged from sexual jokes to assault and rape. A total of more than 20,000 service members answered the survey.

The most frequent types of sexual harassment reported were: sexual teasing, jokes, remarks or questions, reported by 82 percent of the women and 74 percent of the men; sexually suggestive looks, gestures or body language, reported by 69 percent of the female victims and 58 percent of the male victims; touching, leaning over, cornering, pinching or brushing against another in a deliberately sexual manner, reported by 60 percent of the women and 51 percent of the males.

Some people found things offensive that others said were not offensive at all, according to reports. Officials said sexual harassment means different things to different people. Persons who view something as sexual harassment (or otherwise offensive) should bring that fact to the offender's attention, because the person may be unaware something is wrong.

Physical Evaluation Board one of only four in U.S.

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

There is a little-known activity in the Army that is of huge importance to those soldiers who are facing retirement from military service for medical reasons. It is the Physical Evaluation Board, of which there are only four in the United States Army.

The Physical Evaluation Board here, part of the Physical Disability Agency based in Washington D.C., is responsible for rating cases accounting for dispensing millions of dollars in disability compensations to soldiers yearly.

The board exists to correctly proportion disability payments to those who get ill or injured during their time in service and can no longer do their jobs.

"Though the problems that we see can deal with any physical ailment, the majority of the problems that we see deal with backs, knees and feet," explained Col. Darrell Heinrich, the Presidio board president. "This is mainly due to the majority of the soldiers we see coming from light Infantry divisions." The board receives cases from 18 western and mid-western states, and the Pacific area.

The Physical Evaluation Board is just about the final step in a long and complicated process faced by a sick or injured active-duty soldier who can no longer work in his or her Military occupational specialty or branch. The soldier would initially be referred to a Medical MOS Retention Board or MMRB by his unit. The MMRB, which is usually comprised of eight to nine enlisted persons and officers, determines whether the soldier should be retained in his job, transferred into another MOS, or referred for medical processing out of the Army.

If a soldier is recommended for elimination, a medical board is done on him which summarizes his entire medical history and current medical condition. If the board feels that he should be retained, he is referred back to his unit.

Otherwise several other steps are initiated by the medical board, such as a line-of-duty investigation. This investigation would determine whether the illness or injury is a direct result of military service, or if it has been aggravated by or during the soldier's career.

The Physical Evaluation Board is composed of three persons: a doctor, a personnel officer, and a senior line officer. This group evaluates the case based on how the soldier's condition meets the criteria of fitness needed to accomplish his duty. If a soldier is judged unfit, the board grants a percentage disability rating. The judgments are not arbitrary though; they are based on strict guidelines set forth in Department of Defense directives, Army Regulations, and the Veteran's Administration Schedule for Rating Disabilities.

There are 10 people who work in the Presidio office, handling the mountains of paperwork that flow through the office daily. The office is comprised of a doctor, three officers, an administration NCO, and five civilian administration personnel.

The office handles between 3,600 and 4,000 cases per year.

A soldier is not required to accept the findings of the board and has several appeal levels that he can go through. One of the appeal processes is the formal board where the soldier appears in person in front of the board to discuss his case. In these situations, the soldier is also afforded the opportunity to have a lawyer present to help present his case. The board on the Presidio conducts about 60 formal boards a month.

According to Dr. Joseph McGerity, one of the biggest changes, and most welcome in his almost 20 years here, has been the automation of the office. Another change he has seen is the way that certain diseases are now approached. "When I first started here, heart disease and peptic ulcer disease were grounds to discharge a soldier. With advancements in treatment and medication, these are no longer valid reasons for discharge, unless they are severe.

"Some lessons are never learned though," said McGerity, "such as asthmatic soldiers who do not fare well in a field environment.

"There have been significant drops in certain areas, such as psychological discharges. In 1973, these accounted for almost 30-percent of total cases. Today only five percent of cases are for psychological reasons," said McGerity. "This might be attributed to better recruitment standards and the higher quality of the soldier in today's Army."



Col. Darrell Heinrich and Joseph McGerity discuss a few points of a soldier's case.

"No case is ever the same," said Heinrich. "There are thousands of factors that we have to take into consideration when handling these cases. Each case represents a soldier. We take this job seriously to ensure soldiers are properly compensated for injuries or diseases they incur while on active duty. It's all in caring for the soldier.

"Disability benefits are meant to compensate soldiers for the interruption of their careers," said Heinrich. But unlike other jobs that might handle the same amount of paperwork every day, each factor here affects a person's quality of life.

EOC: Crisis support for 12 western states

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

The Emergency Operation Center provides support for the 12 western states, Federal Emergency Management Agency, the EPA and Red Cross stations west of the Mississippi.

The EOC is part of the Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. During disasters, however, it swings into its crisis mode. The Crisis Action Team is within the EOC.

There are two times the EOC can authorize support by the Army: when the situation is Intent Seriousness or the president has declared a national disaster, according to Maj. Butch Ferguson, chief of EOC. Intent Seriousness describes a situation in which a death occurs or some type of drastic situation is in progress or has already occurred.

"It's almost an obligation to help out in those cases," Ferguson said. "We're not going to say, 'No, we can't help out,' when people have died or are trapped."

Some of the cases in which the Crisis Action Team

took action include the Loma Prieta Earthquake, the Yellowstone fires, and Desert Shield/Storm, according to Lt. Col. Charles J. Pederson, Chief, Operations and Readiness.

There is someone on call 24 hours. However, the EOC office does not take the calls. The Staff Duty in building 38 contacts an EOC member, when necessary, after duty hours.

"There isn't someone here 24 hours a day even during a crisis," Pederson said. "There have been times we haven't left [the office] for 48 hours or more."

During the Earthquake, EOC members spent a great deal of their time working to provide support for the community.

When they were called upon to assist during Desert Shield, members were also helping control a wild fire in Idaho, Pederson said. There have been several times when projects have overlapped.

When the Crisis Action Team is not involved in a project, EOC members spend time educating the community and various agencies on the legal aspects

of their support, according to Ferguson. "You'd be surprised how many agencies don't know the channels they have to go through to request support," he said.

Since Ferguson has been assigned here, he doesn't know of any time the EOC provided support when it was not authorized.

"We are really careful about that," Ferguson said. "That is why we go through the education process."

Pederson says he loves his job and feels it is important.

A series of plans has to be carried out to provide the appropriate support for each situation.

"The execution of all the plans occurs down here," Pederson said. "We start the frame work."

Ferguson also feels his job in the EOC is important, but for a different reason.

"We are the central point of contact for support during a crisis," he said. "Everybody knows this office number [561-5671]. We can give a specific answer and point someone in the right direction without giving him the run around."

Pearl Harbor from page 1

to the harbor's floor. This time it was not America's dependence on the fuel, but her abundance of it. Bent upon domination of Asia, Japan received scrap metal and oil from the United States. The supply came to a abrupt halt, though, when the Japanese annexed Korea and invaded China. Japan could still get oil from the Dutch East Indies, but felt threatened by the United States' strength in the Pacific. A strength which could easily stop the flow of oil needed to keep Japan's war machine running. With one strike to the heart of the American Pacific Fleet, Japan could end this threat

forever.

It almost worked, except for two reasons. The attack united a divided nation: no longer were there isolationists and interventionists, just "us and them." Popular opinion changed, literally overnight. A Gallup Poll released Dec. 4, 1941, showed 80-percent of all Americans were against becoming involved in the conflict raging in Europe. Within 24-hours of the attack, after a vote by joint session of Congress, the United States was at war. The other saving grace was that exercises and bad seas had kept our three aircraft carrier battlegroups at sea on that day, or the loss would have been complete.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. High-speed jet aircraft now scream from the tropical blue sky; but today they carry passengers not bombs. Fifty years of healing has taken place as well. But the scars are still with us, just as the bullet holes and shrapnel marks still can be found on the walls of the buildings of Hickham Air Force Base. Scars mark both sides.

Reminders of that day in December of 1941 can still be found with ease at the memorial in some of the items left in memoriam. Though not encouraged, some visitors leave flowers, or one of the ever-present leis; a postcard, showing an aerial view of the harbor, simi-

lar to the ones provided to the Japanese bomber pilots to assist them in their raid, is offered in tribute.

Standing on the memorial surrounded by faces from many other lands, the expressions are all the same: ones of sorrow and reverence. Here or there you can see a person with a tear in their eye. You almost don't realize that the tour group next to you is from Japan. Why should a memorial marking the loss of one ship in one war have such meaning to people from all over the world? The memorial has taken a bigger meaning to "us" and to "them." It stands for the horror of war, and a tribute to the men who have given their lives in the name of their country.

News

December 7, 1941

The medics were ready

by Harry Noyes,
ARNES correspondent

Not everyone was caught napping on Dec. 7, 1941.

Col. Edgar King, Hawaii's top Army doctor and a hero in a day of national tragedy, received the Distinguished Service Medal for ensuring Hawaii's military and civilian medical communities were ready.

King began preparing for war in early 1941 by working closely with his civilian counterparts. In the event of an attack, King and his staff had drawn up a plan to care for both the troops and the civilians on the Islands.

The Hawaii Medical Association organized 20 field teams totaling more than 2,000 doctors, nurses, stretcher bearers, ambulance drivers and assorted aides. All underwent 82 hours of training.

Thanks to the forethought of Dr. Forrest J. Pinkerton, a chain of blood banks collected and stockpiled supplies of plasma in the months before Dec. 7. People had laughed at his conviction that Japan would attack. But when the disaster he had predicted came true, stockpiled plasma supplies kept countless servicemembers and civilians alive until blood donors could arrive.

One of the most dramatic episodes of the day revolved around Dr. John J. Moorhead of New York

City.

Moorhead was a veteran of World War I and a colonel in the Medical Corps Reserve. He was also one of the nation's most distinguished trauma surgeons. He was in Hawaii to deliver lectures on war surgery to the Island's medical community—another reflection of the Island's astute advanced planning.

Moorhead heard about the attack on a car radio on his way to the auditorium for a morning lecture. Only about 50 people showed up, but Moorhead started his address anyway.

Then, a doctor ran in with the word that a dozen surgeons were needed to help at the Army's Tripler General Hospital. The room emptied instantly, as lecturer and audience alike rushed to help.

Within 30 minutes, Moorhead and other civilian doctors had raced through Honolulu's crowded, confused streets and were at work saving lives.

As Moorhead labored over the wounded, the Hospital commander came by to thank him. Moorhead remarked that perhaps he should return to active duty, but was probably too old.

In the afternoon, the commander returned. "It's done...you're in the Army, Colonel," the commander said.

Moorhead stayed at Tripler another month caring for the wounded.

EOD keeps boom out of bomb

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

A self sufficient unit at the Presidio saves lives by keeping the boom out of the bomb.

The 87th Explosive Ordnance Detachment's basic mission is to render safe military ordnance, explosive devices, and nuclear weapons throughout Northern California.

However, that's not all the soldiers of the 87th do.

These soldiers run their own unit. There are only 10 people assigned to the detachment. Among the 10, they handle supply, operations, leave transactions and more, according to Sgt. 1st Class Riverea, detachment NCOIC.

"We crosstrain each other," Riverea said. "We just learn from the books."

On top of all their additional duties, the soldiers of the detachment pull 24-hour duty. Two soldiers are on a team which is on-call 24 hours. With only 10 people in the unit, the days go by fast.

"Someone might have duty three times in one week," Riverea said. "They don't complain though. They're used to it and they are mature soldiers."

Riverea helps the soldiers crosstrain outside their military occupational skill.

Riverea has been in the military 18 years. He has been an explosive ordnance disposal technician for 14 years. Riverea admits that his MOS is a difficult one to get into. To be accepted, soldiers are required to have a 110 GT score with 100 percent on mechanics.

"You definitely have to be mechanically inclined to work in this MOS," Riverea said.

"The school is tough—mentally tough," Riverea says. "Often people who are sent don't make it."

When Riverea was in training he attended a class with 38 other soldiers in which seven, including Riverea, successfully completed the course.

The technicians even work as recruiters.

To enter the MOS people must already have time in service.

Soldiers have to coordinate with the EOD unit on their post before being accepted into the school. They are interviewed by the commander of the detachment and the detachment NCO.

"The first question I always ask is: 'Why do you want to come into this MOS,'" Riverea said. "They better have the right answer."

All soldiers of the unit meet the "recruit" and discuss their feelings. They say what they like or dislike about the individual. Then the soldier has to wear the bomb suit for 30 minutes. According to Riverea, this is done to see if the person is claustrophobic.

The bomb suit weighs 56 pounds. "It's uncomfort-

able, but you can overcome that," Riverea said. "I'd rather deal with the discomfort instead of exposing myself to risk."

Riverea has an exciting job.

"I guess it's like being a cop," Riverea said. "When you get called out, the adrenaline just starts pumping."

If a bomb is discovered, the soldiers of the EOD are the ones who are called. They are constantly training in their MOS.

"We learn something new every day," Riverea said. "We have to be prepared for worst case scenarios."

Riverea is totally confident in the training he has received; however, he feels soldiers must constantly train to stay proficient.

"They are making new bombs out there and we have to know all about them," Riverea said.

He admits that he's been scared on different occasions. "The ones who aren't scared I don't want to work with."

Riverea worked with real chemical weapons in Advanced Individual Training, so he knows what he's dealing with. His training lasted 17 weeks. When he attended AIT in 1976, the course was different than it is today. After making the grade of E-5 (known as Specialist 5 then) they attended a four-week course covering nuclear weapons disposal. Now the course covers both foreign and domestic conventional ordnance and nuclear weapons disposal at the same time.

"This MOS is different than others in the Army," Riverea said. "It's more technical and soldiers have to be proficient. I think I have the best MOS in the military."

When Riverea joined the field there were about 650 soldiers in the same field. Now there are about 1,000.

"It's a very small field," Riverea said. "The technicians are part of an elite group."

Riverea admits that he's not all work and no play. "It's not work, work, work all the time," he said. "We're like a family here and we plan a lot of social events."

According to Riverea, he's working with good soldiers whom he feels are mature. "The training's great," Riverea said. "We just have to guide them in the right direction."

"There are really good people coming out of the school right now," Riverea said. "When I retire, I'll feel a hell of a lot better knowing there are good soldiers getting good training."

A view from Nov. 24
through Dec. 26, 1941

World War II

(courtesy of ARNEWS)

Nov. 24: Germany denounces the United States' occupation of Dutch Guiana as "White House imperialism".

Nov. 25: The Department of the Navy orders the conveying of merchant ships in the Pacific.

Nov. 27: The United States rejects Japan's proposal that the United States end all aid to China and allow Japan complete autonomy in her dealings with China and Indochina, which effectively ends negotiations toward a peace settlement.

Dec. 3: A United States merchant ship, Sagadahoc, is sunk by torpedoes in the South Atlantic.

Dec. 6: President Roosevelt sends a personal appeal for peace to Emperor Hirohito.

Dec. 7: In a surprise attack, Japanese forces bomb Pearl Harbor, destroying four battleships and two other ships, damaging four other battleships, three cruisers, three destroyers and two other ships. Because of this, 2,334 American servicemembers were killed. Within hours, the Japanese also attacked the Philippines, Guam, Wake Island, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Dec. 8: The United States declares war on Japan.

Dec. 10: Guam surrenders to the Japanese.

Dec. 11: Germany and Italy declare war on the United States. The United States declares war on Germany and Italy.

Dec. 12: Romania, Hungary and Slovakia declare war on the United States. U.S. troops aboard ships bound from Hawaii to the Far East are organized under Brig. Gen. Julian F. Barnes as Task Force South Pacific.

Dec. 13: Bulgaria declares war on the United States.

Dec. 15: The first merchant ship lost by Japan in the war, the Atsutasan Maru, is sunk by the U.S. submarine Swordfish.

Dec. 17: Several senior Army and Navy commanders in Hawaii are replaced as a result of the events of Dec. 7. Albania declares war on the United States.

Dec. 20: The Japanese land at Davao, Mindanao in the Philippines, sparking heavy fighting. Congress amends the Selective Training and Service Act to provide for the registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 65, and the eligibility for training of men between the ages of 20 and 45.

Dec. 22: Prime Minister Winston Churchill meets with President Roosevelt at the White House to discuss plans for "the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world." The Japanese mount a large-scale assault on Luzon Island in the Philippines, engaging American and Filipino troops. The first American troops from Task Force South Pacific arrive in Australia.

Dec. 23: Japan occupies Wake Island. The approximately 400 U.S. servicemen and 1,000 civilians on the island are captured.

Dec. 26: Manila is declared on open city. All troops are withdrawn and supplies destroyed.



Features

MPs: Working to keep children smiling

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Military Police stationed at the Presidio aren't just hard-core, rough soldiers that give out tickets without a heart.

They're also caring people who give out teddy bears with a big smile and lots of heart.

The Presidio Military Police have a Teddy Bear Program set up to help children who have just been through a stressful experience.



MPs carry two teddy bears in each patrol car. If they find a lost child, they can give him a teddy bear to make him feel better and calm him down while trying to find his parents, according to Sgt. 1st Class Warren L. Brockenberry, provost sergeant.

Teddy bears are also given to children who have been abused, witnessed a domestic disturbance, were in a traffic accident or have suffered some sort of anxiety.

"It's up to the soldiers intuition to give a teddy bear to a child," Brockenberry said. "They decide if the child has suffered anxiety and needs comfort."

Brockenberry has given several teddy bears to children in his office.

"The program is very effective," Brockenberry said. "They always smile with amazement when I give them a teddy bear. I don't know what it is with teddy bears, but children just love them."

Brockenberry feels that a teddy bear is more than a toy. "A teddy bear becomes their friend and offers comfort," he said.

The MPs mission when using the Teddy Bear Program is to provide emotional support and comfort to their children. The program also helps with acceptance. It increases trust in the military police while opening lines of communication. Parents see that the soldiers really care about their children.

It helps the children trust the MP and talk about what they experienced.

"When working in child abuse cases, the children seem more apt to talk after an MP gives them a teddy bear," Brockenberry said. "The MP then gains control of the situation and gathers the necessary information."

If there are two children involved and one child seems to be stressed, both children are given a teddy bear. An MP never asks for the bear back.

The teddy bears were donated by the Caring For Children organization. In October, the Provost Marshal Office received 25 teddy bears from the corporation.

Brockenberry feels the program is virtuous and it improves the morale of the MPs.

"They have the chance to make a kid happy and that makes them feel good about themselves and their job," Brockenberry says.

If you wish to donate a teddy bear for the program, you can bring one by the Provost Marshal Office or call 561-5332.

Home or somewhere else for the holidays

by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian staff

I'm leaving on a jet plane," said John Denver in his hit song of a few years ago. Chances are, he didn't have the opportunity to save money by booking that flight through SATO, the Scheduled Airline Traffic Office, which can be found on most military posts.

At the Presidio of San Francisco there are two offices for SATO. First is the official travel office which is located on the first floor of building 35. It handles the requirements for all official business travel whether it's a ticket for one person going to a meeting or a hundred people going to Korea for Team Spirit. It has special government or contract rates which can save the military money.

The unofficial or leisure travel SATO office is located in building 215 across the street from the Post office. It is also a full service travel agency and can book flights, cruises, Amtrak tours and rail tickets, or almost any combination of those desired.

According to Timothy Hecock, SATO agent at the leisure office, there are over 150 SATO offices and the buying power with that volume of business allows them to obtain some really good discounts year-round from all the major cruise lines. Right now they have some three- or four-day discount cruises to Mexico in which the first person pays the regular price and the second person pays only \$99.

If you've ever pictured yourself draped in the sun next to the pool with a white-coated waiter bringing cool libations or seen yourself in casual clothes on the promenade deck reading the latest book, this is the place to make it happen.

There are cruises to Alaska, Mexico and the Caribbean, Central and South America, with passage through the Panama Canal, and combinations of fly/cruise packages to suit any imagination.

Heycock stated in addition to cruises, there are also Amtrak tours and rail/air packages to fit just about any schedule and pocket book. Another is going to the advance fare purchase with non-refundable tickets concept that the airlines have been using for awhile. At this time, there are limited destinations under this program. Heycock said, "If you've got the time, it's a great way to see some



beautiful country." He said there are several different types of fares to save money. "All Aboard Fares" and advance purchase are just two of them.

SATO would like to help you go home for the holidays and suggests you make your plans and reservations as soon as possible. This time of the year seats go fast and if you don't want to have to compromise, you need to start planning now.

The basic guidelines for ticket prices are as follows:
SUPERSAVER (at least 14 days in advance) - Best rate. Sells out fast. Must stay one Saturday night. Must purchase within 24 hours of booking. NO REFUNDS OR CHANGES.

SUPERSAVER (At least 7 days in advance) - Sometimes better than the military discount rate. Must stay one Saturday night. Must purchase within 24 hours of booking. 50 percent penalty on change and or refunds.

MILITARY DISCOUNT RATE (No advance required) 50 percent off full civilian rate. No minimum stay required. Can book at anytime and purchase at anytime. Fully refundable and changeable.

If you plan to do any traveling over the holiday season, call SATO at 561-2314/2315 for the best fares. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

News & Views

Thanks for the memories, Presidio

By James L. Ballance

PART VI

I was at Treasure Island during the Pageant of the Pacific in 1939, watching the famed stunt-pilot Tex Ritter execute a falling leaf in a biplane, when I became conscious of military march music. Turning about, I found the band of the 30th and its duty company parading for Retreat. The fathers of the San Francisco World's Fair had requested the Army to provide a ceremonial Retreat every evening. The Army thereupon constructed a barracks, messhall, dayroom and canteen to house a battalion band and duty company (they rotated monthly) on the island for such duties for the duration of the two-year exposition.

I shortly entered the Army and the 30th left the Presidio in early 1942 on its way to war. It was the last time I saw the 30th until 1987 when the regiment sent a delegation from Wurzburg to accept a new regimental flag presented by Mayor Dianne Feinstein on behalf of the city. The 30th U.S. Infantry has in fact three mottoes, two of which, "Our Country, Not Ourselves" and "Rock of the Marne" are inscribed on the distinctive unit insignia (DUI) worn by every member of the regiment, while the third, "San Francisco's Own" is emblazoned on the regimental flag.

The 30th was constituted in February 1901 at Fort Logan, Colorado, but in fact was created at the Presidio of San Francisco where the Provisional Battalion of Infantry became the 1st Battalion, while simultaneously the 2d Battalion was created in the Philippines from personnel of the 28th U.S. Infantry. Thus while Fort Logan had been designated HQ of the regiment upon its constitution, the Presidio of San Francisco was its initial HQ and for the most of the subsequent half century or until relieved of assignment to the Third Division in 1951. The official connection ended but the regimental flag still bears the inscription, "San Francisco's Own."

Ave et vale, Legio XXX., ave et vale exercitus praesidiarium!

I was indeed pleased when appointed to the Civilian Advisory Council by Lieutenant General Frederick F. Woerner, Jr. upon his arrival from Panama to take command of Sixth U.S. Army and felt honored in being so designated.

Under General Woerner and his admirable chief of staff, Brigadier General Walter Bickston, the sterling public affairs efforts with the community commenced under the aegis of Lieutenant General Robert Arter, continued with elan, panache and military innovation.

Army Days '86 and Army Days '87 were superbly prepared and presented in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area. The Pentagon was induced to send out the Continental Army precision drill team and ceremonial escort, and the Fifes and Drums of the Minutemen, both units of the Old Guard, the 3d U.S. Infantry regiment; and the United States Army Band, Pershing's Own, from Washington; while the British Army and HQ, Household Division, flew in units of the Guards Brigade and British Army on both years.

General Bickston, who served with the Cheshire Regiment at one time, no doubt played a large part in the affable British cooperation.

Tattoo had already sounded for the Presidio in plans being formulated by Congress and the Department of Defense and while many of us anticipated the fateful announcement we simply ignored stark reality and enjoyed high tide for the Army in San Francisco for the nonce.

Fourteen months after his arrival, the scholarly General Woerner was appointed commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command, to replace General John Galvin who had taken command of NATO forces and USAEUR. The General received his fourth star and was replaced by Lieutenant General James E. Moore, Jr.

Bickston, too, bade us adieu and retired, to be succeeded by Brigadier General George Baxter. The community effort continued under the leadership of General Moore and with the kindly cooperation of his chief of staff.

Today General Woerner is a member of the faculty at Boston University, General Bickston is a key executive with a defense firm based in Baltimore, General Moore is resident on the Monterey Peninsula, and General Baxter has retired to his home town, Reno, Nevada.

Together, with many others in and out of uniform, they are responsible with providing this writer with a cherished opportunity to accomplish something overdue in behalf of the United States Army—a small symbolic compensatory gesture for that which in fact can never be repaid, an indebtedness incurred long ago and comprised of incidents involving my mother on a frozen morning near Lake Baikal and on a broiling afternoon in Manchuria aboard an accidentally uncoupled car of the Chinese-Eastern railroad originally bound for Vladivostok—and with furnishing him with many further and more recent memories to be resorted to at odd moments, to be recalled fondly and in retrospect, to be especially appreciated when the institutional Army, inevitably, as it must, commences to beckon.

*Back to the Army again, sergeant,
Back to the Army again. . . .
I have eaten your bread and salt.
I have drunk your water and wine.
The deaths ye died I have watched beside
And the lives ye led were mine. . . .*

—Kipling

PART VII will continue next week

From the Past Fort Huachuca: famous Indian outpost

(The following article was first published on January 23, 1959 in the Star Presidian.)

Only five years ago, historic Fort Huachuca, cavalry outpost in the Apache uprisings, was reactivated under the control of the chief Signal Officer as the Army Electronic Proving Ground.

In the fields of electronic warfare, battlefield surveillance, Signal Corps aviation and meteorology, the command runs performance tests; evaluates communication and electronic systems, conducts operational analysis experiments and field tests; formulates doctrine and new concepts of Signal organizational elements; provides specialized training; maintains prototypes of specialized signal equipment and recommends needed research.

In selecting a proving ground for this mission, there were two requirements which had to be met. The test center had to be isolated from metropolitan areas so that electronic experiments with jamming devices would not interfere with commercial radio and television broadcasts, and increasing activity in Signal Corps aviation demanded remoteness from commercial airways while offering adequate flying facilities.

There is no doubt that Fort Huachuca is isolated.

By road, Tombstone, the nearest town, is 28 miles to the northeast, and Tucson, 96 miles to the northwest. The commercial airport and TV station in Tucson should be out of range of interference from the test and experimental transmissions. Its 77 square miles provide adequately for the many test ranges on which mock battles are fought and test firings accomplished under electronic control and supervision.

Fort Huachuca boasts a colorful 81 year history extending from its humble beginning on Mar. 3, 1877 through Indian wars, two world wars and the Korean War.

Before the fort slipped into Army mass production methods when 30,000 troops were stationed there during World War II, it had gained widespread fame during the opening and settling of the west.

The hard-riding cavalymen supported by small field artillery pieces subdued the aroused Indians under Geronimo, kept outlaws in line, guarded the early payrolls from mining towns and were ready at all times to put down any Mexican uprisings.

Geronimo's surrender to General Miles at the San Bernardino Ranch occurred in 1886, ending the fort's most colorful era, but subsequent dispatches record the revival of Indian excitement in the terri-

tory and the trail of the "Apache Kid" in 1890 and 1891.

In the Spanish American War, the 25th Regiment was ordered to the Philippines along with the 9th Cavalry. Only Company F of the 9th remained at the fort.

Work at the fort again settled down to routine duties and after several such years, the 10th Cavalry left the Huachucas to accompany Gen. John J. Pershing's forces on the expedition into Mexico in an unsuccessful attempt to trap the wily Pancho Villa. In 1918, Mexico was again having internal troubles and the regiment returned to the border to set up headquarters in Naco.

In 1929, Mexican troubles again called the troops to the border, but it was the last time that Huachuca-stationed men were called upon to fight practically within sight of their barracks. From then until World War II, the cavalry units and the 25th Infantry became the object of sightseers throughout the Southwest.

Then came World War II and the fort's population leaped to 30,000. Stationed at the fort were the 92nd and 93rd Negro Infantry Divisions, complete with division artillery, quartermaster, engineering and medical battalions.

Dependents dental plan assists family health and budget

(courtesy of Dependents Dental Plan program relations)

The Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan (DDP) helps service families keep their smiles healthy while saving them money and time. The plan covers basic dental care for the spouses and children of active-duty members of the five branches of the Uniformed Services. No matter where the service member is stationed, dependents can be enrolled if they live in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

DDP promotes dental health and helps prevent problems in the future. The following diagnostic and

preventive services are 100 percent covered: check-ups, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, laboratory tests, sealants and space maintainers (for children under age 14) and some emergency treatment. Fillings, crowns on baby teeth and repairs to dentures are covered at 80 percent. The program also provides a small allowance toward some permanent crowns.

The sponsor's service branch pays most of the premium cost, so the monthly payroll deduction is only \$4.57 to cover one dependent or \$9.14 to cover an entire family. DDP has no deductibles and no maximums.

The Health Benefits Advisor in the CHAMPUS



office here at the Presidio can explain DDP coverage in detail and has a list of participating dental offices. You can also talk to DDP directly by calling (916) 381-9368.

Sports Brief

Academy testing at Gym 1

Post Gym 1 in building 63 will be utilized for testing of candidates for the Air Force Academy Testing on Dec. 15. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. It will reopen upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

Bowling

by Bobbie Gascon
Presidio Sports Branch

Reno fun Bowling League, week 9

Barbara Bagley rolled a 200 game and a 587 series to help her team, Take A Chance, maintain first place. Teammate Art Buford added a 231 game and a 618 series for Take A Chance.

Standings, 27 games bowled

Team	Won	Lost	T/Pins	Ave
1. Take A Chance	28	08	19,585	725
2. Seven/Eleven	20	16	18,456	683
3. Paymasters	18.5	17.5	16,439	684
4. Nuggets	17.5	18.5	18,657	691
5. The Slot	17	19	18,495	685
6. Lucky Ladies	07	29	18,331	678

Friday Ladies League, week 9

	Won	Lost	T/Pins	Ave
1. Cynthia Dunnington	49	23	4,905	181
2. Jill Phernambucq	49	23	4,799	177
3. Jana Cole	44	28	5,055	187
4. Cheryl Brawley	42	30	4,789	177
5. Teena Larson	42	30	4,735	175
6. Nora Fellini	39	33	4,681	173
7. Anna Naigle	30	36	4,743	175
8. Diana Wisniewski	28	42	4,513	167
9. Ann Dunn	28	44	4,787	177
10. Gerry Sternal	19	44	4,494	166
11. Sheri Gange		37	2,645	181.

Hui O Hawaii Winter League,

JD&Company maintained its hold on the top rung by winning three games during the position round and moved 3 1/2 games ahead of the pack. JD&Company was led by Art Burford's 203 high game and 584 series. Harry Hom fired a 226 game and a 576 series. For the ladies, Barbara Bagley out shot all the bowlers in the league with a 213 game and a 596 series.

The High Rollers have taken over second place, bumping Gaspar Darby to third. D&G also moved up, bumping Up Your Alley from the fourth spot.

The week's stars included Barbara Bagley, the Reno League star, who tossed a 213 game and a 596 series for the eighth place Caretakers. Tisho's Harry Hom rolled a 226 game and 576 series, and Gaspar Darby's Mel Washington bowled games of 215 and 202. Other 200-game scorers included Art Buford with 203, and Bobbie Gascon and Rod Hangkan with 200 each.

Best Ball foursome at PAGC

by Bob Darling
Presidio Sports Branch

The Presidio Sports Branch is hosting a Best Ball Foursome Golf Tournament, Dec. 19, at the Presidio Athletic Golf Club, with a shot gun start at noon. Check in time is 11:30.

The entry fee is \$5 per person, or players can form teams and pay \$20. Entry deadline is Dec. 17.

The tournament is open to all active duty personnel, Department of the Army civilians and family members (20 years or older) assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco. Also, the tournament is open to Army retirees (on a space available basis) residing within 50 miles of the Presidio.

The greens fees as established by PAGC will be paid in advance to the Presidio Sports Office by all golfers who are not members of the golf club.

Under tournament rules, each player will tee off from the same area and the best drive will be selected by mutual agreement. All other team members will pick up their balls and move to the chosen spot, where they will then place their balls within 12 inches of the chosen spot, no nearer the hole, and play their shots.

On the green, a mark will be placed immediately adjacent to the ball being played. The other balls are to be placed on the spot occupied by the original ball.

This procedure will continue until the team has holed out.

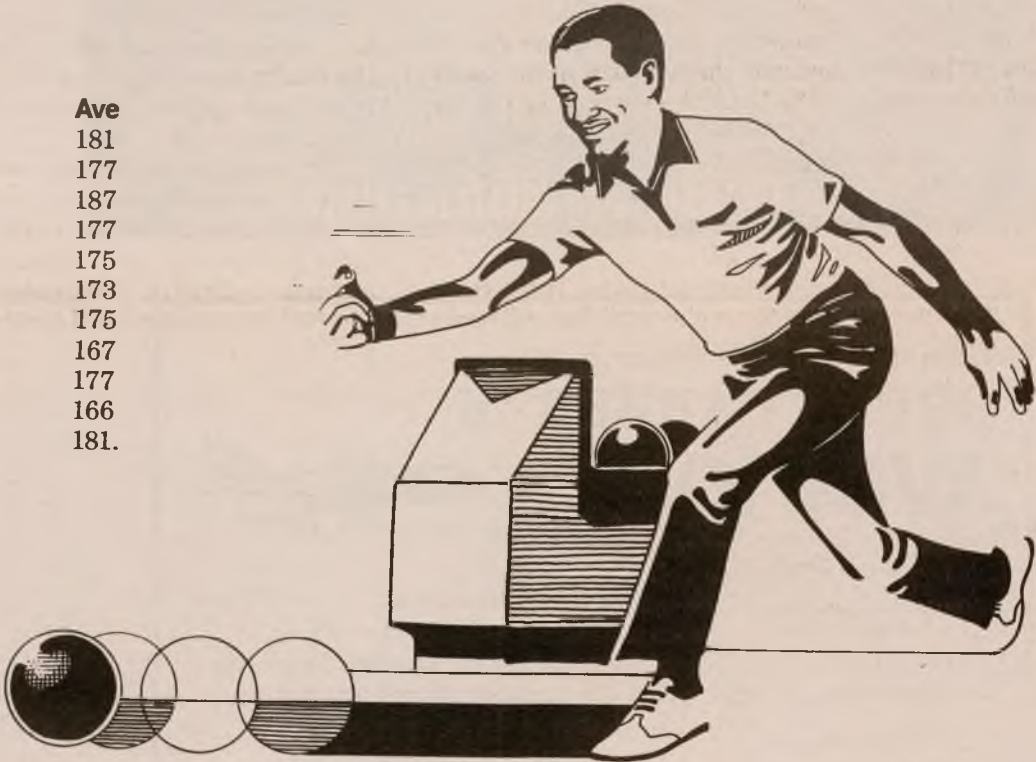
The scoring will be actual, without handicaps and



order of team play will be by mutual agreement. Plus, there will be special driving and putting events at various places along

he course during the tournament.

For more information call the Presidio Sports Branch at 561-4131 or 561-5032.



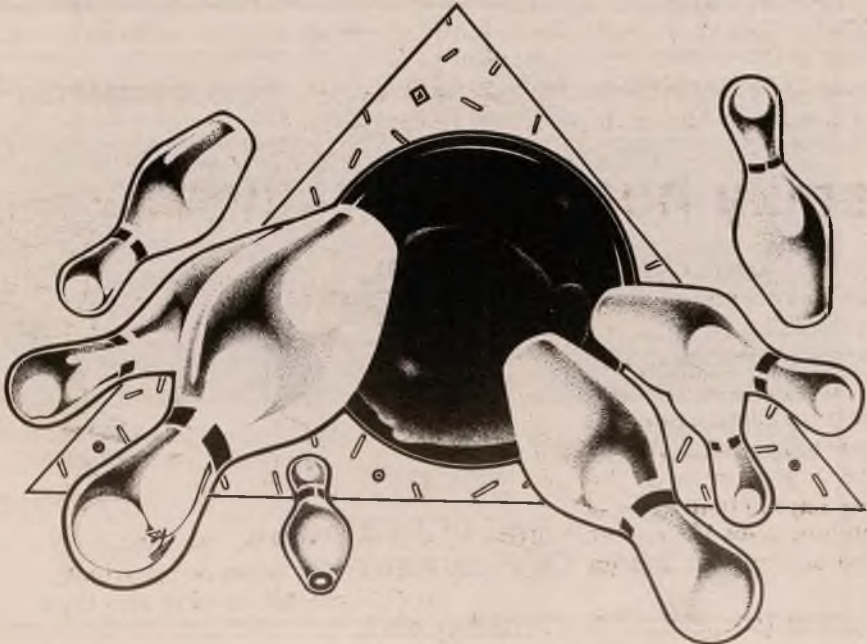
Standings after 30 games.

Team	Won	Lost	T/Pins	Ave
1. JD&Company	30	10	21,492	716
2. High Rollers	26.5	13.5	21,104	703
3. Gaspar Darby	26	14	21,542	718
4. D&G	23	17	21,376	712
5. Up Your Alley	22	18	21,695	723
6. Tisho	21	19	19,440	720
7. BITOA	15	25	20,742	691
8. Caretakers	14.5	25.5	21,370	712
9. Sneakers	13	27	18,761	693
10. Bunk Bowlers	08	32	14,514	691

Presidio Scratch Singles League, week 11

Star of the week: Gary Schabert, who bowled a 214 game and a whopping 807 series.

Name	Won	Lost	T/Pins	Ave
1. Gary Schabert	40	15	9001	204
2. Brian Kitching	32	23	8551	194
3. Ray Palomarez	31	24	8249	187
4. Barbara Bagley	31	24	8199	186
5. Jeff Satterfield	31	24	7763	176
6. Bobbie Gascon	30	25	7604	172
7. Sid Donnell	29	26	7838	178
8. George Frame	28	27	7753	176
9. Sam Ramirez	26	29	7533	171
10. Calvin Derrick	23.5	31.5	7184	163
11. Barry Sawyer	20.5	29.5	7289	165
12. Vic Dunnington	19.5	30.5	6846 (40 games)	171
13. Robert Gascon	20.5	34.5	6802	154
14. Craig Maier	18	37	5812 (32 games)	181



The battle for peace has begun.

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Community Calendar

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Tree lights up on Friday 13th

The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held on Friday the 13th—Dec. 13, that is—by the large tree adjacent to the Army Museum, building 2, at the corner of Lincoln and Funston boulevards. The ceremony will feature Santa Claus and the Sixth U.S. Army Band.

Christmas Ball reminder

Soldiers and civilians (all ranks/all grades) of the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco are invited to the annual Christmas Ball on Dec. 20 at the Presidio Officers' Club. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and reception, followed by dinner at 7. The dinner menu features a selection of Roast Prime Rib with Baked Potato (\$26), Boned Cornish Hen with Mixed Rice (\$24) or Grilled Salmon with Wild Rice (\$26). Also included in these meals are salad, vegetables, bread with butter, glass of wine, desert, coffee or tea. Music will be provided by the Sixth Army 10-piece Band for dancing after dinner. Early reservations through your Directorate point of contact is suggested.

Sharon Art Studio holiday sale

For a one-of-a-kind holiday gift, come to Sharon Art Studio in Golden Gate Park for a holiday sale of ceramics, glass and jewelry on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This popular annual sale features arts and crafts produced at the Sharon Art Building on Bowling Green Drive in Golden Gate Park. Come early for the best buys! For more information, phone 753-7004.

The holiday stage

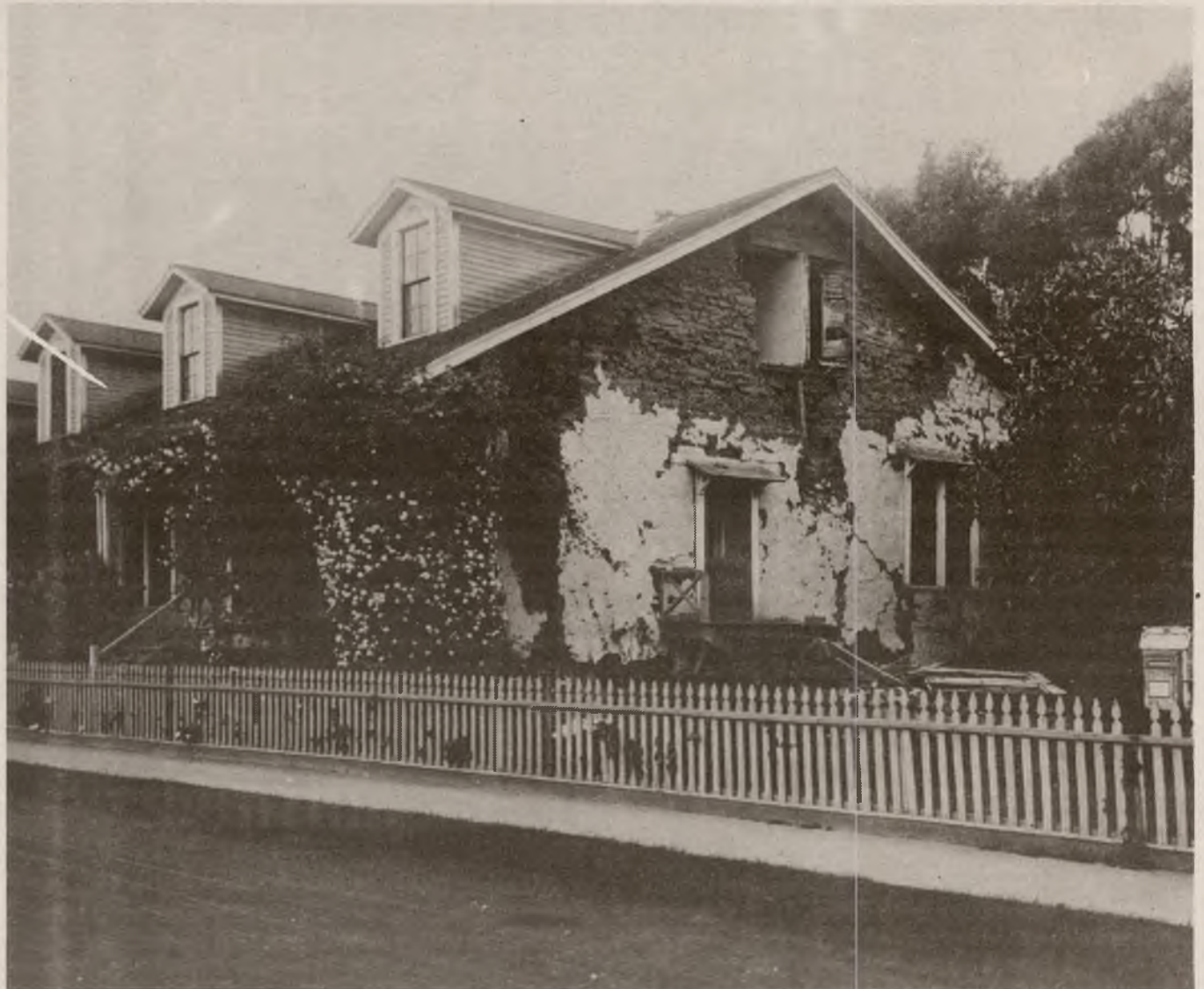
The American Conservatory Theatre will present A Christmas Carol beginning tomorrow through Dec. 26. This Dickens' holiday classic is in its 16th season and will show at the Orpheum Theatre. For tickets, call 749-2228.

Aikido for beginners

Learn the popular Yoshin Kai style of Aikido at the Sunset Recreation Center at the corner of 28th Avenue and Lawton Street. Adults and teens are invited to join the ongoing class on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The class is taught by an 8th degree black belt expert. The fee is \$40 for eight sessions. For more information, call 345-1501.

Free Christmas concert

The San Francisco Recreation Symphony and the San Francisco City Chorus will perform a holiday concert on Saturday at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Church at 1025 Masonic Street. The joint performance will feature Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Mozart's Missa Solemnis and favorite Christmas carols.



(caption by J. Edward Green; photo courtesy of the Presidio Army Museum)

Killed By The Quake

This structure was apparently built during the late Spanish or early Mexican period and was destroyed by the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. The building had been "Americanized" with the wainscoting of the building's front and the addition of the gables. It was located about where the flag pole stands today, south of the Pershing House. This building served as the bachelor officer quarters before the completion of new BOQs in 1881. After the earthquake, the building was torn down. Other buildings on the Presidio were damaged as well. The overall effect of the 1906 earthquake was considerably lessened, because the Presidio stands on deep bedrock which deflected the full impact of the quake. Damage to Presidio buildings and equipment was \$127,750. The General Hospital (later known as Letterman) suffered \$75,000 in damages. These were 1906 dollars which were worth more than today's inflated buck. It was a costly quake, yet the Army in the Bay Area rallied to help the 300,000 homeless people of San Francisco.

"Presidio Concept Workbook"

The National Park Service is distributing a "Presidio Concepts Workbook" to help the public visualize and contrast different ideas for the future of the Presidio. The Park Service representatives will answer questions about the workbook at a meeting on Saturday; they are also asking members of the public to return response forms with comments on their concepts of the Presidio's future by Dec. 16. The meeting will be held in building 201 at Fort Mason, at 10 a.m. For more information, call 556-7385.



Movies at the Presidio Theatre

Dec. 6: The Super [R]
Dec. 7: Dead Again [R]
Dec. 8: Shattered [R]
Dec. 9: Point Break [R]
Dec. 13: Ernest Scared Stupid [PG]
Dec. 14: Deceived [PG-13]
Dec. 15: The Taking of Beverly Hills [R]
Dec. 16: Year of the Gun [R]
Dec. 20: Necessary Roughness [PG-13]



CONSERVATION CORNER

(courtesy of EcoSource)

In the United States, we use over 70 times more water per person than in Ghana and over four times more than the average resident of Switzerland. If everyone used as much water per person as we do in the United States, we would already be beyond our planet's total annual water cycling capacity. From 1950 through 1980, the world's use of water rose from about 10 percent to 50 percent of the planet's available annual water supply. Here is a breakdown of water use per day for the average person in the United States: toilet flushing (24 gallons); bathing (24 gallons); laundry (16 gallons); dishwashing (three gallons); faucets (nine gallons); lawns and shrubs (68 gallons); and car washing (four gallons). When you multiply that times 200,000,000 you get the picture how much water we, as a nation, use. So, don't let up on your awareness in conserving the most precious of fluids: water.

Procrastination is the fear of success. People procrastinate because they are afraid of the success that they know will result if they move ahead now. Because success is heavy, carries a responsibility with it, it is much easier to procrastinate and live on the "someday I'll" philosophy.

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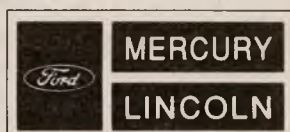
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Ho - Ho - Ho!

photo by John McGarrah

Sarah and Chase, children of Lt. Col. Caroline Worth and her husband, Chuck, took time off to tell Santa Claus what they desire on Christmas day.

Holiday message from the President

On behalf of all Americans, I extend season's greetings and the heartfelt thanks of a Nation to the dedicated members of the United States Armed Forces at home and abroad. You and your families have our best wishes for a happy holiday season and for a bright and prosperous new year.

As we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah and reflect on the dramatic events of 1991, we Americans share a sense of gratitude and joy. Each of you—wherever your post of duty, whether you served at sea; in Europe, Asia, Latin America; or at bases in the United States; or in the sands of Saudi Arabia and in the liberation of Kuwait—can take pride in the accomplishments of our Armed Forces over the past year. Today, America is proud, free and at peace—to a great extent because of you. Yet we know that our freedom and security have been preserved by the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. Those of you who must spend this special time of year away from home and family feel keenly the sacrifices that are demanded in the line of duty. Rest assured that you are close in the hearts of all Americans.

Each of you—no matter where you are, no matter what your job—plays a vital role in defending our way of life. Your patriotism and professionalism are a source of pride and strength for our country, and your fellow Americans will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

George Bush

FROM THE DESK OF:

Holiday message to Presidians from the Commanding General

Dear Presidians:

As another year comes to an end, few would argue that these past 12 months have been truly momentous. Happily, the future would appear to be more hopeful than ever for a more peaceful and secure world.

At this same time last year, we were faced with much uncertainty and trepidation. Many soldiers were separated from their loved ones and facing imminent battle. The world was endangered by confrontations that threatened its economic and social well-being and dampened the usual spirit of the holidays.

This holiday season, we have so much to celebrate and acknowledge. The resolve of our nation, our people, and our military services led to a resounding victory over tyranny. With a great deal of pride, our national confidence was reawakened and our faith and moral strength were rewarded. America's role as the world's beacon for freedom has never been brighter.

All of us at Sixth United States Army Headquarters thank each and every member of our Army family for their efforts this past year—efforts which made so much of our success possible. With your able support we will meet the challenges facing us in the months ahead as we set new goals and objectives for our Army.

The best to each of you and continued good health, prosperity and good luck for 1992.

*From our home to
yours, my family and
I extend special
greetings for this
special Season.*

Glynn C. Mallory, Jr.

GLYNN C. MALLORY, JR.
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding



Merry Christmas

News

News Briefs

Compiled by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Tax program needs volunteers

Are you good with numbers? Do you desire to help your fellow Presidians? The Presidio Legal Assistance Office is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of roles in the 1992 Presidio Tax Program. Experience is not required and tax training will be provided at no charge. If you are interested, please call 561-4273.

Office closure

The Transportation Division will close tomorrow at 11 a.m. because of its Christmas party. If you have an emergency, please phone Barbara at the ITT office at 561-2314/2315.

The mother of all chips

An introduction to microcomputers will be offered twice in 1992: Jan. 14 - Feb. 6 and Mar. 10 - Mar. 31. For more information concerning this class or to enroll, phone 561-2974/3692. Also, on Jan. 23, a representative from Lotus Corporation will be here to demonstrate the spreadsheet package 1-2-3 release 2.3. There will be items raffled to those who attend. Please R.S.V.P. as seating is limited. For additional information, phone 561-3387/3287.

Job assistance seminar

This seminar will be on Jan. 6, 1992 and is open to separating soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians. It will occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., with a break for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The seminar will be held in building 603. To confirm your attendance, phone DSN 929-7907.

Rub-a-dub-dub!

A price change has gone into effect at the AAFES Car Wash here on post. It will now cost \$1.50 (six tokens) for five minutes of wash time.

Mid-winter conference

Admiral David E. Jeremiah will be the keynote speaker opening the annual three-day Reserve Officers Mid-winter Conference and Military Exposition in Washington, D.C. from Jan. 18-22, 1992. The conference will be held at the Washington Hilton. For more information, phone Herbert Hart at (202) 479-2258.

From the military police

The demolition of Thompson Hall will occur from Jan. 13 through Feb. 28. During this time, Girard Street (adjacent to building 1020) will be closed, so you will need to use an alternate route. This street closure is necessary so contractors may maneuver heavy equipment during their demolition.

Soldiers unaware of entitlement

Soldiers are not taking advantage of an allowance meant to offset the added temporary living expenses incurred during a PCS move. Temporary Living Expense was established by Congress in 1981 to help defray the expenses of soldiers PCSing in CONUS who are forced to occupy temporary quarters at their old or new permanent duty station. The law, which pays the established per diem rate, allows for reimbursement of lodging and meal expenses for both the soldier and family members not to exceed \$110 per day for up to four days. However, soldiers are required to use government lodging facilities if they are available.

Small Business Administration co-sponsors plan to help veterans purchase franchises

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Small Business Administration has joined with two other organizations to help veterans purchase start-up franchised businesses with SBA assistance.

The purpose of the Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative, or VETFRAN program, is to acquaint veterans with business opportunities in the franchise industry. The International Franchise Association has joined with the SBA to help provide franchise opportunities.

VETFRAN has recently published a newsletter which lists the program's participating franchisers. VETFRAN's franchisers provide substantial financial discounts and financing arrangements for veterans.

Available franchises can be found from Florida to New York to Oregon to California. Businesses include computer stores, fast food chains, pharmacies, and carpet shops.

VETFRAN's current list shows approximately 100 franchisers participating in the program. Baxter Coffee, VETFRAN administrator, has sent notices to veterans

organization indicating who the franchisers are and where they are located.

These franchisers have agreed to discount their franchise fees or finance up to 50 percent of the franchise fee for interested veterans.

VETFRAN can be used by all active duty soldiers and all veterans. Active duty soldiers will have 24 months after discharge to take advantage of the program. Nonactive duty veterans have until August 1993 to participate.

Soldiers must show proof of their veterans status. Those dishonorably discharged will not be allowed to participate.

The veteran will contact the franchiser of his choice, who will then counsel the veteran about the franchise industry and the best way to finance the franchise purchase.

The VETFRAN program is limited to those businesses that have officially signed up with the VETFRAN committee. Soldiers and veterans can get franchise listings and more information about the program by sending a self-addressed, stamped business envelope and one dollar to: VETFRAN, P.O. Box 3146, Waco, Texas, 76706.

News specifically for NAF employees

by Frances Blake,
Chief, NAF Personnel Division

We have been informed by Central NAF Payroll that all enrollments in the 401(K) plan must be received by close of business Monday. If you are interested in enrolling, please be sure to have the forms to NAF CPO by noon Monday.

Benefits Division has sent us the following information on the three plans in the 401(K).

Option A, Cash Fund: preservation of capital will be invested in the Retirement Money Market Fund. The average annual return of this fund for the past two and three quarter years has been 7.5 percent. The current return is 5 percent.

Option B, Fixed Income: will be invested in the U.S. Bond Index Fund. The average annual return of this index for the past year has been 15.99 percent; for five years, 9.54 percent.

Option C, Stock Fund: the average annual return of this fund for the past year has been 44.25 percent; for five years, 16.96 percent.

Newspapers normally show daily mutual fund changes in the financial section under the Fidelity Group. The Bond Fund is normally abbreviated "USBI"; the Stock Fund "GROINC"; and the Money Market Fund is listed under Money Funds Fidelity "RETMN."



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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

by John W. McGarrah
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"What family traditions or customs are you perpetuating in your celebration of Christmas?"

Kathleen Williams, family member. "Our family is spending Christmas together. My in-laws live in the area so we will be seeing them. Christmas has become too commercialized, seeing who can buy the biggest and most expensive present. That's not my idea of Christmas."



SSgt. Annette M. Boozer, administration NCO, 2373rd Signal Detachment. "Sharing time together. Just the joy of seeing everyone around me happy is the best part of Christmas for me. I believe in giving from the heart, especially things that people need. Christmas is about giving, not buying."



Azzie Hodge and Branden, 21 months, family members. "I like to set the tree up as a family, it gives us something that we can do together and provides good quality time. I like to remember everyone and keep in touch with family and friends far away. I want my son to do these things when he grows up."



Warrant Officer Candidate Wilson Narvaez, 223rd M.I. Bn., Militza and Alexander, 2 1/2. "We celebrate Christmas in the Catholic tradition. We are from Columbia and the religious part of Christmas is the most important thing to us, not the buying of presents. At home we would celebrate with a feast and church services."



Maj. Gen. Pat H. Brady, Deputy Commander, 6th U.S. Army. "The tradition of family togetherness and love is what the Christmas season stands for, and is highlighted during this time. The family is the bedrock of our society. The Christmas season reminds us of this fundamental fact."



Becky A. Fishe and Jessi, 9, family members. "Our tradition is the family being together and decorating the tree. It's a tradition for Jessi and her father to select the tree and bring it home."



Pfc. Dominic J. Laforgia, communications specialist, 373rd M.I. Bn. "I'm accepting all the presents that my family wants to give me. I'm trying to get into the giving spirit despite the economy."



Mike M. Stafford, Main Post Exchange Store Manager. "I think that the involvement of children is what Christmas is all about. Children show so much excitement in the season. It makes Christmas fun."



2nd Lt. David W. Seiffert, LUSAH, and son Douglas, 2 1/2. "We're starting our traditions this year. This is our first Christmas in the military, away from our families. We will be introducing the kids to the true meaning of Christmas."



Pvt. 1 Cynthia E. Bandy, LUSAH, Medical Company. "Just spending time with my family, which I've done every year since I was born. Being together is the most important thing about Christmas."



Command Sgt. Maj. Otto M. Copeland, Sixth U.S. Army, is flanked by Mrs. Linda Mallory (left), wife of Sixth Army commander, and Sgt. 1st Class Susan Ward, wife of Presidio Garrison Command Sergeant Major, at the Enlisted Ball, held at the Golden Gate Club on Dec. 11. The ball was the first of its kind to be held here and was Copeland's brainchild.

photo by John McGarrah



Capt. Ray S. Mallory addresses his new unit after taking over command of Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion in a ceremony held Friday at Fort Scott on the Presidio. Standing by are Lt. Col. Lonnie D. Vona (left), commander, Headquarters Command Battalion, and Capt. Paul F. Cunningham, C Company's outgoing commander. Cunningham will be moving on to a new assignment in Brazil. Mallory is not married.

photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Presidians gather under the post's Christmas tree (next to the Army Museum) to begin the season by lighting the giant evergreen.

photo by Wanda Arceneaux



News

Stone, Vuono focus on "Army of 1997"

(courtesy of ARNEWS)

While more than a quarter of a million soldiers prepared for ground combat in the Middle East, the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff offered congressional testimony on a two-year military budget that would reduce the Army by more than 130,000 soldiers from fiscal 1990 levels.

In statements before the House Armed Services Committee, Michael P.W. Stone and Gen. Carl E. Vuono acknowledged the paradox of making cuts in the Army while waging war. However, they combined to portray a smaller, more deployable, mostly U.S.-based "Army of 1997" capable of meeting threats to U.S. security.

Stone said a smaller Army of the future would be no less capable than the Army that was arrayed against Iraq. President George Bush's military budget request asks for \$139.2 billion for the Army over the next two fiscal years as part of a six-year plan for achieving that smaller force, he said.

"We remain committed to protecting the character of our force by remaining sensitive to quality of life, training them to the highest standards possible and providing them with the best equipment," Stone said. "The 1992 and 1993 budget is formulated to ensure that the Army remains a viable and potent force."

Stone's testimony outlined in broad terms the premises under which the Army of the future will operate. Vuono provided details of current and future Army roles and missions, and the impact of the budget submission on them.

"...we must not lose sight of the total Army and our responsibility to sustain a global force trained and ready to meet any contingency worldwide," Stone said. "We move in these directions while we reshape the Army in light of the changing international environment and diminished resources available for national defense."

"Modernizing equipment in an era of declining resources, managing our force structure and keeping operating costs under control represent the type of problems we face."

The current budget request would fund an Army reduction of six divisions by the end of fiscal 1993. Further, Vuono described the "Army of 1997" as a four-corps, 20-division Army mostly based in the continental United States. "We strongly believe that this is the irreducible minimum force required for the Army to meet the nation's future needs for a sustained land combat capability," he said.

The Army he described would be made up of rapidly deployable contingency forces, early reinforcing divisions with round-out National Guard brigades, follow-on reinforcing National Guard divi-

sions, partially equipped and manned cadre divisions, and general support forces.

"The dynamics of the international situation are such that current plans to reduce the size of the Army are not without substantial risks," Vuono said. "Some of this risk will be reduced by maintaining quality and readiness in the total force and some by retaining the capability to rapidly expand the force."

The ability to reconstitute a large Army during a crisis would depend on developing and preserving mobilization infrastructure, the defense industrial and technology bases, and stockpiles of material, he added.

"Your national military strategy has shifted away from containment of the Soviet Union and forward defense," Vuono said. "Rather, it now focuses on power projection in global hot spots, forward defense with fewer forward deployed forces and the ability to reconstitute." However, both Vuono and Stone stopped far short of dismissing the Soviet Union as a factor shaping United States defense policy.

"We must continue to view the events in Moscow, as we have in the past, with an eye toward the Soviet's capabilities not their stated intentions," Stone said.

Armed Services Y recognizes Schwarzkopf

(story and photo courtesy of Armed Services YMCA of the USA)

General Norman Schwarzkopf, USA, Ret., was awarded the Armed Services YMCA of the USA's highest accolade, the National Volunteer Leadership Award, in a private ceremony on Nov. 9 at Lutz, Florida, where Schwarzkopf now resides.

The award, presented by Armed Services YMCA of the USA volunteer and U.S. Army enlisted veteran Phillip Bishirian, is a reproduction of Jake's Coffee Wagon, which was used by Y volunteers on the battlefields of the Civil War to provide comfort to the troops. Only 50 of the awards exist. Fewer than a dozen have been awarded in the Armed Services Y's 130 year history.

The award is inscribed "To General Norman Schwarzkopf in gratitude for his generous support of America's young enlisted men, women and families."

The Armed Services YMCA of the USA is America's leading community social service agency serving young enlisted members and their families of all five branches of the U.S. military. The Armed Services Y is a charitable organization and relies on donations to carry out its work on behalf of the YMCA of the USA. The Armed Services Y has 20 branches and over 50 program sites located across the United States either on or near military installations.

Over the past year, the Armed Services YMCA has served over 500,000 young enlisted men, women and family members. Program services range from counseling, financial management, prenatal and parenting classes, and latchkey programs for young military families, to substance abuse counseling, social services and recreational programs for young enlisted men and women.

The Armed Services YMCA is a United Way agency.

Holiday closings Presidio Officers' Club

The club will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Jan. 1. On Dec. 26 and 27, there will be a buffet lunch; the bar will be open. On Dec. 31, the club will open at 6 p.m. for its New Year's Eve celebration. Only the snack bar will be open on Jan. 2 and 3.

Golden Gate NCO/Enlisted Club

The club will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Jan. 1. On Dec. 27, the lounge will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. There will be a New Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31.

Presidio Bowling Center

The center will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 20.

Postal Service salutes America's veterans

(courtesy of Postal News)

During the eight months of Operations Desert Shield/Storm, Americans again shared their thoughts and feelings through millions of letters which the U.S. Postal Service helped deliver to and from our troops in the Persian Gulf.

Now these letters have been published in a book from the Postal Service entitled "Letters From The Sand: The Letters Of Desert Storm And Other Wars."

This hardcover book contains 178 letters with photographs and stamp reproductions from other wars dating back to the Civil War, and provides a remarkable insight into the soul of a nation at war. Inside, there is also a block of four 29-cent Desert Storm commemorative stamps.

Priced at \$24.95, "Letters From The Sand" is available in most post offices. Customers using credit cards may also order by telephone: 1-800-782-6724.

AAFES holiday hours of operations

Dec. 24

Main Store: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Four Seasons: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shoppette: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Burger King: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Dec. 25

All facilities will be closed.

Dec. 31

Main Store: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Four Seasons: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shoppette: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Burger King: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
All other facilities: regular hours

Jan. 1

Main Store: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Four Seasons: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shoppette: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
All other facilities will be closed.

Christmas college mixer planned

by Linda J.M. Adkins,
Publicity Chairperson

Happy holidays! There will be lots of holiday fun at the annual Christmas College Mixer sponsored by the Presidio Officers' Spouses' Club. This party is hosted for all college-age military family members who live at home or are home for the holidays. The purpose of the party is to facilitate the mixing and meeting of young adults.

Your parent does not have to be a member of the club: All college-age military family members are welcome. The party will be held on Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Joyce Edwards. Mrs. Edwards lives at 1003-B O'Reilly here on post.

Dress casually and please remember to bring a snack to share! The sodas will be provided by the Club. Come and enjoy the holiday season and meet some new friends. To R.S.V.P. or if you have any questions, please call Joyce Edwards at 346-4552.

Wayward goose chooses Presidio as temporary home

A Canadian goose decided to take up residence here at the Presidio on Dec. 8. He chose the parade ground in front of building 38 for its unobstructed view of the sky. A biologist at the Fish and Game Department said the goose probably lost its mate and will stay here until a future flock flies

overhead on its way to warmer climes. Also, the biologist warned against feeding the goose, because this practice may inhibit its natural desire to depart.

Have boom, will travel

Story and photos by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian staff

Have you ever seen a raccoon lift a seven-foot log and swing it to shore or watched a grizzly tow a 50- by 100-foot raft across the Bay or looked at a coyote pulling old pilings from under a pier?

If you have, you were watching the floating hazard collection boats belonging to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The "Raccoon" and the "Coyote" are converted aircraft recovery vessels that were used by the Navy in World War II. Purchased in 1959, the hulls were modified in 1962 to allow for a net to be placed in the front section so debris of all sizes and shapes can be collected and brought to Sausalito for disposal.

At the same time, the pilot houses were added and the crane on the "Raccoon" was modified into an articulated boom; it looks like a huge set of tongs. With its claw, it can pick up large pieces of driftwood, floating railroad ties, or other assorted junk found floating in the bay; or it can break up larger chunks of debris to manageable size. During a previous flood, parts of a house floated down the delta into the bay where it was broken up into smaller pieces and hauled to Sausalito.

The "Coyote" has a straight crane and can also be used for lifting large items from the water. The "Grizzly," a former Army Tug boat, is used for inspection and training boat duty, as well as research. It can also be used to tow large objects that are too big for the "Raccoon" and the "Coyote" to pick up.

Captain Oscar McGregor, a 32-year veteran of the Army Corps of Engineers, said the "Raccoon" has a crew of five in addition to himself. The same crew also takes the "Coyote" out depending on what needs to be done. Pat Mulcahy is the leaderman who is in charge of decks and debris and has a crew of three debris workers, Paul Milton, David Whedon and Kevin Callahan. The sixth member of the crew is Bob Diehl, the engineer, and McGregor says "the boat doesn't run without him."

McGregor started as an engineering aide with the Hydrographic Survey section and has worked in Sausalito the entire time. The hazard collection or "debris boats" are based at Sausalito and normally operate from there Monday through Friday, approximately 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (although they are on call at all times for emergencies.)

The boats operate during daylight hours in reasonably calm weather; however, in cases of extreme emergency, they can work at night. The boats can carry up to 60 tons at one time depending on the weather and sea factors. Debris is collected in a large cable net. When it's full, it's lifted onto the deck and another net is put into place. In the winter of 1963, during extreme flooding, they were picking up 60 to 120 tons of debris daily.

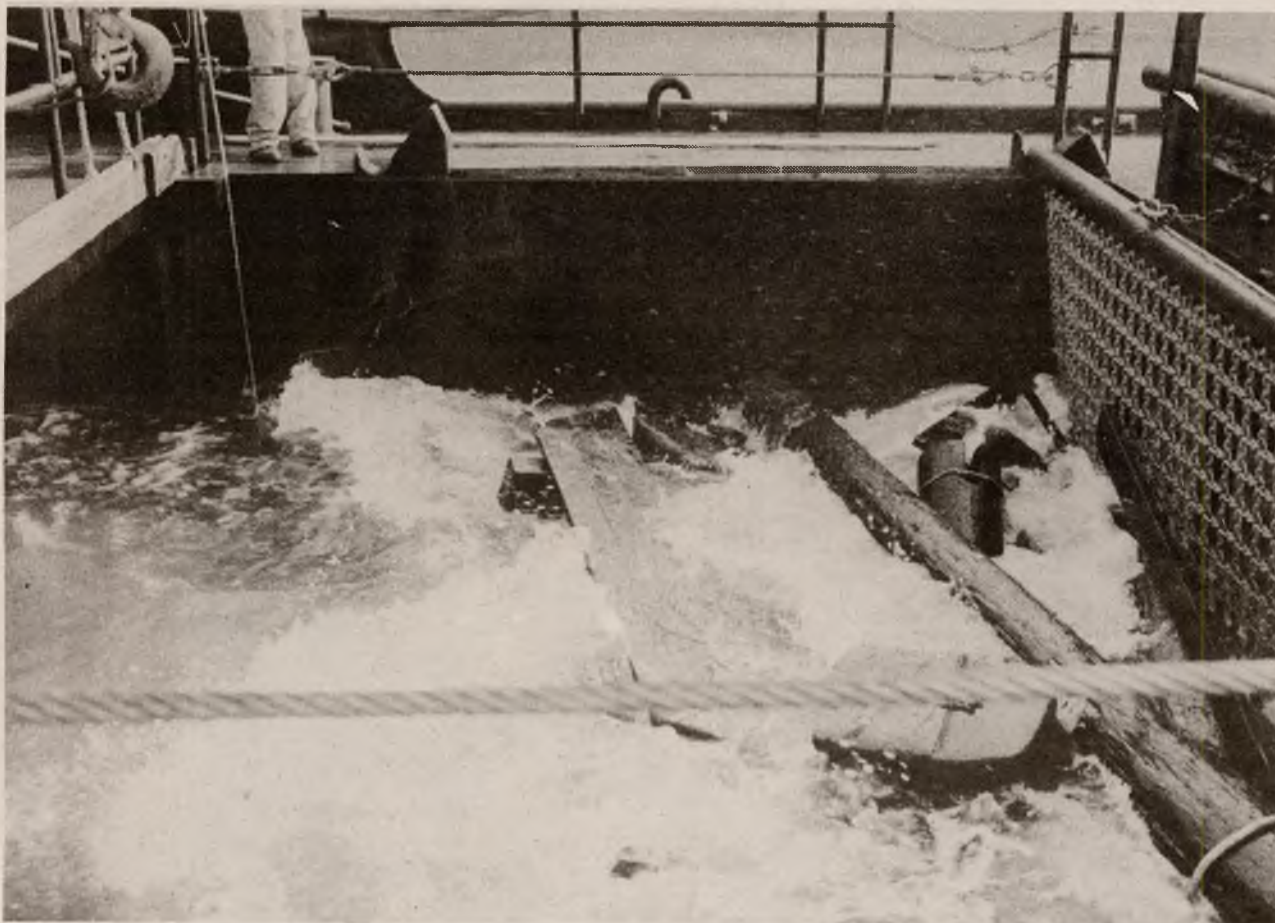
McGregor said they receive calls from the Coast Guard, fishing boats, and pleasure boat owners, as well as private citizens who tell them about a hazard to navigation. Depending on what it is and where it is, people can tie it with a rope or chain to a dock or pier to keep it from floating off until the debris boat can get there. He said if it's not in the navigation channels, it can wait until they get to that part of the bay.

According to McGregor, they were called to Rio Vista to standby when Humphrey the whale was there. This was a precaution in the event he died and they had to drag the body back down the delta and out to sea. "That creates a floating water hazard," McGregor said. There are several other ways to dispose of a dead whale, none of them especially simple. They could be taken to a rendering plant or buried on the beach, which requires a large hole.

Mulcahy said that during the Indian occupation of Alcatraz in the early '70s, a 50-foot boat was donated to the Indians to haul supplies and food, and for transportation. They were loading it with copper to be taken to the city and sold; unfortunately, the boat was over-loaded and sank within the dock area. The debris boat was called to raise the boat so as to get it out of the dock area (as that's the only way on and off the island.)

Another time, they towed a 100-foot barge which was 14-feet under water from Suisun Bay to Sausalito. It took three days, because it weighed more than the debris boat.

Tidal fluctuation will cause debris to float from catch basins, even without strong winds; however, strong winds will cause tides to go even higher, and depending on the direction of the wind, create more hazards. Ebb tides bring more debris from under piers and docks due to its sucking action. McGregor said the prevailing winds in the bay are from the west. With high tides and easterly winds, they know there will be a much larger amount of debris. There are several locations around the bay that become holding stations, due to back-eddies from currents going out the gate. Because of this, they need to be checked on a regular basis and cleaned out.



Debris is gathered in the net of the "Coyote."

The area the boats patrol extends from Sausalito to Redwood City and Coyote Point to the south, to Benicia to the north and over to Antioch. They do go into the Delta when called upon. The Coast Guard will sometimes tie things at Mare Island and call for pick up. When possible, for longer trips that require items to be towed, they send Captain Ernie Carlson and his debris worker, Andrew Nicholson, with the "Grizzly."

There is always the cost factor to be remembered in this day of tightened budgets. It takes about 400-gallons of diesel fuel for the "Raccoon/Coyote" versus 80-gallons for the "Grizzly" to conduct a round trip.

McGregor said they try to trace debris back to its source when it is possible to assist in recovering costs of cleanup. He said there are certain characteristics that are attached to specific dock areas, along with other ways to trace items back to its owner. One time he happened to see a contractor replacing part of a dock who was just cutting the ends of the pilings off and letting them drop into the water. He whipped out his ever-present camera and took pictures of the action, then called the regulatory people who went out to see the contractor. When the contractor denied all knowledge of such actions, the inspector just called the captain and asked how long it would take to get the film developed. "About an hour," was the answer and the contractor changed his tune. He was given a warning. When a contractor receives a permit to work, he is given a list of do's and don'ts, so they can't plead ignorance.

Mulcahy said all the crew members cross-train on various positions onboard the boat in case someone is off. This ensures they can fill all positions. Carlson and McGregor are boat operators; Nicholson can fill-in, if needed, since he got his operators license. Debris work is a hard, wet, usually cold, job and takes training to learn how to haul debris into a net and not fall in or foul things up. Everyone learns that in the beginning.

The crew never knows what to expect when they go out on the Bay. They have found everything from cases of dolls, sacks of cocoa beans and coffee, brief cases, and drug paraphernalia, to dead bodies and live animals. When they find a body, they notify the Coast Guard and standby until they arrive. Several times they've found deer swimming from Angel Island. They weren't sure if they were trying to get rid of ticks and fleas by washing them off in the salt water, or if they were heading for The City.

One time they found a dog swimming from the Estuary off Oakland and got him into the boat. They called the number on his collar and it belonged to an elderly man who had really been worried about his dog. He was so pleased that he sent the boat crew a gift for returning the animal.

Around 1962, the "Coyote" found and picked up an abandoned raft with personal items (family pictures and letters) which were neatly wrapped in plastic to stay dry. The FBI came and hauled everything off. It was believed the Anglin

brothers used the raft to escape from Alcatraz. They were never seen again.

McGregor said the debris removal program began not due to a shipping accident, but to a plane accident. Admiral Chester Nimitz, then Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, was on his way to Washington, D.C. via San Francisco in June 1942. While landing on San Francisco Bay, the seaplane struck floating debris, ripping the bottom out, and killing the pilot; Admiral Nimitz was not injured. The San Francisco District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was directed to begin a hazard collection program shortly after the accident.

In the beginning, tugs with crews of civilian, as well as Navy enlisted men, patrolled the bay daily to collect and tow debris to a disposal site at the Alameda Naval Air Station. During World War II, all kinds of things were dumped into the bay: tree stumps, old pilings, and things from ship yards, scrap lumber or anything else someone decided they no longer needed. They used to pile debris on the beach and burn it before they had regular disposal yards.

Now it is taken to the Sausalito location, off-loaded and put into containers. It is then taken to a land fill. Certain items can be salvaged and used to build breakwaters, repair docks and otherwise recycled when possible, McGregor said.

He said one time during low tide, a large empty underground gas tank floated under a house built on stilts at the water's edge. Someone spotted it and called the boat to come get it out. They used pike poles and pulled it from under the house before the tide came back and caused it to float up through the floor of the house. The owner of the building came out and wanted to know what they were doing. When the danger was explained, the owner was quite happy to have them working under her house.

Mulcahy said they once rescued a fishing boat full of herring. The owner had just put the fish in the hold when a wave filled the space with water; the boat began to sink. The Fire Department Boat arrived and wanted to pump the water out of the hold: The "Raccoon" lifted the boat with the grapple, got a sling under it and held it up while the Fire Department emptied the water. The engine was still running, the fisherman thanked everyone, and went on his way to Fisherman's Wharf where he sold his catch.

McGregor said another time they were going across the bay when a seal was hit by a ferry boat. The injured animal went right into the net of the debris boat, swam back out and looked up at the captain as if to say, "Why'd you hit me?"

On the side of the crane of the "Coyote," it states in big letters "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, Maintaining the Environment", along with a phone number," McGregor said one can help maintain the environment by reporting floating hazards anytime one sees them. They need the exact location of the hazard, type of hazard, time of day, direction of movement, and one's name and phone number. The number to reach to "Raccoon" and "Coyote" is (415) 608-0058 and for the "Grizzly," (415) 608-0057.

News

Sixth Army mock RIF results released

By K.M.Petrack, Star Presidian Managing Editor

The long-anticipated results of the Sixth U.S. Army Mock RIF were released at a meeting on December 12. The Civilian Personnel Directorate briefed all Sixth U.S. Army section chiefs and senior managers on the status of each civilian employee and how each would fare under a reduction in force if the RIF were held today.

Managers were asked to brief each employee on his or her individual status prior to December 20, prefacing remarks with the comment that much could change between now and September 30 when the actual RIF will take place.

Sixth U.S. Army currently has a total of 199 civilian positions on its Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA); by October 1, 1992, the Sixth Army TDA will have only 72 civilian positions, or a loss of 127 positions.

Of the current 199 positions, 156 are presently occupied by permanent employees; 43 positions have already been vacated through normal attrition. (A total of 170 positions are actually currently filled, however, of which 9 are temporary employees and 5 are employees on Leave Without Pay status pending resignation.)

The results of last week's Mock RIF are as follows:

If the RIF were to take place today, of the 156 permanent encumbered positions, 38 persons would experience no change, 17 would be reassigned, 17 reduced to lower grades (up to 3 grades or 3 grade intervals lower), and 84 selected for separation.

Individuals who will be affected in the September 30, 1992 RIF will be sent RIF notices on or before July 31, 1992. RIF'd employees will have at least 60 days before being released.



In preparation for early registration in outplacement programs, a briefing will be given on January 6, to Sixth U.S. Army civilian employees and their interested spouses on the Priority Placement Program (PPP), and the new Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS) program. The brief-

ing will be held from 1300 to 1530 at the Post Theater. Linda Winchester from the Office of the Zone 4 Coordinator will conduct the session.

(Though there is general garrison-wide interest in this briefing, only Sixth Army civilians will be permitted to attend. Briefings for garrison employees will be scheduled later.)



Beginning on January 7, each adversely affected Sixth Army civilian employee will be scheduled for a one-on-one, hour-long discussion with CPO. (Note: January 7 is reserved for "couples," i.e., employees with working spouses. Employees can register for the PPP program, and spouses can register for the Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS).

Beginning on January 8, all other adversely affected Sixth Army civilian employees can schedule CPO briefings and register for PPP.

Six separate sessions, with 5 specialists conducting briefings will be held per day, from January 7 through 10 (or as long as it takes) at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m., allowing 30 individuals or couples to be briefed daily.

One benefit of early PPP registration is that employees may be offered jobs early, long before the actual RIF. "For example," says Curtis, "some employees will be selected early for reassignment with the transfer of functions to USARC at Fort McPherson, that is, when their work goes in June, they can accompany the job; this is one of the best advantages of signing up for early PPP."

Sixth Army employees can sign up for the CPO sessions by calling Robert Curtis, Civilian Personnel Adviser, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, at 561-6439.

If you sign up for PPP early and are offered a job early, you can decline that job without affecting your later PPP registration during the actual RIF. In other words, there will be no penalty for declining an early PPP offer other than not being considered for any other early PPP offers. They will still be eligible for PPP registration later during the specific notice period.

"Employees who are adversely affected in the RIF, who are entitled to severance pay will be mandatorily registered

in PPP during their specific notice period, July 31 through September 30, 1992," says Joan Gusman, CPO. "During the actual RIF, a PPP registrant must accept a valid job offer or risk losing his/her entitlement to remain in PPP and to receive severance pay."

For PPP, in which all four CONUSAs will ultimately participate, the U.S. is divided into 4 Zones—Sixth Army being the western zone, which covers the 12 western states, Alaska and Hawaii.

"PPP registration will be permitted only in the smallest geographic area around the Bay Area where it is likely that the registrant will receive a job offer," says Gusman. "In any case, registration outside of Zone 4 requires Zone Coordinator approval."

Although early PPP registrants could decline an early offer, "registrants in PPP during the mandatory registration period would lose further consideration in the PPP program and might disallow severance pay," says Donna White, CPO. Severance pay is granted to a RIF'd employee only when he or she has registered for PPP and no job has been found.

"Individuals offered a change to lower grade as a result of this RIF may be entitled to grade and pay retention," says Gusman. "Grade retention lasts for a two-year period; pay retention lasts indefinitely, until the pay rate of the employee's 'new, lower' grade 'catches up' to his retained rate of pay."

"Among the 156 permanent encumbered Sixth Army personnel," says Curtis, "21 are eligible for regular retirement. Of those, ten would most probably elect retirement when their jobs are abolished in September as they can get their lump sums; 11 will probably be reassigned."

"Of the 156 employees," continued Curtis, "23 would be eligible for Voluntary Early Retirement (VERA), if offered. CPO and DCSPER have requested VERA and RIF authority from DA and the Office of Personnel Management."

"VERA," says Gusman, "is designed to allow employees with 25 years of creditable service at any age, or those with 20 years at age 50 to retire early in order to save jobs for younger employees who would otherwise lose their jobs. The Sixth Army VERA request asked for a primary VERA window of 1 through 31 January 1992, and for a secondary VERA window of 1 through 28 February 1992. We've heard nothing yet from DA on VERA."

One hold-up, says Curtis, may be the delay DA has encountered receiving similar RIF/VERA requests from the other CONUSAs. "Sixth Army has been the only Army to request both RIF and VERA authority; before VERA can be approved, a RIF has to be approved."

"Of the 23 eligible for VERA, 15 said they would accept," said Curtis; "eight said they would not, but would wait until they were involuntarily RIFed, so they could collect the total of their lump sum retirement contributions."

Those who volunteer for early retirement cannot take the lump sum option.

Placement assistance under a RIF

By Robert Curtis, Civilian Personnel Adviser
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel

Competitive service employees holding career or career-conditional appointments who have received a specific notice of separation by RIF are eligible for different types of placement assistance in finding other positions. The following article summarizes some benefits that are provided for Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army employees who have been reached for RIF actions.

The Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) have put together a number of computerized job placement programs for federal employees. The following information was gleaned from several OPM documents. The object in providing the information is not to plagiarize OPM, but to get the information out.

Employees who have specific questions concerning their entitlement to benefits should contact the Presidio Civilian Personnel Office.

PRIORITY PLACEMENT PROGRAM

This is a Defense Department computerized program that matches displaced employees with vacant DoD positions. The computer is programmed to place employees in positions of equal grade level as near as possible to their duty station.

Who is eligible? Employees who have received RIF notices. The Presidio CPO is required to send RIF notices out a minimum of 60 days before the last day of employment, which is scheduled for July 30, 1992.

How do you sign up? Employees fill out registration forms in the Presidio CPO. The information is then entered into a computer system. Employees can register for up to five skills for which they are qualified at their current grade.

How does the program work? Computerized lists of employees who have signed up for PPP are sent biweekly to DoD Civilian Personnel Offices. These lists include the skills, grades, and geographic preferences of employees seeking work. An employee must be offered an open position if he or she has the required qualifications for the job. An offer is made through the Presidio CPO, and the employee has 24 hours to accept or reject the job.

What happens if you decline an offer? If an employee declines a valid offer, he or she is removed from the PPP program.

DEFENSE OUTPLACEMENT REFERRAL SYSTEM

This job placement program connects employees affected by downsizing with new employers in local, state, and federal government as well as private industry.

Who is eligible? Spouses of employees affected by the Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army downsizing and RIF are eligible for DORS. Employees themselves are not eligible for DORS.

How do you sign up? Spouses sign up at the Presidio CPO when employees (their husbands or wives) sign up for PPP. Resumes and biographical information are entered into a computer system. A registrant can request a geographic location but not a specific job or agency.

How does the program work? The computer system is open to employers in government and private industry. Employers can tap into the computer by telephone. They provide specifics on the type of worker being sought, and the computer system responds with a list that includes informa-

tion on potential candidates.

When can an employee sign up? Spouses of employees should inquire in the Presidio CPO whether they are eligible. The Commanding General makes the determination. Normally, registration will not be permitted more than the year before the downsizing or RIF.

What happens if you decline an offer? Registrants for DORS can turn down a job without facing a penalty. Declining an offer, however, will lead to removal from DORS.

DISPLACED EMPLOYEE PROGRAM

DEP is a post-RIF program administered by OPM to give separated employees priority referral for positions in other federal agencies. Separated career employees are eligible for two years of DEP assistance; separated career-conditional and probationary employees are eligible for one year of assistance.

Who is eligible? Employees with RIF notices can apply up to 90 days after separation.

How do you sign up? Employees may sign up at the Presidio CPO. Employees must provide an updated SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment) and fill out a special form detailing availability for specific occupations, grade levels, and geographic locations.

How does the program work? Employees registered for the program have preference for federal jobs over workers who have never been employed in the government. OPM provides a list of registered employees to an agency seeking to fill a position. OPM will not send another list to the agency until someone from the first list has been hired; if the agency

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does not hire from the list, it must provide an explanation in writing. Career employees stay on the DEP roster for two years.

What happens if you decline an offer? If an employee declines a valid offer, he or she is removed from DEP.

INTERAGENCY PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

IPAP is a pre-RIF program administered by OPM to give priority referral for positions in other agencies to surplus employees facing separation by RIF.

Who is eligible? Employees who decide not to transfer with their positions and employees who face separation due to RIF or contracting. A RIF notice is not required.

How do you sign up? An employee registers at the Presidio CPO.

How does the program work? The program is very similar to DEP. OPM provides lists of potential employees to agencies. Unlike DEP, the agency has no obligation to hire anyone. Employees can remain on IPAP for 120 days. At the end of that period, agencies are required to notify OPM whether the employee still faces a possible loss of job.

What happens if you decline an offer? If an employee declines a valid offer, he or she is removed from the program.

REEMPLOYMENT PRIORITY LIST

The RPL is primarily a post-RIF program that gives separated employees priority consideration over outside applicants for positions filled by their agency. Provided that the separated employee did not refuse a RIF offer of assignment to a position at the same grade, a separated career employee is placed on the RPL for two years, while a separated career-conditional or probationary employee is placed on the RPL for one year.

Specific instructions covering the IPAP, DEP, and RPL programs are found in FPM Chapter 330; IPAP and DEP are also discussed in detail in OPM Pamphlet CE-26, Placement Assistance Programs for Displaced Federal Employees.

Excepted service employees who are eligible for veteran's preference and who are separated by RIF are eligible to have their names placed on reemployment lists that give them future consideration for excepted positions filled by their former agency. Specific information on the operation of the reemployment list for excepted employees is found in FPM Chapter 213. Excepted service employees are also eligible for IPAP and will be referred to other excepted positions.

YOUR OWN SEARCH

None of the programs guarantee a job that matches your personal needs and career aspirations.

When should you start? As soon as possible. Employees should prepare resumes and prepare themselves psychologically for a job search.

Where do you start? A visit to the Presidio CPO can net some good advice on beginning a job search. The first question employees must ask themselves is whether they are willing to relocate for a government job. This is a major decision before entering into PPP. Check local and CPO bulletin boards for vacancy announcements. The Federal Career Opportunities is also an excellent source of job information.

What can you do on your own? OPM encourages employees to contact agencies where they are interested in working. Many agencies advertise positions through vacancy announcements that are often posted in the Presidio CPO. If you need help writing your resume and cover letter, polishing your interviewing skills, or deciding on a career, the Job Assistance Center (JAC Center) can help. It offers job assistance seminars, workshops, and individual counseling every month. To attend a Job Assistance Seminar or Workshop call the JAC Center at DSN 929-7907.

'Project Odin' weaves new flying carpet

by F. Peter Wigginton,
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The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has woven a "flying carpet" that will send military training and education, warfare analysis, logistics and weapons development soaring to heights never before imagined.

Through a powerful marriage of history and electronics technology, Project Odin, the newest simulator on the Simulator Network, will permit full-perspective eyeballing of future battlefield planets as seen from the past.

As technology improved in the 1980s, the defense agency has been in the "planet construction business," using computers to construct synthetic worlds at major training centers, said Air Force Col. Jack Thorpe, special assistant for simulation.

Coupled with special sound and visual-effects technology from Hollywood, Project Odin creates a convincing "you are there" environment. Once users peer out the "transporter room" window, they see they have suddenly been "beamed" to the location of a particular fight. They then do what troops

do in combat: fire at one another, maneuver as they would in the type vehicle they are using, hide in terrain, call in air support, and talk with and assist allies.

Odin, which can be connected anywhere in the network or stand alone playing back previously fought battles, gives users the option of riding inside a specific vehicle, such as an M-1A1 tank, or riding astride a weapon, such as a Tomahawk missile. Or they may use a joystick to hover unseen at any speed and/or altitude from any vantage point to assess both allied and enemy operations.

Equipped to wage large battles, the system was designed so commanders can also walk in and manage a "robotic force," for example, if their whole unit is not available. They can draw maps and issue orders through a work station on a planet that instantly materializes "like mushrooms popping up on a moonlit night with all the vehicles in his force," said Thorpe.

With the development of these and similar advanced simulation technologies throughout this decade, the ability to train and maintain professional

fighting forces takes a new step forward. According to Thorpe, "Soon after a young soldier leaves boot camp and is assigned to a unit, he goes into combat with his teammates. And 20 or 30 years later when he retires, he'll look back and find there rarely was a day he did not go to war. The lion's share of his daily or monthly regimen was fighting, all the time, quietly."

Project 73 Easting History Team Chief Army Col. Michael Krause described the effort as having produced "the world's first living textbook."

Odin

Odin, according to Bulfinch's Mythology, was the Norse god of war and a protector of heroes. He was also the god of wisdom, poetry and agriculture. He sacrificed one eye to drink from the well of knowledge to become all-wise.

Odin rode an incredibly swift eight-legged steed named Sleipnir. On his shoulder perched the ravens Hugin and Munin, which represented thought and memory, and surveyed fields of battle. He carried a spear that never failed to hit its mark.

From the Past

(The following excerpts are from a historic address given by Gen. MacArthur on May 12, 1962 before the cadets of the United States Military Academy at West Point, upon his acceptance of the Sylvanus Thayer Award. This address was first published in the April 6, 1964 issue of the Star Presidian after MacArthur's death.)

... Duty, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

Unhappily, I possess neither that eloquence of diction, that poetry of imagination, nor that brilliance of metaphor to tell you all that they mean.

The unbelievers will say they are but words, but a slogan, but a flamboyant phrase. Every pedant, every demagogue, every cynic, every hypocrite, every troublemaker, and, I am sorry to say, some others of an entirely different character, will try to downgrade them even to the extent of mockery and ridicule.

But these are some of the things they do: They build your basic character. They mold you for your future roles as the custodians of the Nation's defense. They make you strong enough to know when you are weak, and brave enough to face yourself when you are afraid.

... The code which those words perpetuate embraces the highest moral law and will stand the test of any ethics or philosophies ever promulgated for the uplift of mankind. Its requirements are for the things that are right and its restraints

General MacArthur delivers historic address to cadets

are from the things that are wrong. The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training: sacrifice. In battle, and in the face of danger and death, he discloses those divine attributes which his Maker gave when He created man in His own image. No physical courage and no greater strength can take the place of the divine help which alone can sustain him. However hard the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest development of mankind.

You now face a new world, a world of change. The thrust into outer space of the satellite, spheres, and missiles marks a beginning of another epoch in the long story of mankind. In the five or more billions of years the scientists tell us it has taken to form the earth, in the three or more billion years of development of the human race, there has never been a more abrupt or staggering evolution.

... And through all this welter of change and development, your mission remains fixed, determined, inviolate. It is to win our wars. Everything else in your professional career is but corollary to this vital dedication. All other public purposes, all other public projects, all other public needs, great or small, will find others for their accomplishment; but you are the ones who are trained to fight.

Yours is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory, that if you lose, the Nation will be destroyed, that the very obsession of your public service must be duty, honor, country.

... Let civilian voices argue the merits or demerits of our processes of government: Whether our strength is being

sapped by deficit financing indulged in too long, by Federal paternalism grown too mighty, by power groups grown too arrogant, by politics grown too corrupt, by crime grown too rampant, by morals grown too low, by taxes grown too high, by extremists grown too violent; whether our personal liberties are as thorough and complete as they should be.

These great national problems are not for your professional participation or military solution. Your guidepost stands out like a tenfold beacon in the night: duty, honor, country.

... This does not mean that you are warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers: "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished—tone and tint. They have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday. I listen vainly, but with thirsty ear, for the witching melody of faint bugles blowing reveille, of far drums beating the long roll.

In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange, mournful mutter of the battlefield. But in the evening of my memory always I come back to West Point. Always there echoes and re-echoes: duty, honor, country.

Today marks my final roll call with you. But I want you to remember that when I cross the river, my last conscious thoughts will be of the corps, and the corps, and the corps. I bid you farewell.

News & Views

Vets who care for pets also inspect your food

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

The Presidio's Animal Clinic provides immunizations and clinical care for Presidio pets. It also provides the inspectors who monitor the sanitation standards of businesses that ship foodstuffs to the post.

For pets, the clinic offers vaccinations, health certificates and registrations. Cats and dogs on the Presidio are required to be registered with the post, said Capt. Brian V. Noland, chief veterinarian.

Dogs and cats are also required to have proof of rabies vaccinations or receive the vaccinations before the clinic will treat the animal.

"If an owner refuses a rabies vaccination for his pet, we don't see them," Noland said.

Noland said registered pets receive tags that identify them in case they are lost or stray too far from home. Strays recovered by the military police are taken to the animal clinic.

Personnel from the clinic also inspect the facilities that supply and store food for the post, said Sgt. First Class Blankenship, the clinic's NCOIC.

"We have five soldiers who work in four commissaries, and the clinic's staff is responsible for inspecting 20 commercial establishments," Blankenship said.

The dining facilities are inspected by the Preventive Medicine department.

Noland said the veterinarians' responsibility for food inspection was probably an outgrowth of the professions knowledge of animals and its relationship to meat inspections.

Noland said that veterinarians receive extra training in microbiology and food-borne diseases, as well as zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases are transmitted from animals to humans, and include rabies and ringworm.

However, Noland said that most of his patients are allergy sufferers. Dogs and cats get allergies just as people do and there is plenty of plant life to effect allergies.

Noland said that training for animal doctors is similar to training for human doctors, except that vets have to learn about a variety of species.

"Animals get the same illnesses that people get," Noland said. These afflictions include diabetes, tumors, even hypothyroidism. In the end, flesh is flesh. A dog, a horse and a human all have hearts that do the same thing.

Clinical visits are limited to registrations, examinations and immunizations by Army regulations. No surgery is allowed; that must be performed by private health care services. The clinic offers Leukemia vaccinations and testing, feline distemper treatment and handles canine kennel cough and corona as well.

Noland likened the treatment of animals to the treatment of children.

"There are subtle signs that animals give that they're hurting, but they can't tell you because they can't talk," he explained. "It's like working with children."

The clinic has a staff of six military personnel and two civilians. The military staff include five food inspectors who are responsible for monitoring the sanitary conditions of commissaries at Hamilton Army Air Field; Moffet Naval Airbase; Treasure Island; and the Presidio of San Francisco.

Blankenship and Noland are responsible for inspecting the commercial food suppliers, including places such as Continental Baking Company, Berkeley Farms and Weidermeyer's Bakery.

When it comes to food items, Noland said that anything sold to the military is inspected by the Army's veterinary corps, a service with two missions that affect the livelihood of Presidians.

All clients are required to make appointments. Medical and vaccination appointments are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

One interesting thing to note for those who are looking for a pet; strays are often brought to the Animal Clinic, given checkups, then adopted out. Noland said that anyone looking for a pet would be wise to check with the Animal Clinic first.

For more information about the Presidio Animal Clinic call 561-3744.

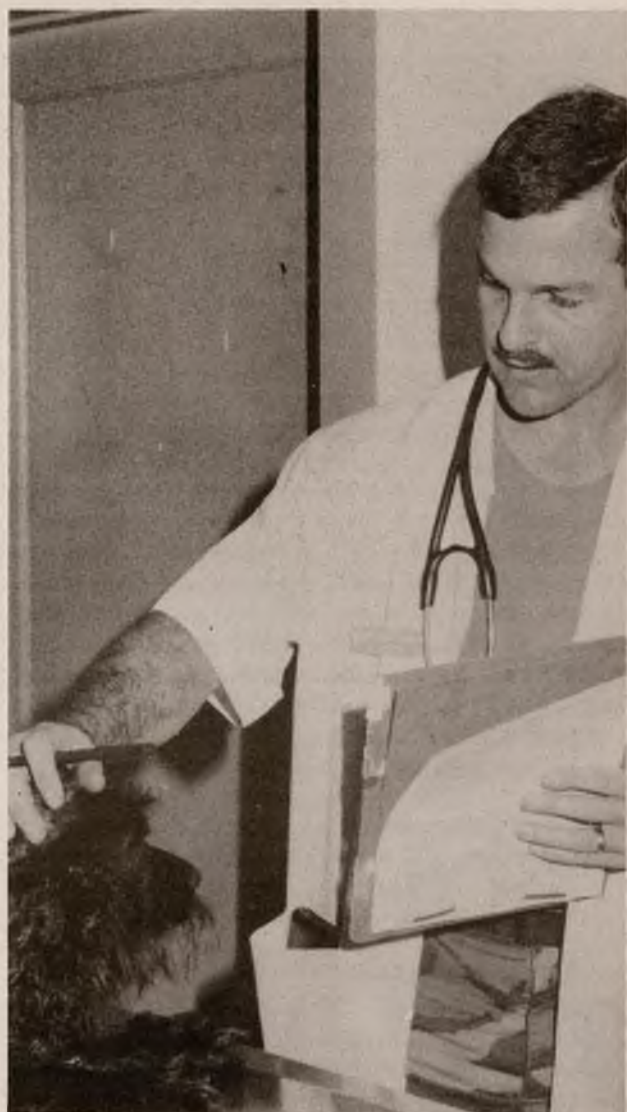


photo by Pleasant Lindsey III
Capt. Brian V. Noland, chief veterinarian, comforts a patient during a checkup.

Hints for preparing your holiday meal

by Capt. Bruce C. Kovak,
ARNEWS correspondent

Holiday feasts can become breeding grounds for an army of bacteria, unless you take certain precautions.

More foodborne illnesses occur during the holiday season than at any other time of the year. Improper food preparation and handling practices can lead to illness and even death because of bacteria that can cause food spoilage and foodborne disease.

Here are some hints for preparing and handling some traditional foods:

Turkeys should be kept frozen or refrigerated prior to cooking. Do not leave turkeys out to thaw at room temperature. Let the turkey thaw in the refrigerator for about two to three days. If that is not possible, thaw it by running cold water over the bird in a large pot or strainer. Thoroughly wash the turkey before cooking it. It is safer not to stuff the turkey, since harmful bacteria can multiply in undercooked



stuffing.

Cook whole turkeys until the internal temperature reaches at least 165 degrees. Do not use the same cutting surfaces or utensils to prepare the raw turkey and the cooked turkey. [Unless those surfaces or utensils have been thoroughly washed. Washing with bleach will kill germs.] Do not leave turkeys in unheated ovens. As soon as the turkey is cool enough to handle, cut, debone or slice the meat for serving. During refrigeration, smaller pieces will chill faster.

Be certain that all pork products are thoroughly cooked by heating to an internal temperature of at least 150 degrees.

Just remember: keep hot foods hot (140 degrees or above) and cold foods cold (40 degrees or below.) Discard any potentially hazardous foods that have been at room temperature longer than three hours. If you follow these hints in preparing your holiday meal, you will not only serve a tasty meal, but a safe one.

Continued world leadership role in U.S. hands alone

by F. Peter Wigginton,
AFIS correspondent

Indiscriminate hits on defense spending will cripple America's role as a trusted world leader, said Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

That role, based on a strong defense and wise leadership, has enabled this nation to shape a more democratic, more secure world. Yet there are those within the country who ignore lessons of the past. They want to use a slash-and-burn approach to demobilization. Such tactics will diminish U.S. influence, as well as jeopardize future security, the secretary said in recent remarks to the Inland Press Association in Chicago.

He said NATO restructuring and the Middle East peace conference represent landmark achievements. Both show how important defense has been to this nation's welfare and to American influence in global affairs.

"If it weren't for this country's commitment to lead the resistance against Soviet expansion over the years, the liberation of Eastern Europe and now the Soviet Union itself would be a distant hope at best," the secretary said.

Equally clear, he added, if it were not for the Persian Gulf

victory, the world would likely be hostage to Saddam Hussein's domination of energy resources and perhaps face the threat of Iraqi nuclear weapons.

Because of U.S. military capability and "a wise president" who knew when and how to use that capability, this nation continues as a democratic superpower, Cheney said. He cited Bush's new nuclear initiative as another example of leadership meeting "the new dynamics of world affairs."

But unbalanced, unplanned, scatter-shot hits on the defense budget are particularly destructive to some of the most important and politically vulnerable elements of U.S. defense, Cheney said. These include troop training and funds that build forward-looking technologies that lay the groundwork for meeting future threats. This nation must maintain a strong technological edge, as well as trained, high-quality forces who can put it to work.

Demobilizations following World Wars I and II and Vietnam show the United States has simply never been able to make major reductions without eroding combat capabilities, said Cheney. "In every case, our weakness sent a worldwide

signal of retreat, diminished our influence to affect world events and jeopardized the forces we had to send in harm's way," he said.

Real defense capability isn't changed from day to day or created overnight, Cheney cautioned. The United States has now the option to pursue a planned restructuring of its military to ensure it will remain in a position to defend itself and continue to influence the course of world affairs. "Or we can back away from that trust, refuse to lead and simply gut defense without thinking about the future—and find ourselves unable to act when the need arises."

Regardless of what "armchair philosophers may say about the ideal world, I can guarantee you that the day will come again when a president must call on American forces to go in harm's way for our security and interests.

"In a year that saw more than 30 nations come together under American leadership to defeat aggression in the Persian Gulf, in a year that saw millions in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union look to the West for guidance, it's clear that America remains the powerhouse of freedom around the world. Remaining so, or losing that position, is in our hands alone," concluded Cheney.

Sports

Campbell's Soups First Run: A New Year's Eve alternative



A large crowd celebrates the beginning of last year's First Run.

photo courtesy of Miramar Sports

(courtesy of Miramar Sports & Special Events)

In today's fast-paced, convenience-oriented lifestyle, it's easy to put your exercise program on the backburner. Especially during the hectic holiday season when there are plenty of invitations to overindulge with food and drink and not enough time to squeeze in a workout.

But, people who want to shape up need not despair. Just when the holiday excesses seem to suck you up into a vacuum, along comes the perfect solution—Campbell's Soups First Run, a two mile running/walking event on New Year's Eve at midnight—to get you off on the right foot in 1992.

One attraction to the event is the brightly illuminated race course. Hundreds of shining lanterns line the course which is set against a backdrop of the Golden Gate Bridge and the shimmering Bay, taking runners and walkers through the Presidio and onto the promenade at Crissy Field.

The event is a benefit for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, San Francisco, an organization that reaches out to boys and girls from single-parent families who may be lonely, unhappy or troubled. Big Brothers/Big Sisters provide one-to-one companionship and encouragement by matching these youths with an adult volunteer friend.

The action will be hot and heavy among elite runners, because the top male and female finishers will each take home a trip for two, including airfare and lodging for five days and nights in Sidney, Australia or at the Great Barrier Reef. Additional prizes will be awarded in each of the divisions.

Registration and the start/finish area are located in front of the Presidio Commissary. Entry fee is \$15 pre-registration and \$20 race-day. Race day registration begins at 10 p.m. For information and entry forms call the hotline at 387-2178.

New personnel policies expected to weed-out substandard soldiers

(courtesy of ARNEWS)

The message coming out of the Department of the Army is simple: if you're substandard, you're gone.

The Army announced this month that several personnel policies will be tightened up and that substandard soldiers will find it more difficult to remain in the service. Along with the policy changes, the Army is also making it easier for commanders to separate substandard soldiers earlier.

For example, previously commanders had the option of separating soldiers who "repeatedly failed" the Army Physical Fitness Test and who "displayed no significant or continuing progress toward meeting standards." Now, soldiers who fail two consecutive APFTs will be processed for separation or barred from reenlisting. Period.

Personnel officials said the policy changes "are necessary to... maintain a quality force as we build-down the Army." By 1995, the Army will shrink from its current level of about 744,000 soldiers to 535,000 soldiers.

About 12,500 soldiers have their records flagged each year for being overweight, according to officials from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. Another 9,600 are flagged for failing the annual APFT.

"As we begin focusing on reshaping the Army, it is essential that we protect our quality soldiers by distinguishing them from those who do not meet established standards," said Lt. Gen. William Reno

in a May 28 message to field commanders. He said a separate message would be released soon "to address some modifications to the reenlistment program... retention control and selective early retirement boards."

Reno said effective dates for the changes are dependent on how quickly Army regulations can be updated and sent to the field.

The following policy changes were announced this month:

Drug abuse

Old policy: Sergeants and above identified as illegal drug abusers will be processed for separation. All other soldiers twice identified as illegal drug abusers will also be processed for separation.

New policy: Policy regarding officers, NCOs and twice-identified drug abusers remains unchanged. In addition, corporals and below identified as illegal drug abusers and having three or more years of service will be processed for separation.

Alcohol or drug abuse rehabilitation failure

Old policy: Soldiers enrolled in the ADAPCP may be processed for separation due to their inability or refusal to participate in a treatment program, or their failure to complete a program.

New policy: Soldiers designated as rehabilitative failures—alcohol or drugs—will be processed for separation.

Local bar to reenlistment

Old policy: Commanders are required to review a bar at least every six months. Commanders will initiate separation proceedings after the second six-month review, unless the bar is recommended for removal.

New policy: Commanders are required to review a bar every three months. Initiation of separation proceedings is required if the bar is still in place after the second three-month review.

Overweight

Old policy: When no medical reason exists, soldiers who do not make satisfactory progress in the weight control program after six months will be considered for separation.

New policy: When no medical reason exists, mandatory bar to reenlistment or initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers who do not make satisfactory progress in the weight control program after six months.

Elimination from NCOES courses

Old policy: Soldiers who are eliminated for cause from NCOES courses may be reclassified, removed from the Army standing promotion list, barred from reenlistment or separated.

New policy: Mandatory bar to reenlistment or initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers who are eliminated for cause from NCOES courses.

Sportsbrief

The 1992 basketball season starts on or about Jan. 13. There will be league play in both full court and half court (three on three.) The full court league can be all military or all DA civilians (assigned or attached to the Presidio); military units may not combine with other military units or have civilians on their rosters without written consent and approval by the sports director.

Half court teams can be consisted of mixed sections or units with military or DA civilians 30 years of age or older.

Full court competition will begin at 5 p.m. and half court will be played during the lunch hour (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Meeting and deadline for all coaches and team representatives will be 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Post Gym 1, building 63.



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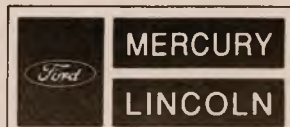
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Community Calendar

Compiled by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Brrrrr: how animals
adapt to winter

The Randall Museum's live animal residents will star in a demonstration on how animals adapt to the rigors of winter on Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. All ages are invited to this free presentation. For more information, phone 554-9600.

What's doing
in the parks?

On Saturday, there will be a Weekend Film Program for children at the Exploratorium at 3601 Lyon Street. The two films will be *The Red Balloon* and *White Mane*. Phone 561-0315 for more information.

If you are curious about learning the sport of lawn bowling, then phone 681-1580 for details.

And, finally, on Dec. 27, there will be an exhibit of Henry Ossawa Tanner's pioneering African-American art at the deYoung Museum in Golden Gate Park. For further information, phone 863-3330.

Concert staged
readings

The first and second drafts of original scripts by Playwrights' Center members will be performed Friday evening at 7:30 in the Blue Bear Theater, building D, at Fort Mason. For additional information, phone 626-4683.

Public auction at
Fort Mason

Hundreds of one-of-a-kind antiques, including furniture, paintings, gramophones, etc., will be auctioned on Dec. 28 in building A from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Film society
highlights Egypt

A tour of Egypt and the Nile will take viewers from Alexandria to Cairo, the Sphinx, the pyramids and a visit to St. Catherine's monastery on Mount Sinai on Jan. 5 at 2:15 p.m. at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.



T.R.'s visit to the Presidio

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States (1901-1909), visited the Presidio of San Francisco in 1903. Roosevelt often vacationed in the West, and especially enjoyed visiting Army posts. He had been Colonel of U.S. Volunteers during the Spanish-American War. Roosevelt was second in command of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, known as the "Rough Riders." In this photograph, Roosevelt (standing in the carriage at the lower left) is escorted by mounted men of the 10th Cavalry, the famed "Buffalo Soldiers" of the Frontier Army. The Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments flanked the Rough Riders on San Juan and Kettle Hills, assuring an American victory in the Spanish-American War. This photograph was taken near today's Presidio Golf Course.

NAF Job Vacancy
Announcements

Compiled by Frances J. Blake,
Chief, NAF Personnel Division

Bartender: NA-03; \$7.31 per hour; intermittent on call; location is NCO/Enlisted Club.

Club Operations Assistant: PS-04; \$6.99 per hour; intermittent on call; location is NCO/Enlisted Club.

Education Specialist: UA-07; \$22,705 per year; full-time; location is Child Development Services.

Food Service Worker (pantry): NA-03; \$7.31 per hour; intermittent on call; location is NCO/Enlisted Club.

Food Service Worker: NA-04; \$6.48 per hour; intermittent on call; location is Presidio Yacht Club, fort Baker, Marin County, Ca.

Motor Vehicle Operator: NA-06; \$9.50 per hour; full-time; location is Services Division.

Waiter/Waitress: NA-02; \$6.56 per hour; intermittent on call; location is NCO/Enlisted Club.

Child Development Program Assistant Leader: CC-05; \$8.78 per hour; full-time; location is Child Development Center.

If you are interested in any of these positions, submit applications (DA-3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, Building 37, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-5345 or phone 561-5095/2947.

Anonymous

A touch of night on the hilltops gray,
A dusky hush on the quivering Bay;
A calm moon mounting the silent east:
White slave the day-god has released.
Small scattered clouds
That seem to wait
Like sheets of fire
O'er the Golden Gate.
And under the heavens growing dim
With a seeming pause on the ocean's rim,
Like a weary lab'er sinks the sun
To the booming crash of the sunset gun.

All over the long slopes grown with green
With the white tents scattering in between,
The flickering camp-fires start to glow
In the groves of the fair Presidio.
While the solemn chord
Of the evening hymn
Rolls over the Bay
Through the twilight dim;
As the flag comes down to an anthem grand,
The brave old song of our native land;
And Angel Isle, when the song is done,
Booms out "Amen" with it's sunset gun.

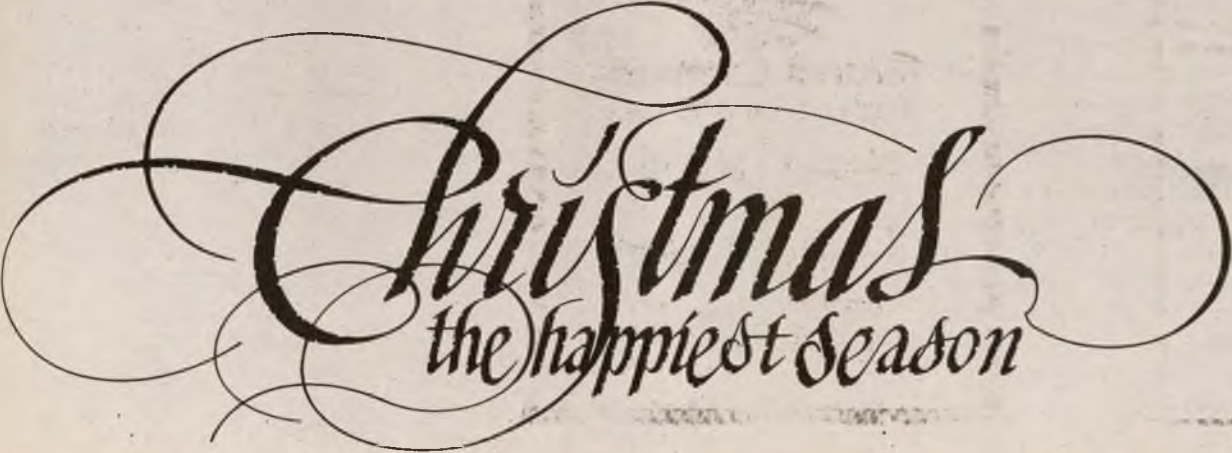
The moon rises higher and duller grow
The dying hues of the afterglow;
The darkness falls and the camps grow still:
While down from his tent on a distant hill,
The bugler sends
In a cadence true,
The long, sweet notes of the old tattoo.
Then the lights go out and the god of sleep
Stands guard o'er all in a silence deep;
And the soldier dreams of the battles won:
Old dreams revived by the sunset gun.

Ah, hearts of steel! If we only knew
The thoughts that come with the soft tattoo.
The pictured haunts that you sometimes see
In the dreamy hour when your mind is free:
From the martial hand
To wistful roam,
To the far-off place
Which you knew as "home!"
If we could only know all the tender joy,
When the soldier, back to the carefree boy,
Slips once again when his work his done:
Long after the boom of the sunset gun.

And the soldier dreams of the battles won...

Movies At The Presidio Theatre

- Dec. 20: Necessary Roughness [PG-13]
- Dec. 21: Billy Bathgate [R]
- Dec. 22: Paradise [PG-13]
- Dec. 23: The Fisher King [R]
- Dec. 27: Hot Shots [PG-13]
- Dec. 28: Other People's Money [R]
- Dec. 29: Dutch [PG-13]
- Dec. 30: The Butcher's Wife [PG-13]
- Jan. 03: The People Under The Stairs [R]
- Jan. 04: Frankie & Johnnie [R]
- Jan. 05: Homicide [R]
- Jan. 06: Double Impact [R]
- Jan. 10: Curly Sue [PG]



The Back Page

Monkey shines in San Francisco's Chinese New Year celebration

(courtesy of San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau)

At the stroke of midnight on Feb. 3, 1992, the monkey wrenches control from the ram in a celestial power play that happens only once every 12 years.

Starting on Feb. 4, the savvy simian will take command of the year 4690 on the lunar calendar, and leave his mischievous mark until the rooster crows on Jan. 23, 1993.

For San Franciscans, this changing of the guard is a good excuse to go bananas. After a few days set aside for family observances, the city will explode with the sights, colors and sounds—not to mention the firecrackers—of the lunar new year.

The celebration begins with a noon-time rally at Union Square on Feb. 8, and continues throughout the city until the spectacular Golden Dragon dances through the streets in the annual *San Francisco Chronicle* Chinese New Year parade on Feb. 15.

The exuberance of these festivities will set the tone for a year of progress and optimism. According to Chinatown ora-

cles, success will be possible even in impossible ventures; new inventions and discoveries will abound.

In this coming election year, politics, diplomacy, high finance and business will be engaged in one big poker game with everyone trying to outbluff each other. Taking a lesson from history, the last time the lunar lemur ruled the calendar (1980), the Republicans wrenched control of the White House from the Democrats. And let us not forget that America was established in a monkey year, 1776.

Those who swing from the simian family tree (born in 1980, 1968, 1956, 1944, 1932, 1920, etc.) are the erratic geniuses: Milton Berle, Leonardo da Vinci, Charles Dickens, Mick Jagger, Eleanor Roosevelt, the Duchess of Windsor and Bette Davis.

Crafty monkeys who prefer to devise their own itinerary can request a detailed calendar of festival events by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope after Jan. 1 to the Visitor Information Center, San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 429097, San Francisco, Ca. 94142-9097.

Year of the Monkey



Lunar Calendar Year 4690

Child Development Services needs volunteers

by Emma De La Cruz,
Director of Supplemental Programs and Services

Volunteers are needed in Child Development Services programs. A variety of interesting and challenging positions are available to CDS volunteers. CDS personnel will match your qualifications and interests with position requirements before offering you an assignment.

As a volunteer, you will be afforded the opportunity to contribute at the highest level of your abilities and skills. Your time, energy and ideas will enable CDS to enhance child care services to the Presidio community.

Some possible positions are in the following areas.

Child Development Services Administration: office aide, public relations and food preparation worker.

Child Development Center: teacher aide, storyteller, special projects, health aide, arts and crafts, music specialist and foster grandparent.

Family Child Care: resource library aide, interpreter and storyteller.

Supplemental Programs and Services: resource and referral, SPS resource library aide, baby-sitters and parent education volunteers.

Additionally, CDS is establishing a Baby-sitter Training and Referral Service for the Presidio community as a supplemental child care option. CDS Supplemental Programs and Services will maintain a referral list of registered baby-sitters who will provide child care in the home of the child(ren) or occasional short term care in the home of the baby-sitter (when care does not exceed a total of 10 child hours per week on a regular basis.)

Baby-sitters in the teenage category must be 13-19 years of age and adults are considered to be over 20 years of age. Our program will assist you in getting the required training, and refer you to clients interested in your services. Anyone interested in registering as a baby-sitter or in the above-mentioned volunteer positions should phone 561-2035/4602.

For your safety and health

by Robert F. Kephart,
Sixth U.S. Army Safety and Health Manager

Do you starve a fever and feed a cold, or is it the other way around? Most of us can't remember which it is. In fact, it doesn't matter. The best nourishment for colds and flu, according to the National Safety Council, is frequent, small servings of nutritious liquids and light foods.

What causes colds and flu? Colds and flu are caused by respiratory viruses. Most viral infections create some misery, but they usually run their course without doing much more than that. They can, on occasion, develop into more serious conditions such as ear infections, bronchitis, pneumonia or sinusitis.

The old wives' tale that you can catch a cold from getting your feet wet, being chilled or sitting in a draft is false. The only way to catch a cold is to pick up the virus through contact with another cold sufferer. Colds are caused by specific viruses that, for some reason, appear principally in winter.

How did I get this cold? Most people pick up colds from touching cold virus-contaminated surfaces. A person sneezes or coughs and when these germs land they can survive up to three days on hard surfaces, which include door handles, desk tops, computer keyboards, etc. Viruses can last for days on various types of fabric and even skin.

During the cold and flu season, it is best to wash your hands frequently and keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth.

Curing the common cold. There is no cure. However, there are ways to help eliminate symptoms and some of the distress. Over-the-counter medicines can alleviate cold symptoms, such as coughing, sneezing, head and body aches, and runny noses. However, before taking any medication, it is best to check with your physician or pharmacist, especially if you are taking other medications or are pregnant.

Flu shots may help your body's immune system fight influenza viruses, but these viruses change every year and last year's flu shot may not provide immunity to this year's virus. Also, according to the National Center for Health, there is no hard evidence that vitamin C will help prevent or cure a cold or the flu.

The best advice is the oldest advice: drink plenty of liquids (including chicken soup) and get lots of rest.

Goal-setting is important

by Retired Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Fitzpatrick

Have you really decided what you want to do when you grow up?

Many veterans leaving the service are trying to answer that important question for themselves and their families. It's not an easy question, and the answers are not always easily defined.

Many of the 200,000-plus people who leave the military each year have planned their future fairly well and make a smooth transition to the civilian work force. Others wind up wasting important time.

Planning for a smooth transition to civilian life and finding a great job requires serious goal-setting. It's important to develop a solid marketing plan to help find meaningful employment, but you can't develop a plan if you don't know where you are going. Goals are as important as the plan itself.

There really are only three professional goals: money, location and position.

That seems easy enough. You ought to be able to find just the job you are looking for at just the right amount of money, and you ought to be able to live anywhere you want. Unfortunately, it's not that easy. Early in the transition process, each goal has to be examined with a sense of reality.

Money. How much do you need? How much do you want? How much are you worth? Are you trying to build a nest egg for the future or do you have four children to support and need specific income? Are you willing to work for commission-based compensation or must you have a regular check every two weeks?

Two important points to remember: no one ever got rich in America working on salary, and workers are only worth what their skills are worth in a given market place.

Location. Many people in transition are headed for a specific city or town. This is generally driven by property ownership, spouse employment, family interests or simply a desire to live in that particular area. This can have an important impact on job opportunities and income.

Understand that cities like New York, Chicago, Atlanta or Dallas offer a lot more employment opportunities and much greater income possibilities than Smalltown, USA.

Retirees often desire to settle in areas near military bases in order to take advantage of base facilities and medical treatment. This places them in direct competition with many others in the same career fields and skills, so job choices can become scarce. Further, many employers in areas with a high density of military retirees sometime offer less money because retirees get a check from the government each month.

Position. Deciding what kind of job to look for can be a real challenge. Some important questions must be answered concerning the specific qualifications an individual has to offer: What is the market for different types of jobs in a given geographic area? What level of experience in a career field can be brought to the new company? Are you fully qualified for the job you want? What do you want to do? Although most people know exactly what they want to do, many have still not finalized that decision.

Determine your skills as early in the process as possible to decide what you are qualified to do. Remember: people just don't get hired for what they can do; they also get hired for what they have done. Professional career counseling may be helpful in answering these questions.

Each of these goals should be examined and discussed with the entire family long before undertaking the job search. Realistic decisions have to be made concerning the relative priority of each, and then a plan can be put together to go after the most important. There is no use in looking for a job in San Francisco when you are really tied to Junction City, Kan., by your spouse's employment prospects or by the home you bought there in 1972.

There is an old saying: "He who only plans is a dreamer." Perhaps it could best be finished by adding "...but he who only plans without knowing where he is going will never get anywhere."

Oversight!

The *Star Presidian* wishes to apologize for the omission of Mike Meines' role as narrator at the 14th Annual Bay Area Army Commander's Christmas Concert on Dec. 3. His expertise made the event even more enjoyable for all who attended.

Lots of folks confuse bad management with destiny.

—Kin Hubbard

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BASE CLOSURE HOTLINE REPORT

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Base Closure and Transition Team

The Base Closure Hotline was established on Dec. 2. To meet the publication schedule, we were required to set a Dec. 4 cutoff for this first report to the Presidio community. We felt it was important to get a report out as soon as possible, since the *Star Presidian* will not publish an issue between Dec. 20 and Jan. 8 due to the Christmas holiday season. When publication resumes, we should have a number of questions and issues to talk about. Now, let us get to the questions and answers.

Question: When are Garrison (PSF) employees to be RIFed?

Answer: The Garrison recently experienced a reduction in force in the library functional area that resulted in three reassignments and one retirement. Currently, the Garrison does not have DA authority for reductions in force for this FY (FY92). This could change with cuts in funding or space allocations either from HQDA or FORSCOM. Because the DoD's two for five hiring freeze is still in effect, shortages may occur in certain critical functional areas that could require management to realign some of our scarce personnel assets to meet priority needs. Realignments could result in reduction in force like the one that just took place in the library functional area. At present, the situation is stable, but stuff happens. Looking down range, the big reductions to the Garrison will come late in FY93 and through FY94 as units and activities are inactivated or relocate to other areas of the country.

Question: What will be the status of active duty National Guard (and U.S. Army Reserve) personnel as regards to housing at PSF?

Answer: Your status will be the same as active duty Army and other branches of service currently housed on the Presidio. Department of the Army has not presented its final recommendations on the future reuse of military housing on the Presidio. The PSF, Sixth U.S. Army and FORSCOM recommendation is, in light of the DoD housing shortage throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, that PSF housing be operated as a DoD housing element much like Hamilton Army Air Field is presently. Worst case is no housing at PSF after Sept. 30, 1994 closure; however, as we write, DA and the Navy are discussing ways to keep a DoD housing area here.

Question: What is the status of the PSF Commissary? Will it stay open or close? What is the time frame?

Answer: The Defense Commissary Agency has said the commissary will close when the post closes. However, Sixth U.S. Army and FORSCOM, in their recommendations on the Military Reuse Study, have supported the retention of the commissary at PSF. The final decision will be based on cost effectiveness and the active duty military population remaining at the Presidio. So, to a large extent, this issue is linked to the housing issue.

Question: (a) Will HQ, Sixth U.S. Army move to Fort Baker/Parks Reserve Forces Training Area rather than Fort Carson? (b) Heard that HQ, 6th U.S. Army is relocating to the old Public Health Hospital. Is that true?

Answer: Current plans remain for HQ, 6th U.S. Army to relocate to Fort Carson in FY94.

Remember, our HOTLINE number is 561-NEWS. Call it with your rumor, question and/or concern.

MPs keeping track of gangs

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Once again the Presidio is threatened with gang violence; however, the Military Police are on top of the situation.

The violence has been minor and investigators feel they have a handle on the problem.

Months ago when gang members began entering the Presidio, the MPs cracked down hard.

"After we tightened down, there wasn't a kid to be seen on the street," Staff Sgt. Steven J. Nyhan said.

Recently, there have been groups of off-post kids coming on to post: These kids came to the Youth Activities dance.

Presidio teens are allowed to bring three guest to a dance. At the last teen dance, Nyhan stopped the music and told each ID card holder to stand up against the wall with his or her guest.

"There was a lot of commotion," Nyhan said. "No one knew who their guest was."

According to Nyhan, many of the off-post juveniles snuck through the back door at the Youth Activities Center.

Since that dance, the MPs have ensured Presidio teens' safety. At the last dance, the MPs turned 20 to 30 kids away according to Nyhan. There were two uniformed and four plain-clothes military police members inside the center.

"Some kids said 'thanks' when they left and others asked 'Why? Why are you harassing us?'" Nyhan said. "We're not out there to harass the kids."

The Presidio has set up a teen council that addresses these problems in hopes of finding solutions. There are six members on the council, according to Sgt. John D. Hirst, juvenile officer. Hirst attends the meetings. At the last meeting, a new rule was proposed to help discourage off-post gang members from attending the dances. They proposed that each ID card holder be permitted to have one guest instead of three. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Community Activities decides on the proposed changes by the council.

The MPs are constantly checking areas here on post to ensure the safety of the youths.

They're not confined to the Youth Activities Center. MPs patrol the Post Theatre, the bowling alley and throughout the Presidio.



There was an incident at the Post Theatre when the movie "Boyz N The Hood" was showing, according to Nyhan. The MPs expected the gangs' arrival and was able to prevent a confrontation from occurring. What could have turned into a violent situation was kept under control.

Investigators are beginning to learn the juveniles' thought patterns and beat them to "the scene of the crime."

"We know their habits," Nyhan said. "Kids don't realize it, but they set patterns."

To become more aware of the way juveniles think, investigators have to attempt to put themselves in the teenager's shoes, according to Nyhan.

"It's been a long process with long hours and a lot of work," Nyhan says. "Now we're surprising the kids. We know where they're going hours in advance."

Once problems are reported, Nyhan feels it won't take long to put the gang activities to a halt.

"We can't stop something we don't know about," Nyhan said. "Parents and kids need to let us know."

Kids are now speaking out. They're letting the investigators know what's going on and reporting incidents. Some parents are also becoming actively involved.

"Communication is the key," Hirst said. "Parents need to get involved and talk with their kids. You'd be surprised the kids that feel they can't talk to their parents."

"Parents need to keep their eyes open," Nyhan said. "It's not normal behavior for a 14 year old to come in at one in the morning smelling like liquor."

There are signs for parents to look for: tattoos inside forearms, being truant from school, carrying weapons such as knives and chains, and the wearing of colors—hats or jackets with symbols painted on the clothing. Children may also display inappropriate behavior—young children staying out late without excuses or being beaten without an explanation.

Sometimes the investigators become frustrated.

"It's frustrating when people think we're just harassing the kids," Nyhan said. "We give up our weekends. We don't have to."

Nyhan says it's also frustrating that the gang problem is a continual fight that keeps coming back.

Another frustrating aspect of their job is that MPs have no jurisdiction over off-post juveniles.

"Our hands are tied," Nyhan said about dealing with off-post juveniles who commit minor crimes.

However, the Presidio has a Juvenile Review Board for military dependents. Administrative action can range from community service to expulsion from the post—and a lot in between.

"The JRB is a tool to correct juveniles," Hirst said.

According to Nyhan the JRB is very effective. There has been only one repeat offender out of approximately 20 juveniles who went before the board.

Hirst feels that it is effective because the parents can be present during the board. At this time, the parents realize that there is a problem.

Working to protect Presidio youths is an important job.

"It's definitely important," Hirst says. "We need to be out there to give a helping hand."

The MPs are available 24 hours a day.

Kids should try to avoid any confrontation. They should not antagonize a wayward juvenile. They can contact an MP.

"It takes us eight minutes to respond anywhere on post," Nyhan said.

The off-post juveniles coming to the Presidio has not become a problem yet. Nyhan doesn't feel there is any need for alarm.

"There is no scare message," Nyhan said. "It's a positive message. The communication is working: We need to continue it."

The community needs to continue to work together and become actively involved. If any gang related activities are noticed, notify the MPs at 561-2252 or 561-2251.

News

Exercise caution when selecting children's toys

by Evelyn D. Harris,
AFIS correspondent

Child-development experts say that play is children's work: It's how they develop the skills to be competent adults. Unfortunately, many children suffer on-the-job injuries.

Last year, some 148,000 toy-related injuries sent kids to hospital emergency rooms. Of these, some 122,000 involved children under 15, according to Debbie Tinsworth, a statistician for the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

While few injuries resulted in death or permanent damage, there were some fatalities: Most involved choking on balloons or small balls. Tinsworth said that not all of the choking incidents involved younger ages. Five and 6-year-olds choked on balloons, she said.

Other toy-related deaths and serious injuries involved riding toys that kids rode into traffic or swimming pools. Small children riding on the driveway can easily go into the street, not realizing drivers may be unable to see them, she said.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission lists bicycles and skateboards separately from toys. In 1989, about 515,000 bicycle injuries and 65,000 skateboard injuries sent people to the hospital.



Three-quarters of the deaths from bicycle accidents involve head injuries, so Tinsworth recommends giving a helmet along with the new bicycle. The Safe Kids Program, part of the curriculum at DoD Dependents Schools and most public schools, emphasizes the importance of wearing helmets. But helmets are not the only recommended safety gear.

"An attentive parent is the best way to ensure safety," said Richard Ziegler, chief of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Technical Branch for Quality Assurance. "Parents have to watch while they're shopping and while their children are playing. In addition, they have to remember the impor-

tance of maintenance. For example, some bicycle accidents are the result of improper maintenance. Toys for younger children that were once safe can break and become unsafe."

Ziegler said parents have to maintain toys for younger children and to teach older children the importance of maintaining their own things—for example, keeping bicycle spokes tightened and tires inflated. He also said parents with children of several ages have to teach older children to keep inappropriate toys away from their younger brothers and sisters.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the military exchange systems work together to spot unsafe toys and to keep them off the market. Some things quality assurance people want to avoid are: sharp points and edges; small parts on toys for young children; loud noises that can damage hearing; absence of appropriate warnings, such as the warnings on cap guns not to fire them near the face or head; burning hazards, such as toy stoves that can burn a child; strangulation hazards; and entrapment hazards, such as toy chests that can smother a child or injure him if the lid falls.

However, said Ziegler, "Safety warnings and well-designed toys are no substitutes for proper supervision of children."

Concert kicks-off holiday season with style

by John W. McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas—thanks to the holiday sounds provided by the Sixth U.S. Army Band.

The band, under the direction of CWO Orville L. Gannon, took to the stage at the Palace of Fine Arts Auditorium Tuesday night for the 14th Annual Bay Area Christmas Concert.

The concert was hosted by Lt. Gen. Glynn C. Mallory Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, and 12 other commanders in the Bay Area.

The only sad note in the evening of festive music was the absence of George K. Provoo, whose narration of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" had become as beloved a tradition as the concerts themselves. Provoo was unable to attend the performance due to poor health.

Highlights of the almost two-hour show included performances of such holiday favorites as "Fantasy on a Bell Carol," and the "Carol of the Drum."

The concert also included a guest appearance by the Chamber Chorus of the San Francisco Civic Chorale, conducted by Martin Frick. The Chorus entertained the audience with such whimsical offerings as "New York Girls," and "Kansas Boys" by a local San Francisco composer.

But, it came as no surprise to longtime fans of the Sixth Army Band that



Two Sixth Army Band members show their stuff during the concert.

photo by John McGarrah

the show was stolen by the performance of the brass trombone quartet "The Hambones."

Santa Clause paid a surprise visit to the crowd in attendance, and stayed after to hear children's last minute wish lists.

The concert concluded with a carol festival which combined the band, the chorale and audience for such beloved songs as "Joy To The World," "We Three Kings," "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," "O Little Town Of Bethlehem," "Hark, The Herald Angels

Sing," "Silent Night," and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

The evening went without a hitch thanks to the hard work of soldiers and volunteers who provided bus transportation to and from the event, security, ushers, and decorations.

Change in drug testing promises better detection

by Mark J. Gumbiner,
Alcohol and Drug Control Officer

DA has announced a significant change in urinalysis testing policy. Effective Jan. 1, 1992, urinalysis drug screening levels will be

lowered by half in the testing for marijuana, cocaine and amphetamines. Soldiers using drugs will be detected (positive) at a much lower level, impacting the recreational and weekend user of drugs.

On the basis of statistical data provided by Tripler Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory, FORSCOM predicts an increase in urinalysis positives within FORSCOM: 50 percent for marijuana, 30 percent for cocaine and 150 percent for opiates.

Higher positive rates will not mean that more soldiers are using drugs, but that more users are being

detected. The positive rate is predicted to decline after four months, but with a coinciding increase in alcohol abuse, which is already on the rise.

Improvements in the specificity and sensitivity of spectrometry procedures allows accurate identification of several drugs using lower testing levels. The Department of Defense Biochemical Testing Advisory Committee discussed the current testing levels and recommended that several testing levels be changed, knowing the direct impact on the number of specimens reported positive.

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Presidio Pulse

Ask Presidians

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"Is the state of the economy having an effect on your Christmas plans this year?"



Rhoades Fearn, manager, Presidio Thrift Shop. "Certainly. I've been spending less and shopping much more carefully. I'm also trying to get my credit cards and bills paid up so that I'm in good shape going into the Christmas season."



Maj. Brenda Mosley, Personnel Recruiter, AMEDD Procurement. "No. I planned early. I started shopping in the summer when there were sales going on. I got my airplane ticket early for a reduced fare. As a single person, I'm probably in a lot better financial shape than families."



Ron Martin, family member. "No. We made our travel plans early and shopped all year long, instead of trying to do it all in one week now."



Marguerite Frank, family member. "It already has. We just moved to this area. Large, expensive items are out this year. We're shopping for practical, less expensive gifts and spending less per gift."



SSgt. Lula Brownlee, Platoon Sgt., LEC. "No. It hasn't really affected us, because it's just my husband, my son and me. We're planning on staying in the area this year."



Spec. Lee E. Box, Administration Specialist, USA Special Security Office. "No, the economy won't have an effect. Our traditions will stay the same no matter what shape the economy is in."



Richard is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Rick Thomas.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Star Presidian:

On Dec. 2, I was in the library here on post. While standing in line, seven dollars fell out of my coin purse. A young boy, Richard Thomas, was with his mother in line behind me. He found the money and immediately gave it to his mother. Several of us checked to see whose money it was. The last woman in line checked to see if it was hers. She decided it did not belong to her, but gave the boy a dollar for his honesty. His mother returned the money saying the boy should not be rewarded with money for his honesty, but feel good solely for returning it. At this time, I realized the money was mine and I thanked the young boy. As the Christmas season gets underway, it's very comforting to know there are honest children and parents on post. I would like the Star Presidian to recognize this young boy and his family.

Sharon Antoniuc

News Briefs

compiled by Gregory Dejean
Star Presidian editor

Notice! Notice!

Dec. 19 will mark the last issue of the *Star Presidian* for 1991. If you have any information you wish to see published in that issue, please ensure copy arrives no later than tomorrow. The *Star Presidian* will resume publication with the Jan. 9, 1992 issue. Deadline for that issue is Jan. 3.

Battle of the Bands

This showband competition will be conducted from Feb. 14-17 at Fort Polk, La. It is limited to 16 bands. Showband entries are eligible to compete in one of four categories: rock and roll, country and western, rhythm and blues and speciality. For additional information, phone 561-2002.

Upcoming office closures

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing will close at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 20. All emergencies should be directed to the Work Order Desk at 561-4505. Also, the Fort Scott and Letterman Education Centers will close at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 20 and reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 30. The Computer Center will reopen on Jan. 6. The Self Help Center will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25. The center will reopen on Dec. 26. And, finally, PAGC will be closed only on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Resume Workshop at USO

This workshop is held on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. To enroll, phone 561-2436 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit the Presidio USO in building 223.

Shuttle service interrupted

The Hamilton Army Air Field Shuttle and the Presidio Shuttle will not run from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3, 1992 due to the Christmas holiday season. The service will resume on Jan. 6. The Presidio Shuttle serves Forts Baker, Barry and Cronkhite.

Of note educationally

The Graduate Record Examination will be given on Feb. 5, 1992 at the Fort Scott Education Center in building 1216. There is no fee for the first time. You must order your exam in person by Jan. 2, 1992. Also, the Army Education Center plans to offer the following daytime classes beginning January 1992: College Prep Writing, Accounting, Wordperfect 5.1, dBase III^s, Enable, Introduction to Microcomputers and Typing/Keyboarding. For more information on dates, times and fees, phone 561-2974.

Tree lighting at museum

And, finally, don't forget about the Christmas tree lighting ceremony to be held at the Presidio Army Museum tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

MOS Retention Board

All soldiers (except those with approved retirement, bars to reenlistment, or pending administrative elimination) who have a permanent profile with a numerical factor of "3" or "4" will be mandatorily referred for evaluation to an MMRB. Soldiers having these factors, who have not been referred to an MMRB, must contact the Military Personnel Operations Branch at 561-3297 and ask for Mr. Calica. The next scheduled MMRB will be held on Jan. 14, 1992 at 8 a.m. at the Sixth U.S. Army Conference Facility in building 35 here at the Presidio.

Job assistance seminar

This seminar will be on Jan. 6, 1992 and is open to separating soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians. It will occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., with a break for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The seminar will be held in building 603. To confirm your attendance, phone autovon 929-7907.

Temporary closure of ASP

The Ammunition Supply Point will be undergoing a wall-to-wall inventory from Dec. 26 through Jan. 2, 1992. Therefore, it will be closed for normal operations. Emergencies on turn-in and issues must be cleared through the Chief, Supply and Services Division. Normal operations will resume on Jan. 3, 1992.

Your car and gasoline

The AAFES Gasoline Station no longer carries "regular" gasoline. There will be only three grades offered: unleaded, unleaded plus, and supreme unleaded.

Of note to parents

Child Development Services has full time child care spaces available in both Family Child Care and the Child Development Center programs for children 3-12 years old. Please contact Linda Justin at 561-3588 for more information.

Hotline needs you!

The Soldier's Hot Line is a 24-hour service that allows soldiers and commanders to express their suggestions and comments on future improvements in regards to modernizing the warfighting capability of the soldier. By helping to identify and integrate requirements in areas such as improving lethality, command and control, survivability, sustainment, mobility, improving the soldier's quality of life in the field and lightening the soldier's load, you are becoming involved in a process that will eventually affect you directly. The number is (404) 545-1245 or DSN 835-1245. A toll-free number should be in operation by February 1992.

News

Hospital Christmas show 'moving' experience for all



Raphael Salenas (center) talks to Specialists Gary McCorkle and Kelly Jordan, both of the 6th Army Band, and Carol Brumfield prior to Friday's Christmas show.

story and photos by John McGarrah
Star Presidian staff

In many ways, it was a moving experience for all as soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines from the Bay Area reached out a helping hand Friday to patients at the Laguna-Honda Hospital in San Francisco.

The volunteers assisted the hospital staff in moving hundreds of patients downstairs to the hospital's auditorium to attend an annual Christmas show. Moving the almost 400 patients was no easy task—taking the greater part of three hours. What the soldiers received in return, though, made all the hard work worthwhile. The patients took the troops to heart, striking up conversations and friendships while being transported.

Once the patients were seated for the show, they were treated to some of the best entertainment that the Bay Area has to offer including dancers, comedians, musicians and jugglers. The highpoint of the show was a special appearance by legendary performer Eddie Fisher. Fisher is best remembered for hits such as "Oh My Papa," "Lady of Spain," and "Danny Boy" (and, of course, for being the husband of both Debbie Reynolds and Elizabeth Taylor - in that order.)

The show was broadcast live in the San Francisco area on a local cable stations.



SSgt. Andrada assists a patient to a waiting elevator.



Eddie Fisher takes a moment to talk to a fan before his show.

Post theater to be used for naturalization ceremony

by Adrienne Sims
Star Presidian staff

Two hundred Filipinos will become United States citizens at the Post Theatre on Monday. They all served with American military units during World War II.

According to Ted Schweiter, immigration representative, these people were chosen because they were war participants. After this ceremony, a naturalization ceremony will be held the first and last Thursday of each month.

The National Filipino-American Council and other organizations are coordinating details of the pro-

gram. U.S. Representatives Barbara Boxer, Tom Campbell and Nancy Pelosi, as well as, Mayor Art Agnos will be there to address the new citizens.

The Immigration Act of 1990 opened the door to citizenship for Filipino servicemen who lost the opportunity to become American citizens when the overseas naturalization provisions of the Nationality Act of 1940 expired Dec. 31, 1946. The legislation included natives of the Philippines and residents who served under the command of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East as members of the Philippine Scouts, the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines or a recognized guerrilla unit.

Starting next year, 600 people are expected to take

the Oath of Allegiance and become new U.S. citizens at each naturalization ceremony held at the Post Theatre.

For foreigners to obtain the right to admission, they must be in the United States and have a period of residence, according to Schweiter.

Philippine natives and residents who served honorably in designated units of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East between Sept. 1, 1939, and Dec. 31, 1946, may qualify to take their oath. Anyone who qualifies must apply from Nov. 29, 1991, to Nov. 30, 1992. Offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service worldwide are providing information and forms for the benefit.

News

Child care worker departs after 20 years service

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

How can a person spend 20 years of her life in the same day care center taking care of children?

"You've got to like them."

Those are words of wisdom as spoken by Fumiko Gerald, child care provider, Child Development Center, Presidio of San Francisco. Gerald has worked for the child care center for 20 years, a huge chapter of her life that will come to a close with her retirement this month.

Through most of that 20-year period, Gerald, a former military spouse, has worked specifically with infants and pre-toddlers.

"They're so cute," she said, while holding a cautious, 15-month old Jessica Valerio in her arms. Jessica seemed wary of some stranger coming into the room to talk to Ms. Gerald. Still, watching the toddlers gravitate toward Gerald is a strong indication that she makes them feel comfortable, welcome.

Gerald herself has three sons and one daughter. Their father's last duty station was here at the Presidio. None of the children chose a military career, though. As a military family, her children had enough of the military life, she said.

"As they got older it was harder for them to move away from their friends and school," she said.

As she spoke, 13-month old Alexander Gonzales walked over and began flipping through the papers attached to a clipboard Gerald was holding. Apparently he's practicing for a future admin job, but the point is that he obviously seemed comfortable with her.

The number of infants and pre-toddlers that have been mothered part time by her can only be imagined. After all, 20 years is a long time.

Gerald has worked for six different child care directors here. She has memories of the atmosphere



Alexander Gonzales, 13 months, and Jessica Valerio, 15 months, share camera space with Fumiko Gerald, who is retiring from the Presidio Child Care system after giving 20 years of service to Presidio infants and toddlers.

in the former child care facility on Ruger Street and the friendliness of her co-workers through the years.

But time changes things. There are new rules and

a new building.

The current facility in building 387 opened in April 1988 and with it came some new approaches to child care.

"There are more regulations and parents are much more involved with the children," Gerald said. "It's good in that it gives more protection for the children."

Gerald continued:

"You need a facility like this. It offers more safety, it's cleaner, it's nice."

Now, Gerald is closing that chapter of her, and the Presidio's, history. It's retirement time. But that doesn't mean she plans to drop everything and do nothing. In fact, she's planning just the opposite.

"I'm going to rest a few months, then I will visit my sister in Japan," she said.

"I have a lot of things to do when I get back. I'd like to move into a smaller place.

"But I won't have to be chased by time!"

Gerald said she plans to remain in San Francisco. Though originally from Japan, this is home. She said she lives in the Richmond District now, and likes the location of her neighborhood. The whole city is accessible from her area.

"You can go anywhere you want to go . . . downtown is right there . . . it's very convenient," she said.

"I'm very, very shy, but a lot of people know me. I like Presidio very much. I cried and cried when I was in Korea. I especially missed sourdough bread . . . when you go to another country it's hard to find the things you like to eat."

So it's congratulations and goodbye to Fumiko Gerald, a child care provider whose work has spanned nearly two generations of Presidians.

"I've had good co-workers, that's why I could stay here for 20 years."

Youth hostels: international experiences, local access

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

Youth from countries around the world come to the Bay Area for its historic sites, scenic views and variety of people. Many times these young people only need a safe, inexpensive place to spend the night.

Two such places are located within the boundaries of the Presidio of San Francisco. They are called youth hostels and for a small fee anyone can find lodging in one. Youth hostels are located across the United States as well as in six other countries.

The hostels can be used by school and church groups, scout troops, and families. They are located in areas of historic, cultural and environmental importance. Two of these locations are building 240 at Fort Mason and building 941 at the Fort Barry/Cronkhite area of the Marin Headlands.

The American Youth Hostels' stated mission is to enable people to gain a positive understanding of the world and its people. The AYH encourages educational and recreational travel, and promotes international friendship and understanding.

The hostels are simple, low-cost overnight living quarters that are supervised by resident managers. Hostellers from many countries have the opportunity to interact with one another and share experiences.

Hostellers can be people of all ages and nationalities. In a youth hostel one can find travelers from Germany, Spain, South Africa, England, and other exotic places.

The hostel movement was founded by a German

school teacher named Richard Schirrmann. While conducting a field trip, he and his students were caught in a storm and took refuge in a local school. He later developed the concept of using abandoned schools to form a network of youth hostels.

By 1932 there were more than 2,000 youth hostels in Germany, and 600 more hostels in Switzerland, Poland, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Britain, Ireland, France and Belgium. That same year, the International Youth Hostel Federation was formed.

During World War II, youth hostels continued to operate in many parts of Europe, and England expanded its own network. Also, Australia and New Zealand started their own hostel networks.

Isabel and Monroe Smith, a couple from the United States, attended the 1933 conference, and opened the first youth hostel in the U.S. a year later in Northfield, Mass.

Hosteling first came to Northern California in 1934, when John Trimble arrived in the Bay Area. He leased Coit Tower from the City, and set up the first bunk on the top floor on the morning of April 1, 1934. It was difficult for guests to sleep on the bunks placed on a slant down the Tower's spiral staircase, so the hostel soon was moved to the corner of California and Mason Street, and was known as the Pacific Union Hostel. It was popular among the wealthy.

Today, besides forts Mason and Barry, Youth Hostels can be found in Montara and Pescadero in

San Mateo County, and at Point Reyes Station in Marin County.

The national office for the American Youth Hostels organization is located in Washington, D.C. The AYH is composed of four regions: Eastern, Midwest, Southern and Western. The regions are divided into 41 local councils, each responsible for a cluster of local hostels.

The Golden Gate Council has offices in San Francisco at 425 Divisadero, Suite 307. The council hosts environmental trips for inner-city youth and elder hostel programs for seniors.

The Golden Gate Council is responsible for chartering 11 youth hostels; six of these are operated by the AYH and include the ones in the Bay area.

Americans, Europeans, Asians and others share cooking duties in a communal kitchen, interact and share experiences in common rooms. To make the visit work, a lodger must be prepared to cooperate with other lodgers and share the chores and house-keeping.

The hostels host activities that allow travelers to meet local residents. And, for those who are adventurous, the Golden Gate Council sponsors hiking and bicycling trips that use the hostels for overnight stays.

If you or your group would like to explore the possibilities of hosteling and get a chance to meet youth from around the world, contact the Golden Gate Council of the American Youth Hostels at 863-1444.

Chapel News

by Steve Miller,
Director of Religious Activities

The Post Chapel and the children of the Presidio are still in need of more toys for the Christmas Sharing Program. The Chapel will not be getting any toys this year from the San Francisco Firefighters; therefore, it is up to us, as Presidians, to ensure our children have a very merry Christmas. We have set out containers at the PX, Post Chapel, Chapel of Our Lady and in the lobby of building 220. The Toy House in the lobby of Letterman Hospital also will be used for this program. We need your help to make this a success. Thank you for your

help and have a merry Christmas!

On Sunday, the Post Chapel will hold the Annual Christmas Music Program. It will begin at 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. This will be a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit. The offering taken at this concert will all go to the Christmas Sharing Program.

The Post Chapel will be assisting the Presidio Officers' Spouses' Club collecting gifts that will be distributed at the San Francisco VA Hospital on Monday. We will meet at the Post Chapel parking lot at

12:30 p.m. for the trip to the VA Hospital. Once there, we will sing carols and distribute gifts to the patients. Everybody is welcome to participate; in fact, the more people we have, the greater this Christmas will be for those shut-in patients at the VA.

The Protestant Sunday School children will perform a special Christmas Program at the Main Post Chapel on Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. This is probably one of the greatest programs of the year at the chapel. So, even if you don't attend every week, this will be a great time to come by. You will be uplifted and appropriately put into the Christmas spirit.

News

Presidio Help Line: Crisis Line changes image, name

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

A six-year-old community service has a new image. The Presidio Crisis Line has changed its name.

The Crisis Line has been changed to the Presidio Help Line, a broader range service for Presidians that will provide information, referrals and someone to talk to.

The name was changed to illustrate the variety of services the Help Line will offer. The old name implied terminology that had a stigma attached to it, said Eric Davis, chief, Presidio Army Community Service.

The old term, "crisis," had a negative connotation that narrowed the service's scope. Changing the name was an important step to show the broader scope of the help line, a service that has been in existence since 1985. A caller doesn't have to be in a cri-

sis to use the confidential service.

Presidians can use the Presidio Help Line to find resources or referrals to help cope with the downsizing and eventual closing of the post. The line can be used to help cope with other issues as well.

Approximately 20 trained volunteers man the phone lines. They include active duty soldiers and family members who receive professional training provided by ACS.

The training covers telephone techniques, information retrieval and referral, crisis intervention, the effects of depression, and family violence.

Davis said the Presidio Help Line will go beyond the implication of a "crisis," which is a situation that has reached a desperate phase. Now, Presidians can use the line for whatever help they may need.

Callers don't have to be in a crisis to use the Presidio Help Line. All calls are confidential.

The number for the Presidio Help Line is 929-8255.



Karen Kaho, Family Advocacy Program manager of the Presidio Army Community Service, teaches a class about stress management based on the work of Peter H. Neidig, a psychologist who has done research and training for the military. The management pattern follows four steps: identifying symptoms of stress; identifying the stressors; choosing the necessary skill to manage the stress; and then applying the necessary skill.

For instance, a management skill for boredom could be a hobby or outside activity. A management skill for work stress can be exercise or a vacation (more or less). A management skill for surviving in an unruly household can be anger control training, or a parenting class.

The bottom line is, once the stressor and the appropriate management skill have been identified, the skill must be put into practice to relieve the stress.

Stress management classes are available at ACS on Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m., in the first floor conference room of building 103B. Particular training can be scheduled for complete offices, sections or units by calling Karen Kaho at 561-5155.

Also, Presidians who may be facing additional stress due to the post's downsizing and eventual closure can call the Presidio Help Line at 929-8255. All calls are confidential.

Stress may lead to physical, emotional problems

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Star Presidian staff

People face a number of demands that can put a lot of unwanted pressure on daily activities. This pressure is called stress, a sometimes powerful reaction that can cause physical harm if its causes are not checked.

Stress is the natural, non-specific response of the body to any demand made upon it. Positive events can be just as stressful as negative ones. These demands are called "stressors".

Stressors could be anything that cause excitement, irritability or anxiety.

At the first sign of a threat, the body prepares for fight or flight. The body remains at a high state of readiness after the initial threat passes, but if it remains at this level for too long a period wear and tear on the body can bring about exhaustion, illness and even death.

Stress is a natural reaction. Prolonged stress can do bodily harm if allowed to continue for any length of time. For instance, anxiety can cause muscles to tighten, the heart's rate to increase and cause an increase in perspiration.

In the short term these symptoms are nothing to worry about; but in the long run, the prolonged,

chronic stress can lead to worse problems. Too much stress (burnout) causes the body to experience a number of potentially damaging changes.

The tense muscles become chronic head and backaches; the increased heart rate leads to high blood pressure or, worse, heart attack; the increased perspiration leads to dehydration.

Other physical changes associated with chronic stress include hyperventilation, ulcers and indigestion, blackouts, hypoglycemia (abnormal decrease of sugar in the blood) and a non-functioning immune system.

It is possible to have either too much stress or too little stress.

Too little stress (rust-out) occurs when the body doesn't have enough stimulation. Symptoms include boredom, low energy, lethargy, disinterest and depression. Those who experience an ample amount of rust-out may need to add more challenges or stimulating activities to their daily lives. In other words, these people need to increase their stress level to function properly.

Each person's response to stress and to stress management is unique. Therefore, what works for one will not necessarily work for another.

See yourself as a product

The job search as a sales campaign

by Command Sgt. Maj. (Retired) William Fitzpatrick

Leaving the service and finding a job sounds like an easy task. Typically, there is some apprehension about facing the unknown, but anyone who is successfully completing an Army career or even just one enlistment usually has great qualifications.

Most veterans have done some reading, talked to their buddies and may even have some first-hand job search experience. You know the drill. Develop a list of prospects, send out some resumes and go to the interview with a positive attitude. With your qualifications and self-confidence, you will dazzle them with fancy footwork and land the job. Right?

Not quite.

While some of the previous statements may be true, approaching the job search process as a mechanical exercise is not always the best way to proceed. Success will come with understanding the entire process. The first step is to develop a marketing plan designed to get your resume in the hands of as many potential employers as possible. It's a numbers game. The more people who know that you are available for work, the better chance you have of getting that important interview.

The second step comes with knowing what you have to sell. What most job seekers fail to realize is that they are a product for sale just like any other product. Marketing means selling, so if you want to sell yourself to industry, you ought to understand the

sales cycle. You should also learn something about why people buy certain products.

The sales cycle is based upon two words: features and benefits. People don't buy a product simply because of its features or the way it looks; they buy a product for the benefit they will derive from it. For example, most people don't buy a candy bar because it has a pretty wrapper. They buy it because it tastes good. That's the difference between features and benefits.

You have certain features that make you attractive to employers. Your challenge is to identify what they are and then show an employer how they will benefit from hiring you.

The primary "hot button" that will get the attention of most people in business today is money. Money drives the train, because if a company is not making money, they certainly won't stay in business for very long. You have to be part of that process. In developing your features and in trying to identify your benefits to an employer, understand that money is often a company's primary motivation. The benefit that you bring to a company has to help that company make money. Companies are not in the social welfare business; they are not interested in hiring you because of the rank you attained or the decorations you wear on your uniform. They are only interested in how your participation will positively impact on the profit picture of the company.

A key part of the planning process is to conduct an inventory of your assets to identify the skills, background, training and experience that will hit that "hot button." The principle of "features and benefits" should govern your entire job search. As you begin the inventory, keep an eye on what types of experience will benefit the employer. The fact that you received an Army Commendation Medal is not really that important to an employer, but the fact that you submitted a suggestion that saved the Army \$10,000 per year is.

Finally, remember that employers are not generally interested in what you are trying to get out of the job. The fact that you are looking for a position in industry where you can "rise to your full potential" may seem like a great job objective to you, but employers just don't care. Most would rather that you had an attitude that was based on what you wanted to contribute. The bottom line is, don't tell an employer what you hope to gain, tell them what you are going to do for them.

Success in any endeavor comes with knowing the rules. Understanding the motivational factors in why employers hire people will aid you in preparing an effective marketing package. Look at yourself as a product and sell your skills based upon the positive image you will have on the profit picture of the company. You are a product for sale.

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Features

Thanks for the memories, Presidio

By James L. Ballance

PART VII: CONCLUSION

One muses about all those who have served at the Presidio upon occasion, the long columns, the ranks and files, blue-clad, khaki-clad, denim-clad, OD-clad, green clad, from private soldier to general officer, the ghostly ranks extending from the parade grounds to the far horizon and beyond.

Captain William Tecumseh Sherman, still wearing the straps of a first lieutenant, and a detail from Company E, 3rd U.S. Artillery regiment, were first on the scene, but remained only a few days.

In 1847 Major James A. Hardie, a West Point tac officer seconded to the 1st New York Volunteer Infantry, was the first American Presidio commander. Sixteen years later, Brigadier General Hardie took a night train from the nation's capital to a location in Maryland hard by the Pennsylvania border, bearing a message from President Lincoln to the grumpy but kind-hearted Major General Gordon Meade. Hardie woke Meade, informed him that he now commanded the Army of the Potomac, that they both must proceed to General Joe Hooker's quarters to inform him that he was relieved.

It was the eve of the first day of the battle of Gettysburg, the three-day high-tide of the Confederacy, from which it would never recover. Thereafter everyone knew that the unknown Meade, the hitherto long-serving officer of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, that irascible general of Volunteers had, indeed, outgeneraled Robert E. Lee.

Hardie again served at the Presidio after the Civil War. Hardie Place, a short cul-de-sac off Kearney Street in the city, is named for the first American Presidio commander.

Major General George H. Thomas, the "Rock of Chickamauga," a Southerner who remained loyal to the union, died here, while commanding the Military Division of the Pacific. Earlier Brigadier General Ethan Allan Hitchcock, grandson of General Ethan Allan of Green Mountain Boys and Revolutionary War Fame, the metaphysical scholar and served as Winfield Scott's chief of staff in the Mexican War, abominated the fog and chill winds of the Presidio and moved his headquarters to Benicia Barracks.

Brigadier General Albert Sidney Johnston, a Southerner who answered the call of the Confeder-

acy but first loyally frustrated a Southern attempt to seize U.S. arms in San Francisco—"Not while I still wear this uniform, gentlemen!"—moved headquarters right back to the Presidio. In less than a year, the gallant Johnston died at Shiloh. Incidentally, the uniform he wore at Shiloh and the blood-stained scarf that was wrapped around his thigh, may be viewed at the Presidio Army Museum.

The names are myriad, from the game little Frederick Funston, who saved San Francisco in the aftermath of the Earthquake and fire of 1906, to John J. Pershing who lost most of his family to a conflagration which destroyed his quarters while he was away from the garrison.

Another tragic incident occurred in March 1881 when Colonel Emory Upton, commanding the 4th U.S. Artillery regiment, committed suicide in the wake of discovering that he had a fatal disease. Upton commanded an artillery brigade at twenty-two years of age in the Civil War before he took command of an infantry regiment. He was appointed brigadier general, U.S. Volunteers, at age twenty-five.

A brilliant combat commander, Upton was brevetted major general, USV; BG and MG, U.S. Army; then served as commandant of cadets, USMA, before coming to the Presidio to take command of his old original regiment. One of the most able officers in the history of the Army, Upton wrote many books, among which the monumental Military Policy of the United States, originally one of the most influential books on the direction of and mobilization of American armies, is still a must for those inclined to write the history of the U.S. Army.

Today the Golden Gate Bridge is symbolic of San Francisco; all instantly associate it with the city of the blind visionary of La Verna. Many local organizations and firms incorporate it in their logos in the manner of a mystical rune. Yet it has only existed since 1937 and World War II caused it to become familiar all over the world.

However one regards it—man's magnificent culmination of nature's handiwork or a ghastly man-made intrusion on the pristine beauty of the coastal headlands of California—Joseph B. Strauss's structure spanning San Francisco's passage to the sea had an immediate negative effect upon the Presidio, despite its beauty and functional use.

Its south tower dealt a mortal blow to Army aviation (save for light fixed-wing and, later, rotorcraft)

and as a result the Air Corps first constructed and then removed to Hamilton Field in Marin County. Its approaches, rudely driven through the Presidio from east to west and south to north, violated the physical integrity of the ancient post in a manner bereft of any sensitivity or regard for the natural order of things biotical, environmental and ecological—all to satisfy one man's uncurbed ambition to erect yet another of his "gee-whiz" structures to enhance the unenhanceable.

Strauss supplied the conceptual plans only. His first applications were inadequate if not ugly. Thereby credit for the bridge design must be accorded the talented but uncredited structural designers, with whom Strauss usually surrounded himself.

It doesn't happen today but it nevertheless happened yesterday. One has no desire to turn clock or calendar back to the Thirties. Sufficeth to say that construction of the bridge sounded an early death knell for the Army presence at the Presidio. And now one must welcome the Department of the Interior, assured at least that this historic headland will be spared the wreckers and constructors of private industry.

I shall welcome the strolls through the Cow Hollow of my childhood and once again hear the notes of the bugle. It is not imagination nor autosuggestion but conviction. The notes are real—those mournful notes composed on a humid late-summer evening one hundred and thirty years ago by General Dan Butterfield as the great Army of the Potomac lay at the side of the James just after the bloody battle of Malvern Hill.

*Farewell the plumed troop and
the big wars. . .
Farewell the neighing steed, and
the shrill trump,
The spirit-stirring drum, the
earpiercing fife,
The royal banner, and all quality. . .*

—Shakespeare

(Managing Editor's Comments: I hope you have enjoyed Jim Ballance's personal, reflective, and historical mini-series and feature. A special thanks to Jim for sharing with us his insights and memories of his youth and times—of the Army, the Presidio, and San Francisco past—forever gone. K.M. Petrack, Star Presidian Managing Editor)

From the Past

Combat readiness primary job in Army

by Gen. Bruce C. Clarke

The focal point of all our efforts is the ground combat soldier. Organizing, equipping, training, sustaining and supporting him so that he can perform his indispensable role in combat is the Army role.

This role is equally significant in any kind of war—hot or cold. It is just as important in general war as it is in limited war. For our nation to entertain any notion to the contrary would be dangerous.

The danger could be social as well as military. More than any other category of personnel in the Armed Forces, the ground combat soldier comes from the general populace. He is the private citizen under arms—the clenched fist of his people.

It is by no idle chance in the history of mankind that the course of democracy parallels the importance accorded the ground combat soldier in the military forces of nations. It is no exaggeration to say that the basic freedoms we now enjoy are closely related to his ascending importance on the battlefield since the Battle of Crecy. Nor is it an exaggeration, in my opinion, to say that the preservation of those freedoms will continue to be oriented by his place in the sun.

(The following article first appeared in the Jan. 30, 1959 issue of the Star Presidian.)

Only when men from all of the people are willing and ready to fight and die for freedom does freedom have meaning for them. Only then does democracy thrive. That is the inexorable lesson of history.

Beguiled by the mechanical marvels of our age, it is easy for people to forget the true character of the ground combat soldier's role in war. When free men have been so beguiled in the past, they have slipped back into vassalage. For the ability of the ground combat soldier to play his part in the social scheme of things depends upon the part he is given in the military scheme of things.

It will be a sorry day for all mankind in this super-sonic, nuclear age of ours should the ground combat soldier ever be deprived of his rightful place in the hearts and minds and military forces of his people.

In our efforts to avert this danger, a ONE ARMY attitude must pervade all ranks. The ground combat soldier is not a Guardsman, nor a Regular, nor Reservist, nor a Selectee. He is simply the American fighting man on the ONE ARMY team. I appeal to every member of the team—civilian and military—to give his cause the enthusiastic support merited by its vital importance to our country.

Presidio Youth Services' calendar of events for December

Compiled by Davetta Thibeaux, Program Manager, Youth Services

The children's Jujitsu Martial Arts Program will be holding a promotion examination on Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in building 1331. Family and friends are welcome to watch.

On Friday, the Teen Council will visit Letterman Army Hospital to distribute cookies to hospital patients. They will also visit Shriners Hospital on Dec. 20 to hand out toys to the children in the hospital.

Pre-registration for girls and boys aged nine through 13 in the Basketball Program for January 1992 will continue through Dec. 20. Registration fee is \$15 to cover the costs of awards and uniforms.

And, finally, pre-registration for January 1992 Child Observation classes will be taken by Barbara Knowles at 561-1921. (Note: this is not a Presidio number).

For further information, call Youth Services at 561-5143.

News & Views

Warfighter Conference yields vision for Army's future

(courtesy of ARNEWS)

Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm were great victories for the Army. However, Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan says the Army can't be reading its own press releases and slack up on the kind of training that brought those successes.

The Senior Leader's Warfighter Conference, held at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Nov. 19-21, "was organized to bring our total Army together to discuss current training and doctrine and to set the course for the future as we reshape the Army," Sullivan said in his remarks to the 123 senior commanders and command sergeants major representing virtually every major command in the total force. "I have brought the senior leaders of the total Army—active, reserve and National Guard—together to discuss how we will train and fight in the future."

Sullivan added, "If you haven't integrated total Army into your training, you've overlooked something."

Conference attendees joined Sullivan in discuss-

ing continuity and change in the training and doctrine for both war and peacetime operations. The results of these discussions will be spelled out in a new version of FM 100-5, "Airland Operations," scheduled to be published in early 1993.

Sullivan emphasized that while "training is the glue that holds the Army together... doctrine provides us the framework for training and leader development, equipment modernization and force mix. The results of our efforts—our doctrine—will define our Army and give us our azimuth."

He also stressed that the Army isn't about to throw out the air/land battle doctrine that carried it to swift and decisive victories in Panama and Iraq. Instead, air/land doctrine will be expanded to include operations such as Provide Comfort, which don't involve combat but require similar preparation.

"We're not throwing the baby out with the bathwater," Sullivan said. "But the world is changing, and if we're going to maintain our edge, we have to start now shaping our fighting doctrine in such a way that we stay ahead of the changes."

FORSCOM Commander Gen. Edwin Burba and Gen. Frederick Franks, Commander of Training and Doctrine Command, echoed Sullivan's thoughts.

"We're not reinventing the wheel," Burba said. "We're reaching for execution at the highest level."

"In reality, what we're aiming at is to capture in the doctrine some things we're already doing. This will be an evolution, not a revolution," said Franks.

Sullivan was simple and succinct about the real, basic goal of the conference and its discussions. "No more task force Smiths," he said, referring to the poorly trained force that was the first American ground unit to fight in Korea in 1950 and was all but wiped out. "My top priority for the Army is to maintain training at the highest possible level, with tough, demanding training at home station, in our school systems and at our training centers."

"Units from Desert Storm are back on the practice field getting ready for the future," Sullivan reported. "This will enable the Army to continue to break the historic mold and be ready for quick and decisive victory in the future."

Little known guardians of national defense, environment

by Dixie L. Porter
Star Presidian staff

Who is responsible for keeping the San Francisco Bay open to shipping traffic? Who moves enough silt and sediment each year to cover a football field approximately a mile deep? Which Army organization plays a big, but little known, role in the economic and environmental health of Northern California?

If you answered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to all three questions you get the gold star. This important, but not necessarily well-known, Army command plays an ever increasing role in the national defense effort.

The Corps of Engineers traces its history to the battle of Bunker Hill in 1775, when Col. Richard Gridley of Massachusetts was named General George Washington's first Chief Engineer. Since then the Corps has grown into a world-wide organization, including 13 divisions, and 39 districts. The Corps team includes more than 42,000 people, 98 percent of whom are civilians.

In San Francisco, the Corps of Engineers presence dates back to 1866. Corps soldiers mapped much of California and built roads, bridges, military posts and fortifications. This included work at the Presidio, Fort Point, Alcatraz, and Angel Island.

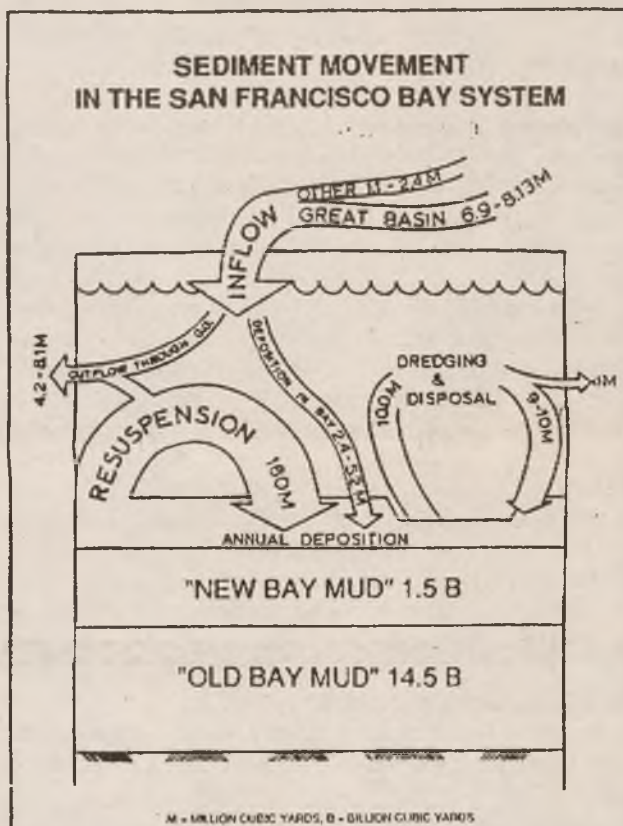
Today, the city is home for Headquarters, South Pacific Division and the San Francisco District. The Division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Roger Yankoupe, is higher headquarters for the Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco districts whose areas of responsibilities covers parts of eight western states.

South Pacific Division Corps of Engineers duties include overseeing civil works projects and military construction work at 19 Army and 13 Air Force installations in eight western states.

One of the many important missions of the San Francisco District Corps of Engineers is the maintenance of the navigable waters of the Bay Area. Its area of operation covers a 50-mile wide coastal strip from the Oregon border in the north to the Big Sur area south of Monterey. More than 40 percent of all California's freshwater runoff or approximately 10 million cubic yards of new sediment is carried into the Bay system with runoff from the waters that comprise the Sacramento/San Joaquin Deltas.

According to information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, "Old Bay Mud" is the historic reservoir of sediments deposited over thousands of years. It is estimated that approximately 14.5 billion cubic yards cover the bottom of the bay with an additional 1.5 billion cubic yards of "New Bay Mud" on top. This additional deposit was created by the hydraulic mining for gold in the Sierra Nevada Mountains from 1853-1884.

Scientists estimate about 170 million cubic yards of sediment circulate within the Bay each year being redistributed by the currents. Part of this settles within the navigation channels, filling them and causing a need for dredging.



"Old Bay Mud" is the historic reservoir of sediments deposited over thousands of years. "New Bay Mud" is the additional deposit created by the hydraulic mining for gold in the Sierra Nevada Mountains (1853-1884). Approximately one third of the annual sediment inflow is directly discharged to the Pacific Ocean. The remainder settles on the Bay bottom.

According to Lt. Col. Stanley Phernambucq, commander of the Corps San Francisco District, "Our Long-Term Management Strategy for disposal of dredged material will insure the Bay Area's economic viability and meet national defense needs for the next 50 years."

He is referring to the coalition of four federal and state regulatory agencies, plus port representatives, fishing organizations and environmental groups which have joined to plan the future of San Francisco Bay. These more than 30 organizations agree that dredging of the bay is necessary for security and economic purposes; the disagreement comes from a concern about dredged material disposal sites being overfull and harming local fisheries and ecosystems.

In 1989 the competing needs of industry, ports, fishing, defense and the environment clashed, causing a heated debate as to where and how the dredged material would be disposed. Maj. Gen. John F. Sobke, Past Corps South Pacific Division Engineer, invited representatives from these diverse groups to plan the most workable solutions with the least environmental damage. LTMS is on schedule for completion in 1994. When it is completed, the Bay Area's \$5.4 billion Maritime industry and national defense needs will be protected well into the 21st century.

Phernambucq feels that the LTMS is a prime example of how the work done by the Corps in the Bay Area fits the requirements of an August 1991 report entitled "National Security Strategy of the United

States." This report issued by President Bush states in part: "A healthy and growing U.S. economy is necessary to ensure opportunity for individual prosperity and resources for national endeavors at home and abroad."

• National security and economic strength are indivisible. We seek to:

• promote a strong, prosperous and competitive U.S. economy;

• ensure access to foreign markets, energy, mineral resources, the oceans and space;

• promote an open and expanding international economic system, based on market principles, with minimal distortions to trade and investments

Another of the key missions of the San Francisco District is its regulatory program which handles landfill permits, and development involving wetland areas. A highly visible example was an application by Caltrans to dispose of approximately one million cubic yards of earth under a major portion of State highway 1, near Stinson Beach. The land had become unsettled due to slides in the area following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

Corps approval of the permit was essential to the repair project's completion. However, getting that done required brokering an agreement between 21 different government agencies and a variety of special interest groups. That's typical of the complex nature of the work done by the Corps of Engineers.

Everything the corps does must be economically and environmentally sound. From the Chief of Engineers on down, the Corps commitment to "going green" in protection of our environment matches its two centuries long commitment to the green of the total Army.

Phone line connects you with official files

by Gregory Dejean,
Star Presidian editor

There is a phone line that allows noncommissioned officers to check the status of their official files in four specific areas.

Throughout the world, soldiers can use the Interactive Voice Response System, which is comprised of three data bases: NCP Evaluation Report ending dates, security status and Department of the Army Centralized Selection Board information.

Helpful information on photo dates, personnel qualification record data and declination or acceptance statements is also available.

To use the system, you must have a touch-tone telephone. By dialing DSN 699-3714 or commercial (317) 542-3714, entering your social security number and pressing the pound sign (-), you then can access four areas: For complete board information, press "1"; for photo data only, press "2"; for evaluation report date, press "3"; and for security clearance data, press "4".

Sports

Bowling

by Bobbie Gascon
Presidio Sports Branch

Reno Fun Bowling League

week 10

Good bowlers do it in the lanes, often. Barbara Bagley bowls for more than one league which gives her plenty of practice. Bagley, who represents first place team Take A Chance, continued her hot pace with a 235 game and a 594 series. Jane Rusk, of

Lucky Ladies, bowled her first 200 game of the season, posting a 204. Robert Gascon of the Slots also rolled a 204 game and the Paymasters's Regina Hollins scored a 526 series.

Standings, 30 games bowled

Team	Won	Lost	Total pins	Ave
1. Take A Chance	31	09	21744	724
2. Nuggets	21.5	18.5	20736	691
3. Paymasters	20.5	19.5	18645 (27 games)	690
4. Seven/Eleven	20	20	20471	682
5. The Slots	18	22	20522	684
6. Lucky Ladies	09	31	20543	684

Hui O Hawaii Winter League

week 11

The Caretakers combined Gary Schabert's 212/595 and Barbara Bagley's 214/561 scratch scores along with Steve Czerwinski's 234/605 and Terri Satterfield's 232/612 handicap scores to sweep four games from the Sneakers to move into seventh place and served notice to the league that they have arrived. Czerwinski will be leaving Presidio for Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Cathy Burford helped JD & Company maintain its hold on first place with a 219/599 handicap total. Genevive Badillo of the Bunk Bowlers rolled a 230 handicap game.

Other 200 scratch games include: Czerwinski, 212; Ignacio Rodriguez, 211; C.G. Neal, 206; Rod Hangkan, 205; Jerry DeSaulniers, 202; Martin Guswiler, 202; Marie Refuerzo, 201; and Bobbie Gascon, 200.

Statistics, 33 games bowled

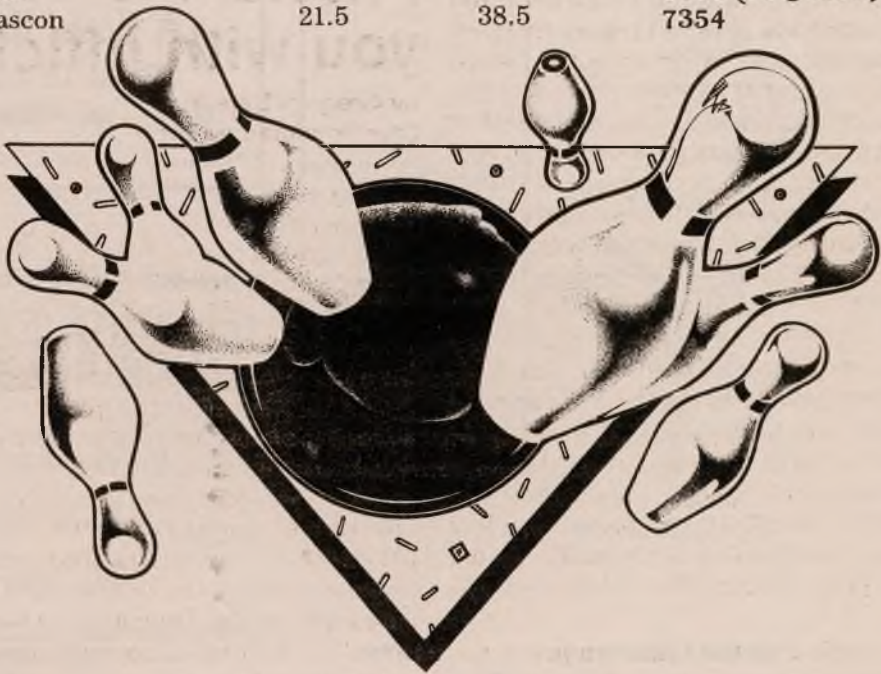
Team	Won	Lost	Total pins	Ave
1. JD & Company	33	11	23656	716
2. Gaspar Darby	29	15	23610	715
3. High Rollers	27.5	16.5	23205	703
4. Up Your Alley	25	19	23810	721
5. D&G	24	20	23491	711
6. Tisho	22	22	21472 (30 games)	715
7. Caretakers	18.5	25.5	23743	719
8. BITOA	16	28	22845	692
9. Sneakers	13	31	20821 (30 games)	694
10. Bunk Bowlers	11	33	16698 (24 games)	695

Presidio Scratch Singles League

week 12

Standings, 48 games bowled

	Won	Lost	Total pins	Ave
1. Gary Schabert	41	19	9698	202
2. Grian Kitching	36	24	9281	193
3. Ray Palomarez	34	26	9017	187
4. Bobbie Gascon	34	26	8246	171
5. Barbara Bagley	33	27	8966	186
6. Sic Donnell	33	27	8504	177
7. Jeff Satterfield	32	28	8360	174
8. Sam Ramirez	30	30	8277	172
9. George Frame	29	31	8378	174
10. Barry Sawyer	25.5	34.5	7945	165
11. Vic Dunnington	24.5	35.5	8180	170
12. Calvin Derrick	24.5	35.5	7830	163
13. Craig Maier	22	38	6460 (36 games)	179
14. Robert Gascon	21.5	38.5	7354	153



Letterman wins
Flag Football

Letterman U.S. Army Hospital beat U.S. Army Garrison for the third time this season, 12-0, to win the Flag Football crown. LUSAH finished the season undefeated at 9-0, with a 6-0 league record, coupled with a 3-0 championship record.

USAG, the defending champs, finished with a combined 8-3 record, taking second place in the league with a 5-1 record. That loss came at the hands of LUSAH. USAG was 3-2 in the double elimination championships, but both of those losses were at LUSAH's hands. LUSAH beat USAG 24-13 in the second round of the championships on Nov. 19.



Intramural B-ball
begins soon

The Community Recreation Division, Presidio Sports Branch is accepting team applications for the 1992 Intramural Basketball Competition, and the Three-on-Three Basketball Competition. The entry deadline is Jan. 7.

The seasons begin on Jan. 13. The three-on-three competition will be played between 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Gym No. 1, building 63. The intramural games will be played in the evenings.

For Three-on-Three Basketball, soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and family members, 30 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco are eligible to participate. Teams will consist of three playing members with a maximum of six members on the team roster. The game will be played on a half court and will consist of 21 points or 30 minutes, whichever comes first. A field goal will count as one point, a shot from the three-point line will count as two.

The Intramural Basketball Competition will be open to soldiers, DA civilians and family members, 19 years and older, assigned or attached to the Presidio. The NCAA Basketball Rules, 1992 edition, will govern all play, except as modified by the Sports Branch.

Installations or activities not supported by the Presidio of San Francisco may apply by sending a written application to the Chief, Community Recreation Division, Attention Sports Branch. These installations and activities will be required to pay their pro rata share for officials and awards.

The rules interpretation meetings are scheduled for Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. for Three-on-Three Basketball and 1:30 p.m. for Intramural Basketball.

For more information call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

Christmas Tourney

Entries are now being accepted for the annual Sports Branch Christmas Bowling Tournament in Men's and Women's Division For Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Handicap will be 80 percent of 180 based on your 1991 book average or current league average, whichever is higher. Individuals without an established handicap must bowl scratch. Entry fee is \$6 per event (\$3 bowling fee, 75 cents tournament expense and \$2.25 prize fund.) Tournament days will be Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Entry blanks are available at the Presidio Bowling Center or Post Gym 1. For further information, contact Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

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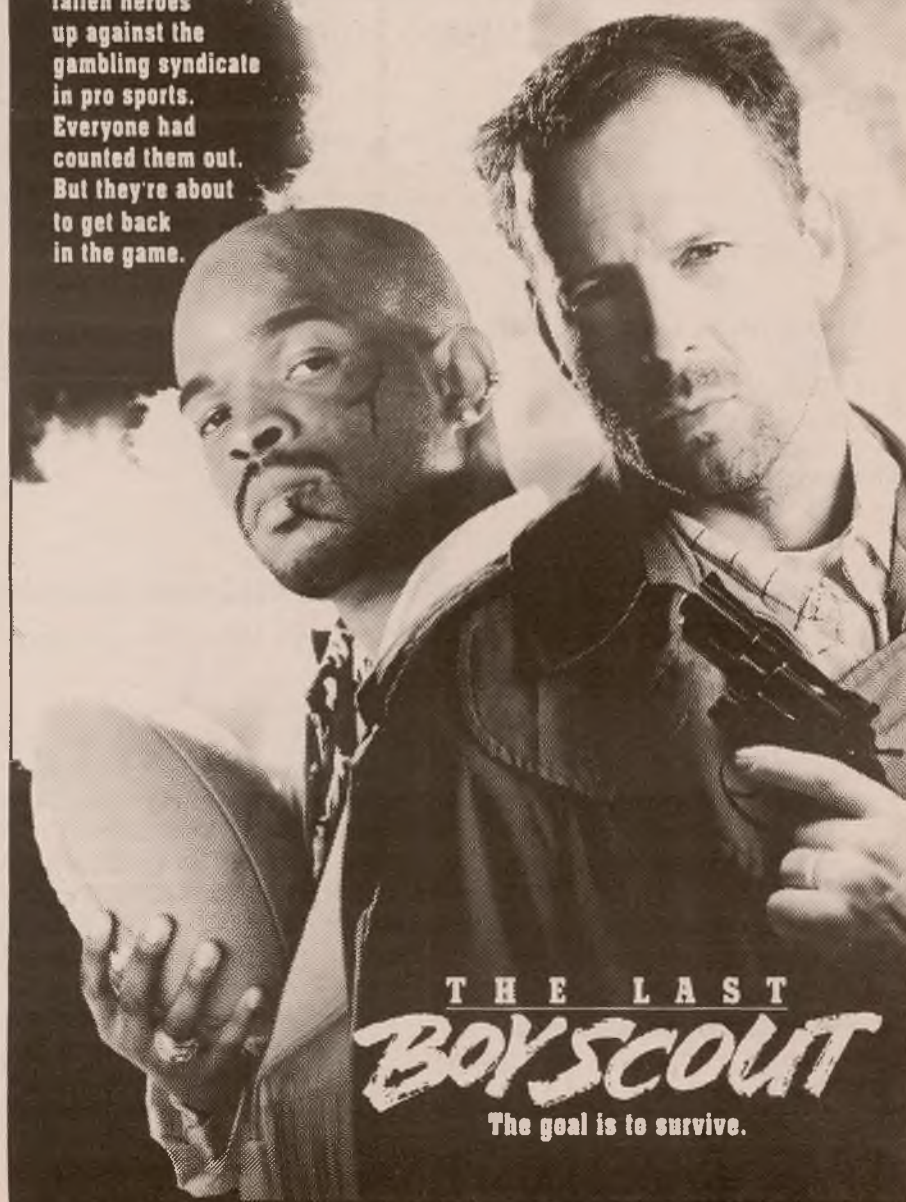
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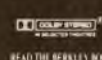
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Community Calendar

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Upcoming Chapel Christmas activities

The religious community here on post has organized an array of activities for you and your family to enjoy during the holiday season. The Post Chapel offers the following: on Sunday at 6 p.m. a Special Music Program is to be offered; on Monday at noon the VA Christmas Gift Distribution will be conducted; on Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. you can go Christmas caroling; and on Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be performed. The Chapel of Our Lady offers the following: on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. a Children's Mass will be conducted and at midnight a Midnight Mass; and on Christmas Day at 10 a.m. the Christmas Eucharist will be offered. Enjoy!

Winter solstice celebration

Primitive cultures developed sophisticated methods for observing the equinoxes and solstices. Today, however, many city people have lost this sense of connection between the passage of the sun in the sky and the seasons of the year. Come see the solstice and learn the astronomical basis for it on Dec. 21 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Randall Museum. It's free. For more information, phone 554-9600.

Sunday in the park

Enjoy the Golden Gate Park Band at the Fountain in the Band Concourse Area every Sunday (weather permitting.) The concert begins at 1 p.m.; there is no charge. The concourse area is located at the eastern end of Kennedy Drive.

Festival of Carols in the City

The Festival of Carols Annual Christmas Sing-a-long/Concert will be held on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church located at Post and Mason Streets. This highly popular event features traditional carol singing, accompanied by a full symphony orchestra, in addition to a variety of Christmas entertainment. For further information, phone 566-8425.

Free Christmas party at Fort Mason

On Saturday, the annual pot-luck Christmas celebration for "animal people" will begin at 6 p.m. in building C. It is sponsored by Fund For Animals. If you have any questions, phone 841-7108.

S.F. Zoo's Winter Festival

"Yule" love to bring the family and kick off the holidays on Saturday at 10 a.m. For more information, phone 753-7132.

For music lovers everywhere!

The ARTEA Chamber Orchestra presents "Baroque Music For Christmas" on Sunday at 4 p.m. The concert will be held in the Green Room at the Veterans War Memorial Building. For additional information, phone 762-2277.



(caption by J. Edward Green, museum technician; photo courtesy of Presidio Army Museum)

The West Point Prep School

From 1931 to the early 1940s, there was a West Point Preparatory School at Fort Winfield Scott. Highly qualified enlisted men were enrolled in the school to prepare them scholastically for entrance into the United States Military Academy. The Army was a far different place in those days. "Shine and polish" was the main order of the times. Men worked long hours on their equipment; every bit of brass gleamed. Rifles were fitted with new Rock Maple stocks, which were also highly polished. Pride in their uniform and equipment was exceptional. Many 30th Infantry and 6th Coast Artillery men qualified for the school. They wore a black triangular patch on their left cuff, with the letters "WPPS" appearing in gold. The school was an excellent opportunity for the enlisted men and the U.S. Army: Many graduates of the West Point Prep School here went on to graduate from U.S.M.A. and served in World War II.



Officers' Spouses' Club party

by Linda J.M. Adkins,
Publicity Chairperson

Happy holidays! There will be lots of holiday fun at the annual Christmas College Mixer sponsored by the Presidio Officers' Spouses' Club. This party is hosted for all college-age military family members who live at home or are home for the holidays. The purpose of the party is to facilitate the mixing and meeting of young adults.

Your parent does not have to be a member of the club: All college-age military family members are welcome. The party will be held on Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Joyce Edwards. Mrs. Edwards lives at 1003-B O'Reilly here on post.

Dress casually and please remember to bring a snack to share! The sodas will be provided by the Club. Come and enjoy the holiday season and meet some new friends. To R.S.V.P. or if you have any questions, please call Joyce Edwards at 346-4552.

AAFES holiday hours of operations

Dec. 24

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Main Store: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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All other facilities: regular hours

Jan. 1

Main Store: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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Shoppette: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
All other facilities will be closed.

Movies At The Presidio Theatre

Dec. 13: Ernest Scared Stupid [PG]
Dec. 14: Deceived [PG-13]
Dec. 15: The Taking of Beverly Hills [R]
Dec. 16: Year of the Gun [R]
Dec. 20: Necessary Roughness [PG-13]
Dec. 21: Billy Bathgate [R]
Dec. 22: Paradise [PG-13]
Dec. 23: The Fisher King [R]
Dec. 27: Hot Shots [PG-13]
Dec. 28: Other People's Money [R]
Dec. 29: Dutch [PG-13]
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